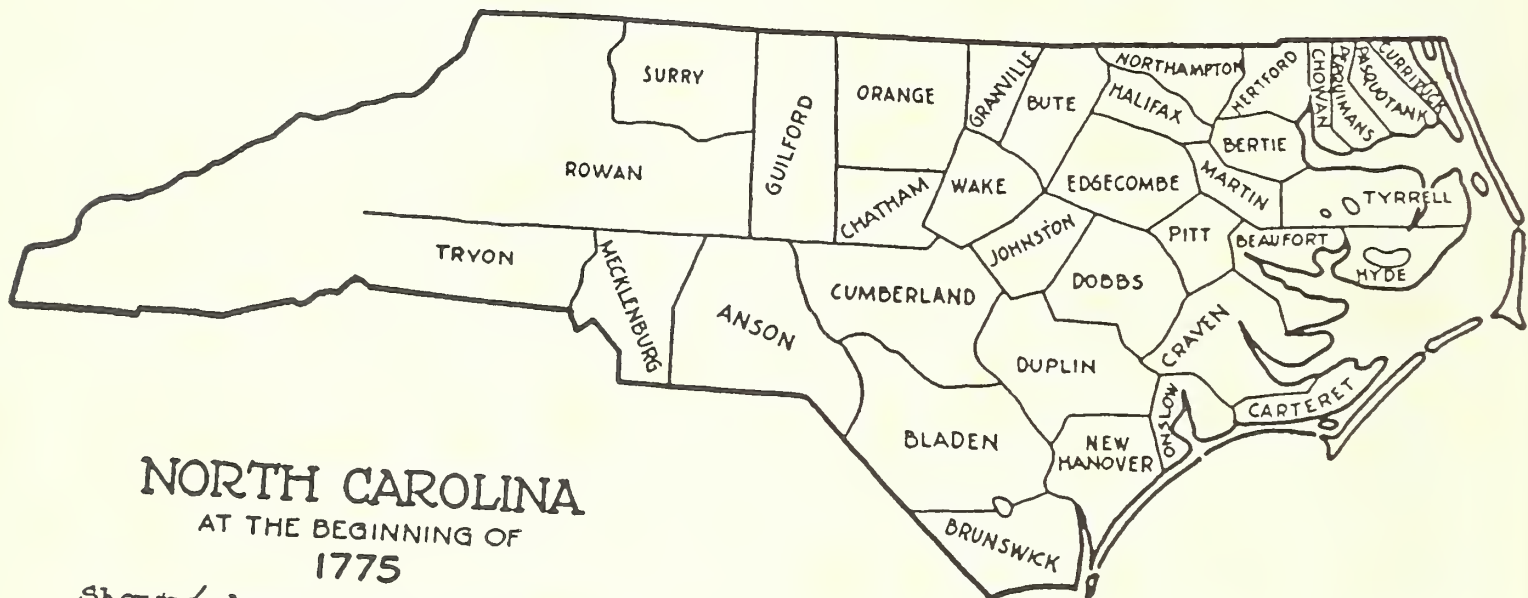
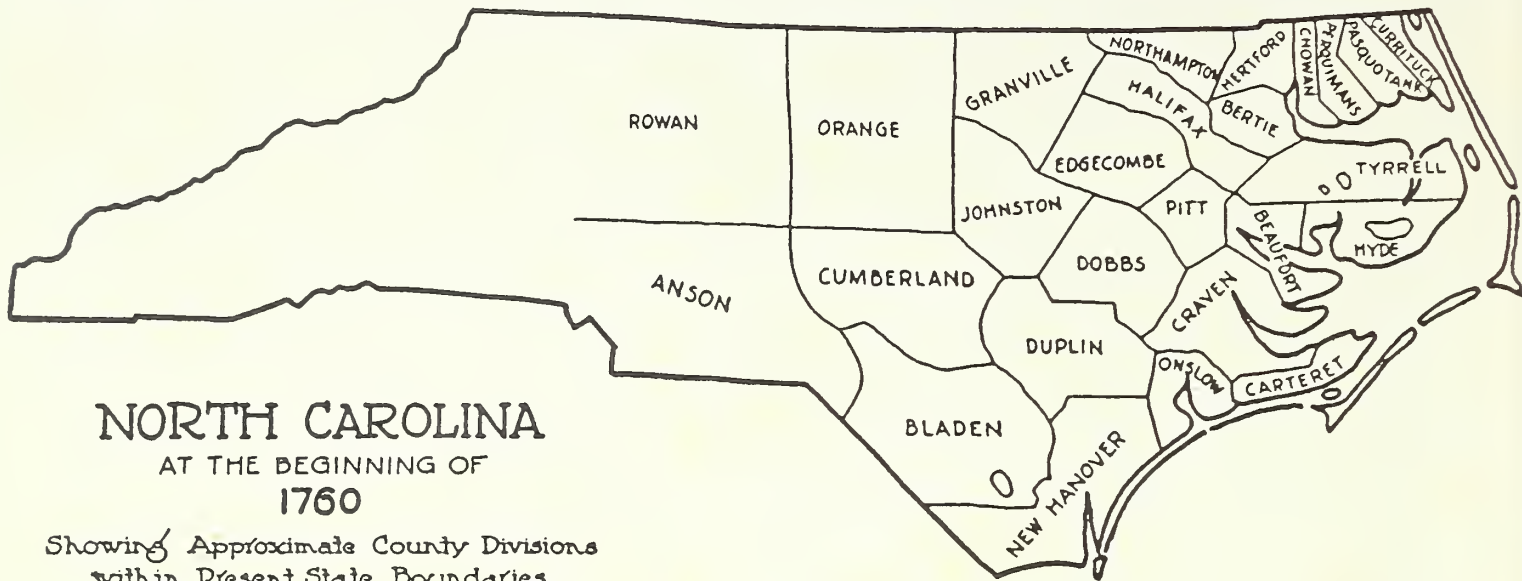




North Carolina And Its Counties: 1760-1912

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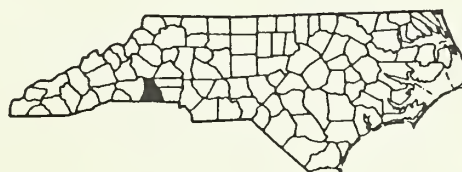




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An early postcard showing an aerial view of Kings Mountain looking north on Battleground Avenue. Note the Kings Mountain High School (now the Jr. High School), St. Matthews Lutheran Church, the old A.R.P. Church, Dr. Hord's house (now the Mauney Memorial Library), the old First National Bank building and the early bridge on King Street (now U.S. 74). From the collection of the Mauney Memorial Library.

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An early postcard showing an aerial view of Kings Mountain looking southeast from Mountain Street and Battleground Avenue. Note the Plunk Store, the old Southern Railroad Depot, the early Bonnie Mill plant, First Baptist Church, the Ware Home, the old Mountain View Hotel and Kings Mountain pinnacle in background. From the collection of the Mauney Memorial Library.

PREFACE

The Heritage of Cleveland County was undertaken by the Cleveland County Historical Association and Museum as a special county-wide project to collect, record, and preserve the histories of our families and institutions which might be lost with the passing of older citizens. The sponsors also hoped this project would enhance the interest of our citizens in genealogy and in local historical preservation. All citizens of the county as well as organizations including churches, schools, civic clubs, etc., were invited to submit material from colonial times to the present.

For reasons best known only to themselves, some family groups and organizations failed to respond or failed to meet publication deadlines.

The sponsoring committee in extending the invitation to share in this venture, urged each writer to document their history. In many cases, this is indicated in the last paragraph of the article. Court records, newspaper articles, gravestones, U.S. Census records, family Bibles, and interviews with family members are among the most common form of documentation.

In striving for accuracy each article was edited several times in an effort to catch possible grammatical and spelling errors. In some cases, the material was printed just as submitted in order to retain the local flavor and language. In no way were any historical dates, names, places, etc., changed. However, it must be noted that the spelling of some surnames have changed over the years. Thus, the Historical Association/Museum and Book Committee can take no responsibility for the authenticity of any of the articles or possible errors.

The readers of this book will find a rich diverseness. This reflects a small portion of the varied life-styles, education, background, attitudes, heritage, economic circumstances, etc., found among the hundreds of persons who contributed to the book and shared in its preparation.

We believe that a thoughtful reading of each section will present a mosaic of remembrances. These, we believe, tell a portion of our story.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Historical Association, the Book Committee, and the Cleveland County Historical Museum staff gratefully acknowledge with sincere appreciation the assistance and support of countless numbers of persons county-wide; from Grover to Belwood, from Mooresboro to Kings Mountain, and to many now living beyond the bounds of the county whose assistance made possible the publication of this book. Together we have experienced a growing and deeper understanding of our heritage and our special place in American and North Carolina history.

It is impossible to name each individually. However, the following are worthy of special acknowledgement:



This is an old photo of the Patterson Springs Hotel, made in the late 1890's or early 1900's. This old hotel attracted visitors from a wide area.

To the members and friends of the Cleveland County Historical Association/Museum who helped spread the story of this book county-wide, inviting families and groups to submit materials and then, in prompting the sale of the book.

To Rosalynd Gilliatt, who, as chairman of the family history section, put life not only into the book but also in those who helped. In person and by telephone she kept the lifeblood of enthusiasm pulsing. Her untiring leadership helped the staff and committee to "push on" through to completion.

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The Book Committee

THE CLEVELAND COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

The Cleveland County Historical Association was formed in 1965. In its early days, it was an informal group of like-minds, all interested in local history and family genealogy. With time the organization grew in prominence to one of the county's foremost cultural organizations. In 1976, under the leadership of Dr. Wyan Washburn, the association started a county historical museum in the old courthouse on the square which was vacated by the county for offices in the new Courthouse-Law Enforcement Center.

With the creation of the historical museum, which was started by volunteers from the county-wide area, the association activities ex-

panded and were brought under the umbrella of the museum. Originally, the museum exhibit areas were divided into various sections showing the different aspects of county heritage. The initial interest was immense and the membership was approximately four hundred members. However, this declined to a point where even people working across the street from the museum did not know there was a county museum. At this time a full-time professional curator/director was hired.

James D. Marler was employed as the museum's first curator and director. Under his guidance within three years the Cleveland County Historical Museum won First Place in a statewide contest for small museums sponsored by the Museum Associates of the State Historical Museum. This happened because of upgraded exhibits, new county-wide programs and activities, and an awareness of the citizens of Cleveland County of their museum.

To date the museum has started four annual activities which pull students and adults to the museum and court square, and has started several organizations and is associated with seven more.

The association and the historical museum is looking toward the future and trying to find new ways to serve the citizens of Cleveland County, while trying to live up to its motto — "History is made by those who dare and recorded by those who care".

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The Heritage Book Committee. Seated: Mrs. Rosalynd Gilliatt. L. to R., standing: Henry Lee Weathers, James B. Taylor, James D. Marler, Tyree Greene, Dr. Wyan Washburn. Not shown: Joe DePriest.



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Cleveland County Courthouse, 1907-1975, now the Cleveland County Historical Museum. The building and grounds are on the National Register of Historic Places. (From an old postcard.)

This Heritage Book is dedicated to
the people of Cleveland County, old and new,
Who have made Cleveland County what it is today . . .
Especially those sons and daughters
who sacrificed their lives in wars at home and abroad
that we might remain free . . .

James D. Marler
Heritage Book Coordinator



Section I~LOCAL HISTORIES

A collection of articles written by county citizens devoted to the origins, early days, schools, churches, organizations, and communities of Cleveland County. Indexed by article number.

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CLEVELAND COUNTY

1

In the long ago, the area that was to become Cleveland County was a wild, unsettled wilderness not governed by any laws. The first white settlers came from Europe during the 1740's and 1750's and took up their abode along the rivers and streams. They found it inhabited by the Cherokee and Catawba Indians, a semi-nomadic people, who resisted the early white settlers.

Coming from England, Scotland, Germany, Ireland and France, the settlers' main port of entry to America was Philadelphia. Then they came south over the Great Philadelphia Wagon Road (also known as the Great Wagon Road or

Post Road). Some others landed at Charleston, South Carolina, moving up the Broad River to Cleveland County.

These earliest white settlers intermarried and their descendants helped build Cleveland County and make it what it is today. History records that among the earliest settlers were families with the names of Hamrick, Hoyle, Beam, Spangler, Bridges, Cabiniss, Green, Harrill, McSwain, Falls and Blanton among others.

The usual colonial crops were raised — tobacco, grain, and flax. Flax was turned into clothing by thrifty housewives. The first cotton was planted in 1815, and Samuel Hamrick built the first wooden roller cotton gin in the county.

County Is Established

As early as 1836, the population in this territory had increased to the point that a demand arose for the formation of a new county. The people wanted a county seat to be centrally established so that residents would have easier access to a trading post and center of government. Dr. W.J.T. Miller of Rutherford County introduced a bill in the North Carolina General Assembly on January 11, 1841 to form the new county out of parts of Rutherford and Lincoln counties. He was assisted in its passage by Michael Hoke and John Runyan of Lincoln County.

The territory embraced by the new county had, since 1729, been part of eight distinct counties: Clarendon, 1729; New Hanover from Clarendon 1729; Bladen from New Hanover, 1734; Anson from Bladen, 1749; Mecklenburg from Anson, 1762; Tryon from Mecklenburg, 1768; Rutherford and Lincoln from Tryon, 1779; and Cleveland from Rutherford and Lincoln, 1841.

The legislative act creating Cleveland County provided that a county seat be located "not more than four miles from Wilson's mineral springs," now Cleveland Springs. The spring site was one of the best known points in this area and was considered to be in the middle of the new county, located near the Post Road which had been the dividing line between Lincoln and Rutherford counties.

The location of the county seat proved something of a controversy. Settlers living east of Wilson's Springs in the former Lincoln county territory wanted the town in their section, while those in the western territory wanted it near them. A court-appointed committee studied the matter and recommended a compromise location at what is now Elizabeth Church. The westerners still objected.

A period of bickering followed until James Love, who owned land on both sides of present Highway 18 from Zoar Church to north



The Joshua Beam Home on Buffalo Creek in 1841.

of present-day Shelby, offered to settle the matter by giving 147 acres for a county seat. William Forbes gave another 50 acres adjoining the Love tract on the western boundary.

Shelby Chartered

The new town of Shelby was chartered by an act of the General Assembly in 1843, though it was established in 1842. Land not needed for county buildings was sold at auction to pay for county buildings. The first courthouse, finished in 1845, cost \$12,938. It was decided to name the streets after Revolutionary War heroes who had a part in winning our independence from the mother country: so, the main streets were given the names of Washington, LaFayette, Marion, Warren, DeKalb, Sumter, Morgan and Graham.

The town of Shelby was named after Col. Isaac Shelby of Kings Mountain Battle fame, while the county was named after Benjamin Cleveland, also a leader in that battle. Other existing towns of Cleveland County are Kings Mountain (named for the Revolutionary War battle), Earl Station, Grover (named for President Grover Cleveland), Patterson Springs, Waco (named for Waco, Texas), Polkville (named for President James Polk), Casar, Fallston, Lawndale, Belwood, Boiling Springs, Lattimore, and Mooresboro.

Raleigh: A 13 Day Trip

Thirteen days were required for the first elected representative, James Y. Hamrick, to ride horseback from Cleveland County to the state capitol in Raleigh in 1844. Mr. Hamrick, who lived in Boiling Springs section, stopped overnight at taverns and farm houses so he and his beast could eat and rest after a day's journey over the primitive cartways. He served a second term in 1848 but died in office, no doubt because of the strenuous journeys and exposure. After the War Between the States, Mr. J.Y. Hamrick (grandson of James Y. Hamrick) served one term in the House and one in the Senate, and became Commissioner of Labor under the Republican administration of Governor Dan Russell and was the first Clevelander to hold a state office.

Early settlers in this section not only came from Europe to escape persecution and debt but to have religious freedom and economic

opportunity in a new world. Soon after their arrival they set about building houses of worship, crude as they were. Today, Cleveland County is truly the heart of the Bible Belt of the South with more than 125 churches of various denominations.

History records that the first organized church within what is now Cleveland County is Shiloh Presbyterian Church at Grover, N.C. It was organized before the Battle of Kings Mountain October 7-8, 1780, but the exact date of organization is unknown. (Records of the Sandy Run Baptist Church at Mooresboro state the church was started in 1772 as the Baptist Church of Christ at Sandy Run, and the name was later changed to Sandy Run Baptist Church). The original denomination preference in Cleveland County was Presbyterian and Methodist. Baptists gained strength during the 19th century and eventually predominated.

Matters pertaining to temperance, gambling, dancing and morals as well as church doctrines and creeds were burning and disturbing issues among churches and individuals of a century ago. Law enforcement was lax, so the churches felt they must discipline members for misconduct.

Church Seating Arrangements

Before the turn of the century it was a common practice for the female members to be seated on the right-hand side of the center aisle of the sanctuary and the male members on the left, thus dividing the families as to their seating. Young children, both male and female, were seated with their mothers, perhaps for disciplinary reasons, while older boys went with their fathers to the left-hand side.

Lack of Sunday school literature in many instances led the teachers to use Webster's, *Blue Back Speller* as well as the *Bible*. Illiteracy was prevalent among old and young, and the churches realized the need for everybody to learn to read, write and figure as well as learn the moral laws as taught in the *Bible*.

Cleveland County produced many important ministers. Men like Drury Dobbins, who helped organize the Baptist Churches throughout the county; Thomas Dixon, Sr., the Rev. John Suttle, Dr. Zeno Wall. Missionaries to

China were the Bostics, G.P., Wade and Attie.

Gold, Springs, and Hotels

There is, and always has been, considerable mineral wealth around Kings Mountain. A gold rush started long before the town was chartered. One of the largest land owners was Ben Briggs, who was engaged in iron ore mining. Mrs. Briggs dipped a bucket of water from a spring near her home and discovered tiny gold nuggets. Her discovery and the analysis of the ore, showing it to be of the finest grade, started a gold rush. Between 1834 and 1890, the mine, three miles from Kings Mountain on the York-Clover Road, changed ownership many times but the operation was almost continuous. The original Briggs' mine yielded a million dollars in gold but became unprofitable due to the crude methods used in those days.

Before Cleveland County was formed in 1841, a sulphur spring was discovered at what is now known as Cleveland Springs east of Shelby. Other Sulphur and Lithia springs were discovered in the newly formed county and the waters were said to have medicinal properties. As a consequence several hotels were built which attracted guests from far and near.

Lithia water was considered to have such health-giving properties it was piped in from a spring several miles north of Shelby by a group of early citizens and sold from a fountain on the northeast corner of the court square. The privilege to erect a fountain and dispense the water was granted to the owners by the County Commissioners. A few of the hotels thrived for many years and then later were abandoned and left to decay for lack of sufficient guests. The first hotel built on the Cleveland Springs property burned, but was replaced in 1866. It burned again in 1907 and a new hotel was erected . . . it burned in 1928, making the third hotel fire. The Lithia springs located a few miles north of Shelby on the Lithia Springs Road is still in service, and people travel for many miles to get a supply of this water.

Early \$3.00 Hats

Before the Civil War, the women made nearly all the cloth for clothing the family. The men made the shoes and the hats. There was a pioneer hat factory in the Sharon settlement. The hatters took the hides of muskrats, otters



This is a postcard view of Shelby, made around 1910, and printed in Germany in full color. It was given to the Cleveland County Historical Museum by Lloyd Hamrick.



This photograph, made in the 1890's, pictures a couple out for a buggy ride. In the background is the old Cleveland Courthouse. To the far right is the old Central Methodist Church, now torn down. Picture was given to the Cleveland County Historical Museum by Tommy P. Bridges.

and beavers, fastened them to a flat table, ten feet from which was fastened a large bow and string. The string was caught in the middle, pulled back arm's length and let fly, thereby cutting the fur from the hide. The hide was then boiled and cut into circles large enough for hats. The circular piece was put into the shape of a hat and then a string tied around it. Such hats would last for several years, and usually sold for \$3.00 each.

Prior to the coming of railroads (in the 1870's) the people in Cleveland County were isolated from the rest of the country. Their trading was done largely in York, Columbia and Charleston, South Carolina. They drove wagons over muddy and sometimes impassable roads, necessitating an absence from home of days and even weeks. Even during the Civil War (1861-65) the soldiers left on foot to enlist. If they were fortunate enough to return, the nearest railroad station was at Lincolnton, North Carolina, from which point they walked to their desolate homes.

Late 19th Century Industry

For many years, Cleveland had been almost

completely dependent upon its crops (cotton, corn, wheat, oats, tobacco, etc.). A few scattered industries were organized, including a paper mill, and factories to make sewing machines and to process tobacco. Plug tobacco, smoking tobacco, and cigars were manufactured in Mooresboro and Shelby. Coming of the railroad stimulated development. Shelby declined to vote bonds to bring the railway through that town, and instead it went by way of Kings Mountain and Grover in 1873. It now is the Southern Railway.

The first railway (the Seaboard) entered Shelby two years later. Modern industry showed up. Pioneer plants included the Double Shoals Mill and the Cleveland Mill above Lawndale in 1871. Both were operated by waterpower from the Broad River.

In 1873, Major H.F. Schenck, scion of the Lincoln textile pioneers, built a cotton mill on the site of an old grist mill on Knob Creek. It was known as the Schenck-Ramsaur. Both Shelby and Kings Mountain got their first factories in the same year, 1887. Captain Freno Dilling and the Mauney Brothers established the Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company, and in Shelby, steam powered the Belmont

Cotton Mill. Other enterprises, most of them textile factories, came in a steady stream.

The Early Schools

The foundation for today's public school system came from early private schools and academies. Prior to the Civil War in 1844 the first school districts were established. However, home tutoring and small church school classes remained the basic means of education in the county.

In 1876, Capt. W.T.R. Bell opened the Kings Mountain Military Academy, regarded as the beginning of the Kings Mountain school system. That same year, the Rev. T.S. Trawick opened Shelby Seminary. The Piedmont Academy in Lawndale was started in 1897 by W. Banks Dove and later headed by W.D. Burns. In 1907 Boiling Springs High School, later to become Gardner Webb College, was established by the Baptists of the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Associations.

Public hangings, when they were legal before the turn of the century, always drew a bigger crowd than a circus in Shelby. There have been in this county seven legal hangings,

and one negro lynched unlawfully by a mob. Public hangings were abolished in 1918, and all executions since that time have been at the State Prison in Raleigh by gas or electricity.

Before the coming of electricity, the streets of Shelby were lighted by oil lamps mounted on wooden posts. They were placed at intervals along the main streets in the business section and it was the duty of the Chief of Police to refuel with kerosene and light the lamps each evening.

1928 Hotel Fire

One of Shelby's major disasters occurred on February 28, 1928, when the Central Hotel, located in the courtsquare block on LaFayette Street between the present First National Bank and A.V. Wray & Six Sons store, burned. Three persons lost their lives in the fire and a fourth person died later from shock and injuries. The fire forced the First National Bank to occupy temporary quarters in the McKnight Building on West Warren Street. The basement of this building was being excavated to remodel the adjoining building. On August 28, 1928, the foundation gave way and the building crashed, taking six lives.

The "Cleveland Dynasty"

Cleveland County presented to the state one of the most successful political groups in North Carolina's history. It was called the "Cleveland Dynasty" by some, the "Shelby Ring" by others. James L. Webb, Solicitor and Judge, and his brother, Congressman (later Judge) E.Y. Webb, joined with Clyde R. Hoey, O. Max Gardner and Odus M. Mull. Hoey, Gardner and the Webbs were brothers-in-law. All of these leaders were successful men, attractive speakers and all loved public life. All went high in politics.

Gardner served as Governor (1929-1933). Hoey served as Governor (1937-1941) and U.S. Senator (1946-1955). Gardner had been appointed ambassador to Great Britain just before he died in 1947. James Webb was a

Superior Court Judge. His brother Yates went to the Federal bench after serving in Congress for 26 years. Otis M. Mull was a legislative leader, a talented campaigner, and a prominent and influential Baptist leader. Not since reconstruction, perhaps, has one small close-knit group like this so long wielded so much power in North Carolina affairs.

Other Notables

Cleveland has been the home of many notables. One group supplied political leadership, but there were others:

Thomas Dixon, author of *The Leopard's Spot*, *The Clansman*, and other historical novels, was a native of Shelby. He was a lawyer, preacher, actor, playwright, novelist and movie producer. Before he was 21 he won a seat in the legislature. "The Birth of a Nation," filmed from *The Clansman*, was the first million dollar movie and is said to have grossed \$18 million in receipts.

Hatcher Hughes, was a playwright and Pulitzer Prize winner (1924).

W.J. Cash, was the Author of the widely acclaimed *The Mind of the South*.

Among other Clevelanders were Forrest Shuford, late commissioner of labor, born near Lawndale; Col. John W. Harrelson, late chancellor of State College; Henry E. Kendall, chairman of the N.C. Employment Security Commission; L.R. Harrell, State 4-H Club organizer; Dr. J.S. Dorton, late State Fair secretary; J.B. Ivey, Charlotte merchant prince; Frank Sherrill, founder of the S.&W. Cafeterias; and Clyde A. Erwin, late N.C. Superintendent of Public Instruction.

During the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, no battles were fought in the land that would one day become Cleveland County. Two major Revolutionary War battles took place in nearby South Carolina, at Kings Mountain and Cowpens. British and Patriot forces regularly operated in Cleveland County, however.

Cleveland County furnished over 2,000 troops to the Confederacy, more in proportion

to the voting population than from any part of the state.

Recent Changes

In the early 1950's, two major changes occurred in the county: Since the 1870's, cotton had been the county's main income producing crop. But acreage began declining. There were many reasons: the boll weevil and other insects along with federal farm programs and cotton controls. In 1955, an industrial revolution began as a reaction to the dethroning of King Cotton in the area.

Under the direction of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce, many new industries have come to Cleveland County in the 1955-1982 period. The population of Cleveland County as of the 1980 census, was 83,435.

Sources: information from *The Living Past of Cleveland County* by Lee B. Weathers, data from the Shelby Chamber of Commerce.

A HISTORY OF CLEVELAND COUNTY COURTHOUSES

1-A

When Cleveland County was formed by Act of the Legislature of 1841, the first official local meeting was the Pleas and Quarter Sessions Court at the William Weathers house in the Zion Community March 8, 1841. After James Love and William Forbes donated land in 1841 for the county seat a commission and surveyor was appointed to lay off the lots in Shelby and to offer the lots for sale, the proceeds from which were to go to the County Trustee (as the Treasurer was then called).

The site chosen for the courtsquare was a corn patch and other lots in the new county seat were pasture and woodlands. Provision was made for a whipping post and stocks on the public square which were later moved to jail. Previous courts held at the house of William Weathers ordered that meetings in the future be held "at the Courthouse" in Shelby but no record has been made where the first court was located. Certainly it was only a temporary court that was used until the first courthouse built for that purpose was completed in 1845, even though funds were paid for upkeep and maintenance.

A committee was appointed in 1844 to draft plans for a formal courthouse. These plans were rejected and a new committee appointed. This committee's plans were accepted and they were authorized to advertise "the letting of the building." The building contract of \$6,409 was given to George Smith who posted a bond of \$12,938 for the "faithful performance" of constructing a red brick courthouse.

The red brick 1845 courthouse, the second official and third actual courthouse in the county, was replaced in 1907 at a cost of \$75,000 with the present limestone structure on the courtsquare that is now referred to as the "Old Courthouse" or the "County Museum." This structure underwent numerous renovations and many proposals were made to expand the courthouse.

In 1971 plans were approved for a Law Enforcement Center which was to include a



Sulphur and Lithia springs played an important part in the economic and social life of the county through the development of hotel resorts and the sale of the spring water. Pictured here in the "fountain house" on the left is a Lithia fountain on the courtsquare which was piped into Shelby some several miles. The Central Methodist Church is to the right (now torn down). This photograph was made around 1900 and was included in a booklet on the county published by the Seaboard Railroad.



Around 1879 public school teachers from all over Cleveland County gathered for a meeting at the Courthouse. J. A. Anthony was Superintendent of Public Schools. Picture is in the archives of the Cleveland County Historical Museum.

new jail and criminal justice complex. In the original plans the Shelby Police Department was to occupy offices in the building — when they declined — the county administrative offices were moved to the Law Enforcement Center in 1974. In 1975 the name was officially changed to Cleveland County Courthouse, Law Enforcement Center.

The limestone structure or the “Old Courthouse” on the courtsquare then became the Cleveland County Historical Museum and opened in 1976. It has subsequently been placed on the National Register of Historic Sites.

Sources: Materials, books in the Cleveland County Historical Museum.

1842: THE FIRST CLEVELAND COUNTY POOR HOUSE

1-B

Wardens of the poor were elected on April 12, 1841. They were given the responsibility of selecting a suitable site for the location of the County Poor House. In May of 1842 they reported they had found a site composed of 200 acres which could be purchased for \$1.50 per

acre. This report was not acted upon and a new Commission was appointed to purchase land and build suitable buildings. In August 1877, the purchase of 200 acres for \$170 was approved.

The land was “situate on Post Road leading from Spartanburg via Ellis Ferry bridge to Lincolnton one the Machine branch on Buffalo Creek.”

The Commission also stated that it had contracted with John M. Tucker, subject to the approval of the court “for the creation of a framed double cabin 18 feet square” nine feet high and two foot pillars and “roofed with rafters and covered with good heart shingles” — “each cabin with good weather boarding plank.”

“Floors to be layed above and below — extending to the entry.” “The lower floor to be good quartered 1-3/4 inch and layed down square jointed with 10 penneys.” “The loft to be convenient height layed on joists 3 inches by 7.” “2 windows in each cabin with 12 lights in each, with sash, and glass, and bottom shutters.” “A good brick chimney in each end of cabin.”

The double cabin, partially described, was

to be built for \$216.

The Court approved the contract with the stipulation that John M. Tucker be allowed \$5.00 extra if he completed the job by February 1848. It was completed by then and Mr. Tucker got his extra \$5.00.

Sources: Data in the Cleveland County Historical Museum.

BALLADS and FOLK LORE OF CLEVELAND COUNTY

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Ballads, legends, folk tales, family yarns, and many times the simple truth, have excited and entertained Clevelanders for many generations.

The lore of history in this area has been told around the fireside, at family gatherings, around the stove at the country store, at corn shuckings, log-raising, quilting bees, and at any time when families or friends got together.

Some of these tales are believable, some are not. For some only part can be swallowed, and then with only the proverbial grain of salt.

One of the most recently spawned upper



In 1927, Confederate Veterans of the county held a Reunion in Shelby and were photographed before the Masonic Building.

Cleveland legends has to do with "Mr. Big-Foot." This super-duper human-animal creature is reported to have been seen in the Belwood-Casar-Dirty Ankle areas in the northern part of the county, and even over in Burke County. Only glimpses of the creature itself have been seen, but a number of reliable persons, including sheriff's deputies, say the footprints are at least two to four times as large as prints of an average man.

"Brown Mountain Lights"

Upper Clevelanders have also seen the mysterious "Brown Mountain Lights," most visible on dark nights in the northwest. Brown Mountain is a spur of the South Mountain chain, a great portion of which is in Burke County.

These luminous, moving apparitions have been ascribed to distant train lights reflected on clouds or the stratosphere; or to a phosphorescent gas growing out of the ground at uncertain times. One legend has an Indian brave carrying a torch seeking his betrothed, a princess who mysteriously disappeared. Whatever the cause, the lights have been seen by many reliable persons.

Abraham Lincoln's birth and early years have been reported in Lincoln, Cleveland, Rutherford, and Jackson counties in North Carolina, as well as in Kentucky.

The Nancy Hanks Legend

One of the better known legends of this area links Nancy Hanks, Lincoln's mother, with the Polly Walker Inn. This old inn, only torn down in the last decade, was on the Cleveland-Rutherford line, beside the Lincoln-Rutherfordton coach road. Remnants of this road remain about a mile north of New House.

By legend Nancy Hanks was a serving maid at the inn, and had an affair with one Richard Martin, a tall, dark-haired, roughly handsome woodcutter, who went with her to cornshuckins and square dances, but when he learned she was pregnant, disappeared. Many Martins in Cleveland and Rutherford counties are tall, dark and boldly handsome, but this is not to say they are related to the tall, dark brilliant former President Abraham Lincoln.

Also, my grandfather, the late W.W. Washburn, said his great-aunt Elizabeth (Ibbie) Martin, who lived to be over 90 years of age, told him that as a young girl of about 15 years, she held Nancy Hanks baby boy on her lap. Nancy

later married Joseph Lincoln when they both joined a wagon train to Kentucky.

Other legends common to this area tell of the horned hoop snake which could roll into a hoop and chase a man. A fireside tale has my great-grandfather McSwain fleeing such a rolling hoopsnake, then hiding behind a big poplar tree into which the snake plunged his horn. The tree died in 30 minutes.

River Tales

Main Broad River has its share of legends and tall tales. By fact, it was a hideout for deserters and dodgers of both the Revolutionary and Civil Wars, the unwilling citizens hiding in the caves and deep forests along the river.

Not only a haven but a highway, the river was the most direct route to the port of Charleston and thereby to England and continental Europe, the best market for the new country's grain, cotton or meat. Much cattle, sheep and hogs were shipped live after being driven overland to the port.

A "Revenooer"

A valuable export was whiskey and brandy,



This is an old photograph of Confederate Veterans living in upper Cleveland county. Date of the photo is unknown. Veterans identified in the picture, left to right are: 3. Bert Whisnont, 4. Barkley McMurry, 6. George DePriest, 7. Samuel Talent ?, 9. Henry Willis, 10. Devanney Parker, 13. J.R. Willis, 16. Abrian Hamrick, 18. Monroe Williams, 19. John P. Philbeck, 20. Noah Warlick, 21. Francis Gardner (or) Willis Martin, 22. Melvin (Corn Crecker) White, 23. Fulton, 26. O.P. Price, 27. Wade McClurd, 28. Jessie Talent, 29. Joe Kistler, 30. Rev. A. C. Frvin (or) Rev. A. G. Gont, 31. Phillip Wilson, 33. Pete Mull, 34. Elphus Hamrick, 35. Solmon Hoyle, and, 36. Capt. Ed. Dixon.

made from corn, grain and fruit. One river tale involved one John Nicholson, great-grandfather of Hal B. Green of Boiling Springs who lived near the river, and who one fall was on his way to Charleston with a wagon load of three grades of whiskey.

On the way he met a government man, a "revenooer" and suddenly remembered he had forgotten to renew his privilege license. He managed to divert the officer from his wagon by cooking him a bountiful supper, then plying him with repeated drams of his best whiskey. When the revenooer went to sleep Mr. Nicholson and his whiskey wagon rolled on.

Amos Owens of Cherry Mountain was both a real and legendary character. On the first Sunday in June his ancient cherry trees were loaded with luscious black cherries, good to eat raw or cooked, and from which Owens made his famous "cherry bounce." This was a fermented drink which he dispensed freely at his mountain-top home. When he would not pay the required federal tax, US revenue agents took him to Atlanta or Richmond for at least three confinements. Finally, he was beaten, but not bowed.

Ballads and folk songs have added to Cleveland lore over the years. Our people have sung about Barbara Allen, Tom Dooley, Casey Jones and such local tragedies as the bank-crash or hotel fire in Shelby in the late twenties, or the narrow gauge railroad from Lawn-dale, almost lovingly known as "Schenck's Dummy."

— Dr. Wyan Washburn

BATTLE OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

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Here is an interesting aspect of the famed Battle of Kings Mountain:

Aroused by Colonel Ferguson's threat to come over the mountain and hang every man that did not lay down his arms and submit to the King of England, the people organized and assembled under the leadership of Colonels Campbell, Sevier, Shelby, Cleveland, McDowell, Williams, Lacy, and Hill.

These, with Colonels Graham and Ham-bright and Major William Candler, and about one thousand handpicked men, formed a cir-

cle around Kings Mountain, where Colonel Ferguson, with an equal number of men, had entrenched himself, declaring that "God Almighty and the rebels out of hell could not drive him from it."

Colonel William Graham was first in command of the Lincoln men. Colonel Hambright was second. Colonel Graham received a message from his home that his wife was desperately ill. Major Chronicle was placed in command, at the suggestion of Colonel Hambright, because he was a younger and more active man.

Colonel Hambright's observation was quick and his eyes were clearsighted. Within a mile of the summit a youth of seventeen years, named John Ponder, was arrested by Colonel Hambright, who knew that the boy had a brother in Ferguson's camp. On searching him, a fresh dispatch from Ferguson was found. This dispatch was to Cornwallis and it showed the anxiety of his situation and asked that assistance be sent to him at once. Colonel Hambright questioned John Ponder as to Colonel Ferguson's appearance.

He was told that while Colonel Ferguson was

the best dressed officer on the mountain, they could not identify him by his military dress, as he wore a checked shirt and duster over it. Colonel Hambright then said to his men in his broken Pennsylvania-German accent: "Vell, boys, when you see dot man mit a pit shirt on his clothes, you may know who he is, and mark him mit your rifles." If John Ponder had delivered Ferguson's message to Cornwallis, the results of Kings Mountain might have been quite different.

In the circle of fire which ringed the mountain, the Lincoln men, or "South Fork boys" were at the northeast end. The little band of sixty men hurried up the steep mountain with Major Chronicle at their head. As they reached the base of the ridge, Major Chronicle, who marched ten paces in advance of the troop, waved his military cap and cried out, "Face to the hill!"

The words were not out of his lips before a bullet struck the courageous leader and he fell fatally wounded. The command was now placed on "the elder soldier," the man of 53 years, Colonel Hambright, who followed by his men, pressed steadily on to the mountain top. He was aided by a remarkable body of officers: Major Joseph Dickson and Captains Mattocks, Johnson, White, Espey, and Martin.

This revolutionary battle has provided Cleveland County people with much to think and talk about.

EARLY BUSINESSMEN OF BELWOOD

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W.H. THOMPSON LUMBER COMPANY: In 1890, W.H. Thompson opened a business in Belwood. He owned a sash and blind shop, blacksmith shop, shoe shop, sawmill, shingle mill, and a cotton gin. The lumber shop was erected north of what is now B.C. Turner, Jr.'s home. The cotton gin was destroyed by fire three times but was rebuilt on the same site each time.

C.A. Thompson and brothers, with other associates, operated the cotton gin. Bynum Towery and John Queen ran the blacksmith shop. Jim File was the shoemaker. The shoe shop was sold to the Best Brothers. Mr. Thompson had a successful business for several years, but in 1900 he decided to sell his interest and move to Shelby. The Thompson Lumber Company in Shelby was known far and wide.

M.P. GANTT COMPANY: During the 80's and later, M.P. Gantt owned and operated a tannery, a harness shop, and a collar and saddle shop. The tannery was located across the road from the present location of Reed Wilson's barn, the harness shop was on the west side of the branch on the right of the road, the collar and saddle shop was almost directly in front of the harness shop on the left of the road. Mrs. Colon Edwards owned the property. There was a commissary at this site for the employees, however, it was open to the public. The Junior O.U.A.M. of Belwood Council No. 84 held meetings in the hall over the harness shop. After Mr. Gantt's death, O.E. Ford



The William Weathers Home, site of the first Cleveland County Pleas and Quarter Sessions Court, March 8, 1841. In early times, the Quarter Sessions Court was in effect the county government.

bought this property.

BELWOOD COLLAR COMPANY: In 1919, Hugh Hoyle opened a business on the same site as M.P. Gantt's harness shop, or there about, and he operated it successfully until 1950.

CAMPBELL'S SHOE SHOP: F.W. Campbell had a shoe shop in Belwood. It was where the little white house now stands that is near the Belwood Store site. The brand of shoes he made was thought to have been called "Belwood Shoes." After several years of business he moved his shop to Rutherford College.

FIRST STORES IN BELWOOD: Captain Lemuel J. Hoyle owned and operated the first store in Belwood. It is located close to where the old brick store building now stands.

J.B. Ivey began his career as a merchant by working in the store of Captain Hoyle. Sometime later they became partners. After a time he bought Mr. Hoyle's interest in the store. Finally, Mr. Ivey discontinued his business and moved to Henrietta where he was manager of the store owned by the mill of the town.

In 1900 the Iveys moved to Charlotte where Mr. Ivey founded the J.B. Ivey Company, one of the largest and most progressive department stores in the south.

Will Porter owned and operated the store that Ivey and Hoyle once owned. Mr. Porter sold the store and its contents to Atlas Tillman. Later, the store was destroyed by fire. The brick store that now stands on this site was erected and was last operated by Warren Davis.

Frank Dixon owned and operated a store on what is now the Bynum and Mae Willis farm.

— Frances Beam

Constitution, By-laws and Minutes of an Educational Association in Cleveland County, organized about 1860 according to dates in some of the Minutes. Meetings of this association were held at Kadesh School House on December 22, 1860 and January 19, 1861.

The above date leads us to believe that a school was established at Belwood before the Civil War as Kadesh School. It was a two-room frame building below Kadesh Church. Colonel Thomas Dixon, a grandfather of W.C. Dixon, gave the land on which the building was erected. When school was discontinued the land went back to the heirs.

Professor Brandy and Professor Ware taught at this school for several years. Sometime after school was discontinued there, the building was torn down and transported to Shelby. A house was erected from the material.

Belwood Institute was established in the late 80's or early 90's by the Methodists. It was attended by many students from the northern part of the county. Many of today's professional men and women received their early training there. It was located where Hugh Hoyle's home now stands. When the building was destroyed by fire in 1925, the children attended school at Fallston until another building could be erected.

Some of the teachers were: J.P. Rogers, Rev. Tate, H.B. Craven, Fred Aldridge, J.M. Downum, Miss Mittie Cranford, Marcus and Charlie Cleg.

The school which we now attend was erected in 1926 by J.H. Brackett with C.A. Ledford as principal. The land was donated by George Martin. The present principal is E.C. Hoover who has been administrator for thirteen years.

— Frances Beam

SCHOOLS OF BELWOOD

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Mr. John A. Hallman has a copy of the





The second official Courthouse of Cleveland County and the first one built for that purpose was completed in 1845 on the Courtsquare in Shelby. It was torn down in the 1906-07 period.



The third Cleveland County Courthouse was completed in 1907. It was "quite advanced" for its day and has since become the Cleveland County Historical Museum. This structure is listed in the National Register of Historic Sites.

THE HISTORY OF BELWOOD

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Belwood means "Beautiful Woods." It got its name in 1882 from the fact that a lot of beautiful woods were in this section at that time. Instead of calling it "Beautiful Woods," they clipped around the edges of the word and called it "Belwood" for short. It was also known as "Black Rock."

On January 8, 1925 a meeting was held to make plans to erect a power line from Lawndale to Belwood. Frank Elam was elected president and Ed Dixon (Justice of the Peace) was elected secretary and treasurer. He helped

build the line and was repairman until he moved to Shelby. After Mr. Dixon moved to Shelby, Randolph Peeler served as secretary and treasurer and Frank Stamey was repairman.

The following were at the first meeting: W.C. Edwards, D. Elmore, S.A. Peeler, J.G. Lutz, J.A. Peeler, H.D. Hoyle, A.C. Lutz, W.C. Dixon, M.L. Lutz, A.W. Brackett, Noah Hubbard, J.W. Brackett, Sr., A.G. Higgins, J.D.S. Carpenter, J.A. Tillman, Lee McMurry, M.S. Gantt and G.R. Dixon.

There were many others who got lights in addition to those mentioned above. They were: W.R. Porter, C.K. McMurry, D.F. Beam, Jane

Cline, George Martin, J.P. Boggs, Belwood Council 84, P.L. Peeler, C.C. Falls, Thomas C. Propst, J.P. Bingham, J.D. Hicks, F.D. Edwards, J.L. Sain, L.E. Boyles, H. Sain, Curtis Ledford, Edny Willis, P.M. Mauney, Kadesh, Knob Creek and Normans Grove Churches.

Each person who got lights bought ten shares and paid \$100. The churches paid \$50. It is estimated that Duke Power took over the line in the early or middle 30's.

There was to be a show at Belwood School and the transformer didn't arrive on time. Mr. Ed Dixon took his transformer down; brought it to the school building and installed it. The show was a success. The next day Mr. Dixon took his transformer home.

W.H. Thompson was the first person in Belwood to own a telephone. The exact date is not known. Belwood had telephone services from Lawndale for thirty or forty years. Later, Southern Bell took over.

The present population of Belwood is estimated to be approximately one hundred.

The post office at Belwood was established as Black Rock on April 1, 1873 with George W. Blanton as postmaster. It was located on what is now the Moten Glenn farm, a teacher in the Casar School. This farm is just beyond the Mrs. Rob Wilson's farm.

In December 1875 the post office was moved to Captain Lemuel J. Hoyle's on what is now the Noah Hubbard farm. It wasn't there long until Captain Hoyle bought some land near the home of Barney Peeler, Sr. and built a store. He wrote the Postmaster General that he wanted to move the post office into his new store and change the name to Belwood. It's name was changed to Belwood on June 12, 1882.

Some of the postmasters who served at this office and dates of their appointments were:

Edward D. Dickson	Dec. 16, 1878
Melvin P. Gantt	Nov. 9, 1882
Joseph B. Ivey	Jun. 28, 1888
Lemuel J. Hoyle	May 25, 1893
Barney A. Baber	Dec. 17, 1897
Sidney C. Hendricks	Oct. 25, 1905
Clayton P. Peeler	Dec. 3, 1907
Than C. Ford	Feb. 21, 1910
Julius W. Brackett	Mar. 22, 1918
Mrs. Annie M.L. Elkins	1932
Mrs. Florence Peeler	Mar. 12, 1934

The post office was discontinued April 16, 1954. It was then known as Belwood Rural Station, Lawndale, North Carolina. Mrs. Peeler was postmistress until it closed.

— Frances Beam

BROAD RIVER ACADEMY

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Old Broad River Academy's frame siding and flint rock chimneys claim no kin to the brick, glass and steel structures which house today's school children. The rural youngsters who learned the three R's at the school on Mt. Sinai Church Road before the turn of the century would have stood in awe at today's well-stocked libraries and gleaming steel lunchrooms. But old Broad River is not so far removed from today's education.

Its students, too, learned the multiplication tables, sailed the unknown seas with Columbus and Cortez, sat through Shakespeare,



In the late 1800's Cleveland Springs was a popular resort. Over the years three hotels were built but each burned.

learned the products of Peru.

Broad River Academy was a fine building when it was built in the 1870's on land given by Mrs. Silas D. Randall. Great stone fireplaces stood at each end of the long classroom to take the nip from frosty mornings during the six-month school term. Its walls were plastered and the floor was made from good wide planks.

The building still stands today on the 125-acre farm of W.A. (Bill) and Dick Randall, descendants of the woman who gave the land when Cleveland County was still spelled "Cleaveland." Its students departed after 1900 to bigger consolidated schools.

The Randalls still keep an old roll book covering a period from 1888 until 1896 in the history of the District 10 school. It contains the names of the Randall children who attended; L.Y., B.O., J.A. and Lily and the other students who came from all over the area to learn.

The names — Sarratts, Harrills, Hoppers, McSwains, Champions, are still prominent today in the Earl-Blacksburg areas and all over the county.

\$30 Monthly Salary

The students ranged in age from seven to twenty-one and were taught by one teacher, whose salary varied from \$30 a month in 1889 to \$37.50 in 1896. In a spidery script, one teacher recorded that in December, 1888, average daily attendance was 39 3-5 pupils.

The books they studied, precious because they were too hard to come by, were Swinton's and Webster's Spellers, Sanford's Arithmetic, Reede's & Kellogg's Grammar, Maury's Geography, Moore's Histories, Holmes' Reader, Lockwood's Rhetoric and Steele's Sciences.

Teachers listed in the roll book include C.F. Hopper in 1888, V.G. Rollins in 1889 and 1890, Robert L. Howell from 1891 to 1893. But the most well-remembered one isn't listed. He was R.J. Balfour, a Harvard man who probably taught in the late 1870's. A Scottish-Irish man who talked with a Yankee accent, Balfour instituted quite a few "modern" ideas in education at the school.

One of them was a rigid program of physical education. He rigged up chinning poles, a high one and a low one, for the boys in his class and had them doing gymnastics during recess. Some parents in the community objected to strenuous exercise, but Balfour stood his ground. He also introduced the sport of boxing to the community and trained several boys.

The man knew his students and they knew him so well he rarely had to use strict disciplinary measures.

Balfour was a talented artist and when he drew a picture of a baptising performed by Tom Dixon, every figure was recognizable. Pupils were divided by grades within the confines of the big room. They sat on slab benches and four desks for writing stood in the front of the room.

The Spelling Bees

Spelling bees were big events. Hattie Surratt was a good speller, and little Jocie Champion "stood there until the last one was knocked down" by an unfamiliar word. Lunches were brought to school in syrup tins — sweet potatoes, roastin' ears, biscuits and country ham. Water came from the nearby spring.

In addition to the six-month winter term, supported by taxes, there was a six-week subscription summer school and the students came barefooted. During the winter months, a fire burned almost continuously in the big fireplaces. The coals were banked at night and two big boys added the "back logs" in the morning to keep the room warm all day.

William Hopper, a music teacher in his later years, remembered that commencement exercises at the end of school were highlights of the year. Oratory, debates, and recitations were the order of the day and "The boy stood on the burning deck . . ." rang from the rafters.

Y.V. Weaver, Shelby barber who also attended the school in its later years, remembers the older boys often helped the Randalls around the home. At the end of the year, they were all called together and given apples and other treats for their help.

The building is used for storage now, but the Randalls plan to let the old structure stand as long as it will, a monument to yesterday's

education and "alma mater" to scores of Cleveland countians.

Sources: as quoted, community history.

— Pat Poston

CASAR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Prior to 1925, the four-teacher Casar School held classes in a frame building a short distance northwest of the present Casar Post Office. In 1925, the first part of the Casar School building was built, consolidating Newton Grove, McNeilly, White and Casar School. A few years later Philbeck, another one-teacher school, was closed with students assigned to Casar School.

In 1924, Zion and Whisnant Schools in Cleveland County, Rose Hill and Union in Rutherford County were merged to become Moriah School. Moriah was discontinued in 1962 with students being assigned to Casar.

Beginning the 1960-1961 term, the Casar students in grades ten through twelve attended Burns School at Polkville. This plan was in effect until 1966 when the present Burns High School was opened.

In the year 1966-1967 Casar School was an elementary school with grades one through eight. In the 1969-1970 term grades seven and eight were assigned to junior high at Central Cleveland, leaving Casar an elementary school with grades one through six.

In the spring of 1970 a new primary building was started at Casar. Just before the Christmas holidays the primary department, consisting of three first, two second and two third grades was moved into the new building. Also in this building are the media center, the lunchroom, and administrative offices. This school is still in use at the present time.

— Mrs. J.C. Palmer



The fourth Cleveland County Courthouse was completed in 1974. It is known as the Courthouse and Law Enforcement Center and houses the county jail on the 4th floor in Shelby. It is located two blocks east of the County Historical Museum. (old Courthouse).



This is a rare photograph of the old Cleveland County Poor House as authorized in 1877. Note the cotton growing in the field around the building.

CLEVELAND DRUG STORE

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When Dixie Discount Stores bought out the Cleveland Drug Store (Hoey's) in 1967 "a way of life ended in Shelby." The oldest citizens can remember the menfolk of Shelby, oftentimes in summer accompanied by their little boys, gathered after supper to sit on or stand about the rows of benches in front of the drug store. Talk ranged from general news, gossip and the latest jokes to politics, always politics.

As the nights grew chilly in the fall, the shirt-sleeved group casually moved inside the drug store. Anyone walking or driving past the courthouse usually pulled to the curb and stopped in to get the latest news. Humped over the counter, half-propped on the stools, Shelby citizens followed the lead of Mr. Clyde Hoey in sipping a glass of Coca Cola as news was gathered and discussed. Jokes were swapped, business trends anticipated, prices of farm products deplored — tidbits of gossip whispered.

With local newspapers not yet daily, radio not yet a common household article, the TV undreamed of, Shelby's Drug Store Cowboys corralled the news from all the happenings and provided a clearing house for information and opinions. Even after radio came to homes in the 40's the fellows gathered in front of the drug store to hear the results of the World Series and other major national events.

Bridge and Canasta became the popular social entertainment. Ladies had their afternoon parties and family events talked about at the bridge club and the supper table drifted over into the conversation of the husbands who "ran upstreet" for a little session with the sidewalk boys at Cleveland Drug.

A Changing Scene

As the older citizens became unable to get

out every evening and the younger men filled the sidewalk seats, the old Shelby families were still well represented. In the late 1950's the First National Bank enlarged its space and the 60's found the Cleveland Drug Store, that had long had it's sign above the Blanton building sidewalk, moved around the corner and across the street on the first block on Warren Street.

Frank Hoey was still the genial host to the drugstore after supper gang, the sidewalk benches were moved, too, but somehow the crowd grew smaller. With the local daily newspaper and any number of the same to completely bring the news of the area, plus radio and TV coverage of all major events of local to international importance several times a day, there just wasn't the need to get to the drug store to see what had happened or was in the makings of events to come.

The Shelby political dynasty of the 20's and 30's had declined after the terms of Gardner and Hoey administrations ended, the Mull and Weathers terms in the North Carolina legislature, the terms of the two Webb judges. The solid Shelby Democracy was being cracked by republican political new blood. The Yankees were coming down to easy-going Shelby with new industries.

Again the drug store situation changed. When his health failed Frank Hoey sold to the Butlers. They merged as Dixie Discount Store and the whole thing moved from right around the corner square, leaving the historic sidewalk benches and store front soda fountain as part of Shelby's past.

One lone, longtime seat warmer was seen unfolding his own personal aluminum chair on a hot night of 1968 summertime in front of Butler's new Dixie Discount Drug and the "Everything Else Store" in its new site next to the First Baptist Church. He said that he didn't think that sidewalk loafers were very welcome

up there. The hot sun had been beating on the concrete all afternoon — like sitting on a hot stove. Then, too, if a fellow wanted the favorite drink of refreshment it required side stepping thru the crowded store aisles up the mezzanine department to get even a glass of ice water.

A hundred years of sidewalk gathering after supper had ended in 1968 — ever since the company of Yankee soldiers stationed here after the War sat around their fires on the courtsquare and burned the boards of the fence which surrounded the first little red courthouse — the fence that kept the stray village livestock from rooting up and trampling the ground that was the heart of hometown Shelby. The sociable gatherings on the beloved courtsquare and evening loafing in front of the drug store had passed into yesteryear.

Sources: personal knowledge, memories.

— Mrs. Leon Sloan Bradshaw

DOUBLE SHOALS TEXTILE MILL

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The oldest mill in Cleveland County is at Double Shoals, about eight and one half miles north of Shelby, North Carolina. It is situated on the first Broad River.

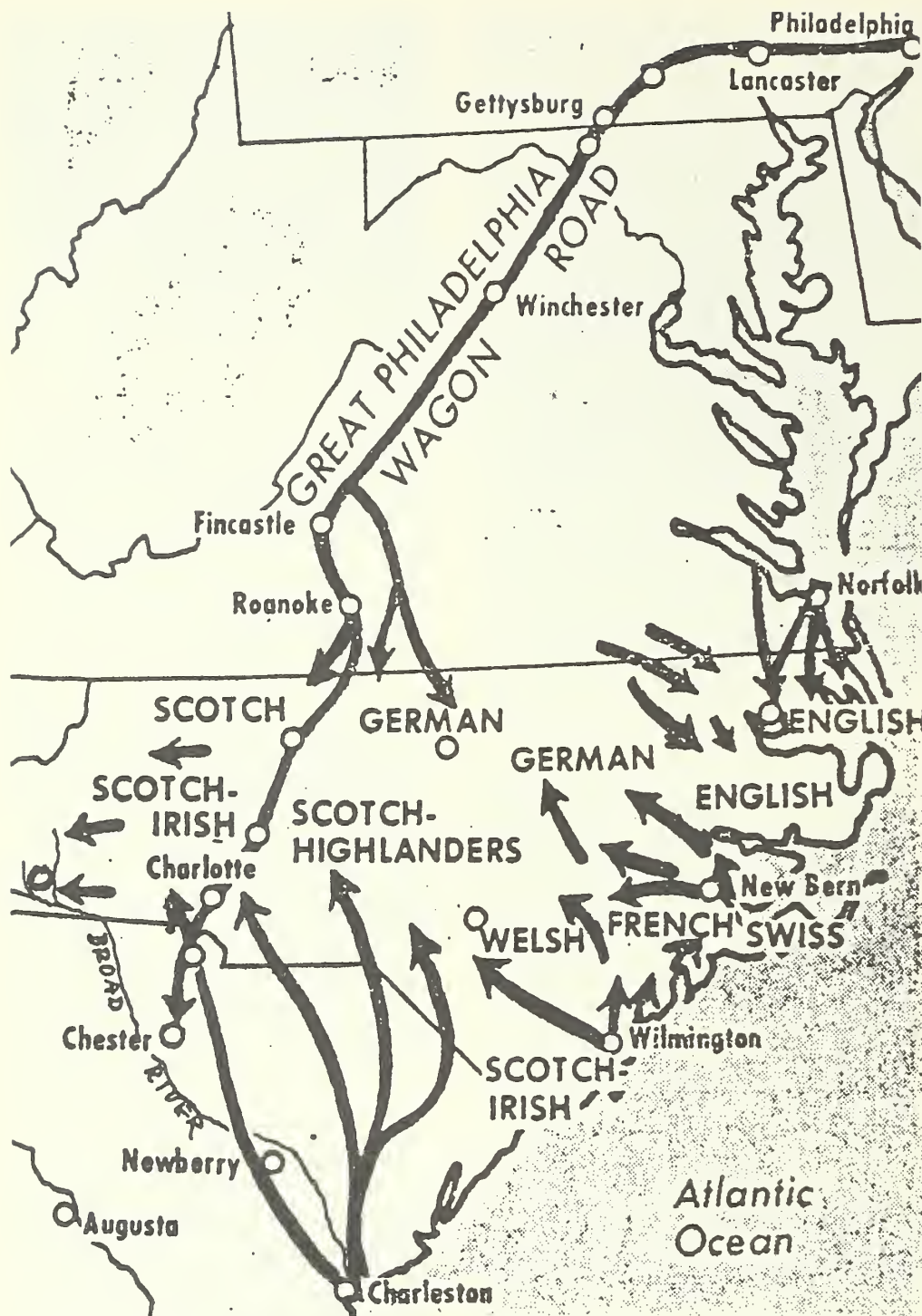
The exact date of the mill's origin is not certain. One resident, the late Mr. Plato Champion who worked for the mill sixty years, sets the date at 1855. In 1845, Thomas R. Jackson deeded 268 acres of land to Albert A. Homsley, a prominent business man. It is presumed the mill was on part of this land. In addition to the cotton factory, Mr. Homsley ran a grist mill and a sawmill.

It is said by a Confederate Veteran that Homsley made the statement, "I owe the Yankees for some goods, but am not going to pay them because they took away my slaves." August 8, 1867, Homsley sold the mill. The first plant was in a wooden building. The equipment was secondhand and was powered by an old fashioned "overshot" waterwheel.

In 1871, Mr. A.A. Jackson became the owner but sold the mill in 1874 to Mr. E.A. Morgan who, with his son Fred, "updated" the mill. Mr. Morgan sold one-fourth interest to Walter Cochran and J.F. Gaffney. The mill was then known as The Double Shoals Mill Company. The wooden building was replaced by a larger building of handmade brick from clay nearby.

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The settlement pattern of earliest Piedmont residents including Cleveland County settlers, shows the significance of the north-south waterways and valleys. Even though the coastal area was settled a hundred years before the Piedmont, little migration took place across the state from east to west because there are no natural avenues to ease travel. Most Cleveland County settlers came down the great wagon road (see map) while a few came up the Broad River valley from Charleston.

To better understand the settlement patterns, the following data will help: On April 26 in the year 1587, 91 men, 17 women, and 9 children sailed from England in three ships; crossed 3,000 miles of Atlantic Ocean; and landed on Roanoke Island. In a few years this settlement faded into the legend of the Lost Colony.

In 1607, English settlers landed at Jamestown in Virginia. Within a generation people from this settlement started moving down the Chowan River toward Albemarle Sound. They crossed the Pamlico River by the 1690's. French Huguenots joined them on Pamlico Sound in the early 1700's. And Swiss and Germans came to the mouth of the Neuse a few years later. This Coastal tide of settlers gradually spread up the Neuse, Trent and Roanoke rivers for thirty miles inland. Scotch Highlanders were coming up the Cape Fear River by the 1730's.

Moravians, Lutherans, and Scotch-Irish landing at Philadelphia and Charleston (settled 1673) were finding their way into the Piedmont Plateau.

Around 30,000 people lived along the Coastal Plain by 1730. Some 265,000 people spread across the Piedmont to the Blue Ridge by 1775, and to the western limits of the state in the years following the American Revolution. Nearly half a million people lived in North Carolina by 1800; nearly a million by 1850 (Cleveland formed in 1841); nearly two millions by 1900; four millions by 1950.

Later the mill was enlarged with contemporary brick.

Soon after the mill began operation, a company store was built for the mill employees. The employees bought their food and supplies from the store and had the price withheld from their work pay at the mill. A picture of the

company store is included. Note the hand-made brick and decorations. Later the glass windows were replaced with modern brick. From 1874-1919 the Morgans ran the mill.

From 1919 the mill was constantly changing ownership. The Morgans sold the mill to Lester Hamrick and A.W. McMurtry. In 1932 there

was a foreclosure. The Shelby First National Bank closed the mill.

In 1933 the mill was re-opened by Tom Moore and Loyd Anthony. The name of the mill was changed to The Double Shoals Company, Inc.

From 1948-1954 it became the property of the Lawndale Schenks, owners of the Cleveland Mills Company. During this period the homes for the employees, owned by the mill company, were sold to them (1950). When the Schenks sold the homes the occupants were given first choice. Most families bought their homes. It was 10% down and so much per week until all was paid from the employees wages.

Important dates are as follows:

1954 — The Schenks sold the mill to Al Slater.

1955 — Slater leased it to the Kings Mountain Neisler Company. The name of the mill was changed to The Lucky Strike Yarn Mill.

1973 — There was a fire which destroyed some of the mill. The lease was up, and the Neislars sold the machinery for Slater. The mill was closed for several years.

1978-1980 — Mr. Raymond A. Goins and son bought the old plant and planned re-opening part of the mill, but with government regulations regarding cotton dust, decided it was not feasible.

1980-1981 — Mr. M.H. Walker bought the property and opened a part of the old plant making rugs and car seat covering material. At present eleven people are employed, and plans for the employment of forty workers soon. The name of the mill is now "Lera," named for his wife.

This sketch covers over a hundred years of The Double Shoals Mill and its history.

Source: Cleveland County Registry of Deeds; Rutherford County Registry of Deeds; The Cleveland Historian Newspaper, May 13, 1976; material from J.C. Elliott, a Confederate Veteran; various textile mills in Cleveland County; Cleveland Memorial Library; *Our Heritage — Shelby Daily Star*; *The Living Past of Cleveland County* by Lee B. Weathers; Interviews with various people; and materials in the Cleveland County Historical Museum.

— Charlotte S. Beam

A HISTORY OF EARL SCHOOL

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Early teachers' records gives a history of the Earl School from 1850 through the Civil War years on up to 1890. Also, Mrs. Kate Austell Aydlotte, a lifetime county resident, who lived to be 104 years old, told where the old school house stood before her day, as told by her father.

The earliest school building anyone remembers hearing about "stood on a slight hill near a spring" just south of the present W. G. Graham home place Mrs. Aydlotte recalls. This building burned down. The next stood near the present New Hope Church building in the early 1800's and "was an almost square, one room log house, having only one small glass window, that couldn't open . . . It was near the teacher's stand . . . all other windows and doors were of the shutter type."

A large fireplace at the front end burned wooden logs to heat the building which was



Dr. M.W. Grigg, pioneer Cleveland County dentist, is pictured at the turn of the century with his foot pedal powered dental drill at work on a patient. Note the dental instruments and the grasp of the man's hand on the chair. This photograph is from the archives of the Cleveland County Historical Museum.

"too hot near the fireplace and too cold in the back." The wall had cracks that let in wind and some snow on cold days. The benches were one wide plank for the seat, with no back as remembered by Mrs. Adylotte who was a pupil in this log building when she was a child.

The next Earl School building was a plank, one-room house. Later another classroom and cloak room were added. A "Long-John" wood stove was used for heating this building which stood south of the previous ones and was moved near the present Mrs. Tom Moss home. The Hon. J.H. Quinn and B.T. Falls, Sr. of Shelby taught in this building.

The 1850 Committee

Records show the parents of Earl school children in early years to be mostly farmers. Interestingly, the School District Committee members included for one period in the 1850's a farmer, a planter, a teacher, a manufacturer

of iron, a stone mason, a manufacturer of brandy and whisky, and a dealer in horses, mules and Negroes. One parent operated a mint up in Rutherford County.

The teacher's school register had a column for general remarks. This column recorded instances when parents visited the school "to hear the chaps spell." It recorded the weather, told of deaths, marriages, murders, and outcome of court trials in Shelby, the county seat, as they affected members of the School Community. Halley's Comet was to be seen, and how bright it was and where to look for it. It also showed the small attendance was due to crop planting or harvesting, all gone to a camp meeting or what ever the cause might be.

The teacher's opinion on political issues were duly recorded here. It notes that school dismissed for two days "to attend a barbecue and mass meeting of the Breckenridge and Lane Party at Shelby to hear the oratory of the day" before the presidential election. The

teacher warned of "the awful fate of this great nation if Old Abe Lincoln should be elected president."

The Civil War Period

There were serious notes about seeing the men off to the Civil War. In the column for parent's occupation, the number of widows increased during the Civil War years. A sad Christmas was mentioned. Among parents occupations at this time were "agents" and "guards."

In 1903 records show the New Hope Church Trustees deeded the Cleveland County Board of Education a lot 80' X 100' for a new Earl school building very near the present church building. This building had three class rooms, a small porch over each door and small cloak rooms. Many of the oldest adults now living in the Earl Community attended school in this building which served until 1923.

More land was bought in 1923 by the County School Board since schools had become tax supported, by then a brick structure with six classrooms, a stage and auditorium was built south of where the early log one had stood. This new Earl School was a "union school" housing both elementary and high school.

During the next few years Cedar Grove, McBrayer, and Broad River Elementary Schools along with Patterson Springs High School consolidated with Earl School and pupils were transported by buses.

A 1931 Graduation

The first high school graduation was a standard state high school was held in the spring of 1931. A class of ten seniors held their "Class Night Exercises" on the Earl School stage which was decorated as a beautiful outdoor scene on a moonlit night. A huge golden paper moon hung in the back and the class sang the then new and popular "Carolina Moon."

This new standard state high school at Earl was named No. Three Consolidated High School: The high school section was moved to a new building about one mile north of Earl which was about the center of No. 3 Township for the 1931-32 term. Earl School became an elementary school with high standards. Two more class rooms, more rest rooms, a lunch room, an enlarged library, and a gymnasium were all added as the school grew and improved.

Earl School lacked only a minor point being a state accredited school when in 1967 the County consolidated Patterson Springs Elementary, the black Camp Elementary with the Earl Elementary schools to form the No. 3 Elementary School. This school was moved into the now improved and enlarged former No. 3 High School building in the center of No. 3 Township. This is the sixth known building for Earl School.

On February 6, 1968 New Hope Church bought the Earl School property from the Cleveland County Board of Education for the sum of \$10,400.00, the building to use in the church program.

In 1982 Earl School, as such, is no more. The brick building is being town down. The movements of consolidation and desegrega-

tion brought about these changes in the name of progress.

Sources: Personal research and community remembrances.

— Mrs. Gladys Horn Hopper

EDUCATION IN KINGS MOUNTAIN

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In 1874 education in Kings Mountain really began. Two schools were used during the early period. A one-room building located on Gaston Street, just south of the present home of Paul Neisler, Jr., was built by the Garrett family with Miss Lucy Arrington as the first teacher. The other school, a two-room building on the corner of King Street and Piedmont Avenue, now the location of Mauney Memorial Library, had Mr. Alex Aderholdt as the first teacher, followed by Mr. Gaff Logan.

Captain William T. Reilley Bell opened a school in 1876 with an enrollment of eighteen.

The same year the citizens of the town erected a two-story frame building on the present site of Central School. When the school began to grow, a wing was added to the building. In 1878 a military feature was added and another addition to the building became necessary.

Also in 1878 the school was changed from the Kings Mountain Military School to the public school of the town of Kings Mountain. Captain Bell was the principal.

Lessons From Memory

There were no textbooks. Instead, students were required to recite lessons from memory. On Fridays, spelling matches were held. Failure to learn lessons resulted in students staying after school.

From 1887 to 1905, the school was financed on the tuition basis. Students were not required to attend. Reference books were not provided, and any available books were privately owned. Students bought their books for about ten dollars a year.

School was in operation for only three months, and the daily schedule was from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Teachers were few, and the number of courses limited. Pupils were not divided into grades but gathered in one large group for instruction.

In 1905 the school was changed to a graded school. Professor S. W. Carlier was the first superintendent. Each room was heated by a crude, wood-burning heater. Double desks added fun for the pupils but brought disciplinary problems to the teachers. At the front of the room were long benches for recitation. Slates were used for writing lessons.

The 1910 Building

In 1910 the trustees erected a two-story red brick building trimmed in gray granite. This building contained a music room, office, and eight classrooms on the first floor and four classrooms and auditorium on the second floor. This building later burned on November 14, 1932.

Just prior to and during the First World War, the school was organized into nine grades with eight teachers. The school term had been extended to eight months. There were no extracurricular activities. Emphasis was on knowledge of the lesson rather than on outside activities.

In 1919 the trustees purchased a lot on South Watterson Street and West Mountain Street and erected a one-story brick building containing an auditorium and seven classrooms. This building was named West End School.

Under the leadership of Superintendent F. C. Nye (1920-23) and Supt. J. Y. Irvin (1923-27), progress was made. The high school was accredited by the North Carolina State Department of Education in 1920. The following year the eleventh grade was added, and the attic was finished to serve as a homeroom for seniors. This room was heated by a coal stove while the rest of the school was heated by a steam plant.

In 1924 the auditorium was converted into four classrooms, and the attic was used for storage. Also, the Rudisill property was purchased for the erection of an auditorium and eight classrooms that later became a primary department.

Trustees purchased property on North Watterson Street and Parker Street in 1925 for a one-story brick building later named Davidson School. This school, formerly used by the Blacks, is now the Administration Building for the Kings Mountain District.

Early Superintendents

Mr. Claud Grigg was named superintendent of Kings Mountain Schools in 1927, and Mr. B. N. Barnes became the first high school principal. Mr. Barnes succeeded Mr. Grigg as superintendent and held that position until 1967 at which time Mr. Donald D. Jones was employed and served until 1977. Mr. William F. Davis was employed as superintendent in 1977.

East End School property on Cleveland Avenue was purchased in 1929. A one-story brick building with auditorium and ten classrooms was erected on this site.

When a part of Central School burned in 1932, high school students used East School one-half of the day and elementary students used it the other half. The new Central School building was completed in 1933.

During the next few years the school curriculum became more varied with the addition of band, home economics, physical education, and other courses. Athletics featuring basketball, football, and baseball were part of school life, although at first they were financed by "passing the hat."

The 30's brought more changes. A gymnasium was built at Central PTA and later funded



Following the Reconstruction period, a great celebration occurred in Cleveland County upon the return of the Yankee captured Cleveland Guard Flag, now in the North Carolina Historical Museum. Among those pictured are R.L. Ryburn, Capt. L.J. Hoyle, J.L. Webb (later a judge), Capt. J.W. Gidney, A.C. Miller, and Pink Dellinger.

by the WPA lunch room program. The high school band was organized in 1935 under the direction of Paul E. Hendricks.

Progress was steady throughout the next few decades. One big addition was the twelfth grade in 1942. North Elementary School was built in 1956. Lower grades were moved away from Central School, and gradually this building housed the upper grades only.

The 1961 Consolidation

Consolidation of Kings Mountain Schools with Grover, Park Grace, Compact, and Bethware Schools took place in 1961. Six years later, the school system was completely desegregated. There was one big high school, Kings Mountain High, operating in a new building on Phifer Road. This building was ready for use in 1965 and accommodated grades 9 through 12.

The voters approved a 2.5 million dollar bond issue in 1972, giving the system a new Junior High on Phifer Road, Barnes Auditorium adjacent to Kings Mountain High, additions to West and East Schools, and many other renovations and repairs to building in this district.

In 1981 all Kings Mountain Schools are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and by the State Department of Public Instruction. There are eight schools in the Kings Mountain System. They are:

Bethware Elementary — Mr. Ronald E. Nanney, Principal.

Central Elementary — Mrs. Glenda E. O'Shields, Principal.

East Elementary — Mrs. Cozell L. Vance, Principal.

Grover Elementary — Mr. James C. Scruggs, Principal.

North Elementary — Mr. C. A. Allison, Principal.

West Elementary — Mr. Joe C. Hedden, Principal.

Kings Mountain Junior High — Mr. J. Fred Withers, Principal.

Kings Mountain Senior High — Mr. Robert R. McRae, Jr., Principal.

ELLIS FERRY — TRADE ROUTE IN 1800'S

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About the year 1800, an effort was made to establish a town on Main Broad River in the section of Cleveland County which is now known as the Mt. Sinai Community. The advantage of such a town would have been to afford an outlet for the agricultural products of this section.

The promoters of the project hoped to establish a large port for shipping the products of the farms of this section to markets at Charleston and Columbia, S.C. A port for receiving produce and shipping it in the flat-bottomed scows and batteau which floated up and down Broad River as late as 1840 would have meant a great deal commercially to this section.

This was strictly an agricultural community,



This is an oil painting of Ellis Ferry, formerly Quinn's Ferry, located on the Post Road leading from Lincolnton to Spartanburg as the road crossed the Broad River south of Shelby. In the painting by Barbara Brock are "Doft" Thomas, left, who pulled the cable; Ambros Hopper, a Black preacher, and Oz Randall in the front buggy. This painting was given to the Cleveland County Historical Museum by Mrs. Yancy Ellis.

and there was no market for the products because of inadequate transportation facilities. Since there was no way of disposing of surplus farm products, the people had little money. Most of the trading was done by barter with Columbia and Charleston. The roads were poor, and it took months to get to Charleston and back.

River transportation was much quicker; therefore, Charles and Rick Ellis, seeing the need for progress in travel and convenience, purchased seventy or eighty slaves and supervised the construction of a large wooden bridge across Big Board River to furnish a trade route between Gaffney, S.C. and Shelby. Commerce began and before long there was brisk business between the two towns. Things went smoothly for a time, but tragedy came — rain fell in torrents that year.

The Big Flood

Big Broad became a river twice its normal size, and the Ellis bridge which the slaves had built was washed asunder. It was about this time that President Abraham Lincoln issued his Emancipation Proclamation and freed the slaves. There was no labor to rebuild the bridge. A street in Gaffney, S.C. today is named Ellis Ferry Road as a result of this trade route from Shelby to Gaffney.

A substitute for the bridge was found — a ferryboat. The ferry was operated by Charles Ellis, a son of Ben Ellis; therefore, trade went on. A black man named Adolphus Thompson operated the ferry and charged 25 cents for wagons, carriages, etc.; 10 cents for a horse-back rider; and 5 cents for those choosing to walk. "Set me across," people would yell to the black man on the other side of the river. Old persons in this community used to tell seeing great caravans of wagons at the ferry landing — some filled with apples, others with cab-

bages and produce. Largest crowds at the ferry could be seen on first Monday, which was trade day in Shelby.

At times travelers would be detained by the high waters and were compelled to camp at the ferry, sometimes for days. The camping grounds were near the traditional Indian campgrounds of Mt. Sinai where even up to several years ago arrow points, an occasional tomahawk, and other relics were found. Many believe several Indians were buried on the south side of the river near the landing.

Flat Boats Remembered

Before his death, Sam Ellis of Shelby told of how the slaves poled the flat boats up the river from Columbia hauling sugar, coffee, and other scarce articles to the settlers. This area which was called Burr Town at that time. He recalled how the boats unloaded in the cellar of Charles Ellis' home and refilled with chickens, eggs, rabbits, and other wild game captured by the people living around the settlement.

Sam told of the laborious task of poling up river and the ease of the return trip because of the water current. He remembered the tales of his father such as the way molasses was hauled from Columbia to Burr Town. The Southern Colony built hugh barrels and attached shafts to the ends. Mules were harnessed to the shafts and a slave guided the animal. Thus the molasses was rolled to the river people.

During the Civil War, Charles' grandson (name unknown) hid the family's mules beside the river where they escaped the eyes of Northern troops. In the Reconstruction Days, members of the Ku Klux Klan who were being sought after by the carpetbaggers found refuge there.

Years passed and modern transportation developed; the little trading center was de-

clined, and the dreams of Charles Ellis for a metropolis on the banks of Broad River were shattered. Years later the sign "Burr Town" hung beside the home of Sam Ellis (a great nephew of Charles Ellis). Bare fields now exist in the area of Ellis Ferry and Burr Town.

Sources: Information gathered from *Ellis Family History* and by word of mouth from my mother, Mae Ellis Gaston, and my Uncle Sam Ellis.

— Mrs. Fannie Mae Bettis

THE CLEVELAND COUNTY EMERALD MINE

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Emeralds are as precious as diamonds and the birthstone for May. It signifies love and success. The first emerald was found in Cleveland County in the year 1897, one and one-half miles east of Stice Dam East of Highway 18 on the property known as the W. Barrett Turner farm.

One day a colored boy was plowing corn and found a most unusual rock which puzzled him, so he showed it to the landlord W. Barrett Turner. Mr. Turner carried it to a mineralogist who in turn had the stone evaluated in Washington, D.C.

The gems were very dark green and the largest of the emeralds was one inch by three-fourths of an inch in length. From one piece 20

cut stones were obtained. The largest weighed three carats. At six feet down several emeralds were found at ten feet a pocket full of emeralds was found.

W. Barrett Turner owned a number of parcels of land including acreage where Fiber Industries is now located, No. 3 Township School, Blanton's Toy house in Shelby, and other property. He sold the five acre mine tract for a nice sum of money to the firm of Lovette Frazier Mining Co. of New York. William Starkey of New Hampshire and others who were in charge of mining boarded with Mr. & Mrs. Hazel Turner, son of W. Barrett Turner.

From the mine an emerald necklace valued at \$15,000 was crafted and presented as a gift to the Governor of the State for his daughter. By 1913 some 3,000 carats of rough emeralds had been mined.

— Hazeline T. Allen

THE GANTT HARNESS COMPANY

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Melvin P. Gantt established and operated a successful business known as Gantt Harness Company in Belwood. It consisted of a large tannery, tanning the leather that he used in manufacturing harnesses and horse collars. He began this operation in 1880 and operated

the business for twenty years. In 1904, Melvin was killed in a train wreck in Tennessee.

Shortly after Mr. Gantt's death, Mr. O. E. Ford purchased the Gantt Harness Company. Mr. Ford owned and operated a farm supply store in Shelby. In 1918, Mr. Thad C. Ford, who was managing a general store in Belwood, left his business and went to Shelby to assume the management of his father's store and the Gantt Harness Company.

The Ford's operated the Harness Company very successfully until 1919, when Hugh D. Hoyle purchased the Gantt Harness Company and operated it until 1950. Mr. Hoyle sold this business to a Mr. Lentz who moved it to Stanly County.

Mr. W. R. Porter drove a large covered wagon and delivered the harnesses to a large area in the Carolinas. W. R. Porter was the father of the Porter Brothers of Shelby, North Carolina. Mr. Thad C. Ford and Robert M. Gantt, the son of Melvin P. & Georgiana J. Gantt, were good friends and had a friendship that could only be compared to that of David and Jonathan, that we read about in the Bible, I Samuel 18:1. Mr. Thad C. Ford died in 1948.

His son, Edwin Ford, operates the O. E. Ford Company today. This is a very successful business dealing in hardware and building supplies. Edwin and his good wife, Esther, are great lay people in the Western North Carolina United Methodist Conference. They have served on various boards throughout the confederation.

Sources: Information from: Edwin Ford, Jack Hoyle, and Hoyle Book.

— John Tyra Gantt

A SKETCH OF GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE

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Since shortly after the Civil War, the Baptists of west-central North Carolina have shown an unusual interest in education. Gardner-Webb College is a product of that interest. As early as 1903, the idea of establishing a high school "where the young ... could have the best possible educational advantages under a distinctive Christian influence" was firmly fixed in the minds of the people of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

By 1905, Boiling Springs was selected as the location for such a school, and the Sandy Run Association had joined enthusiastically with the Kings Mountain group in their determination to build it. Trustees from the two associations held the first joint meeting on October 27, 1905. The school was chartered on December 2, 1905, as The Boiling Springs High School, Incorporated.

In 1907, construction work on the main building (Huggins-Curtis Hall) was started, and the school opened its doors for the first time in October, 1907, with five faculty members greeting 135 students. Carl Edwards was the first to enroll. The regular course of study required six years to complete. Students needed two years to complete the intermediate course before advancing to the four-year high school program.



Workers associated with the celebrated Emerald Mine in Cleveland County are pictured in this old photograph made around 1898.

GARDNER-WEBB COLLEGE
1905 1943



The Huggins-Curtis Building was for many years the major landmark of Boiling Springs High School, Gardner-Webb Junior College and Gardner-Webb College. It stood in the center of the campus at the site of the present Charles I. Dover Student Center. The archway has traditionally been part of every graduation procession and is still prominently situated on the campus.

1920: 335 Students Enrolled

Enrollment flourished and by 1920, the student body totaled 335. However, competition from the tax-supported state high school system became evident as admissions figures began a downhill slide with an enrollment of only 184 in 1926. Determined to keep the institution alive, the board of trustees recommended that the school become a junior college by the beginning of the 1927-28 academic term.

Boiling Springs Junior College opened September 3, 1928, with 78 college students and 124 academic and special students. There were seven departments in the college — English, mathematics, natural science, foreign language, social science, Bible and education.

1942: A Change In Name

On June 15, 1942, it was suggested that the college's name be changed to Gardner-Webb in honor of the families of O. Max Gardner and his wife, Faye Webb Gardner.

Another significant event occurred in July 1943, when Philip Lovin Elliott became president. Elliott brought to Gardner-Webb a community-service concept of education. Through this approach, Elliott shaped the college's programs to meet the vocational, civic and religious needs of the community. Behind Elliott's leadership, the institution began to prosper.

Two major steps were taken in 1948. First, the school was unconditionally approved as a member of the Baptist family of colleges by the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. Secondly, during the 1948-49 year, Gardner-Webb was able to meet the standards of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and was declared a fully-accredited member institution.

Between President Elliott's announced retirement and his death on April 14, 1961, the trustees elected Dr. E. Eugene Poston as president. In 1961, Dr. Poston announced the Decade of Advance, 1961-1971, which was designed to make Gardner-Webb a fully-equipped senior college with an enrollment of 1,000 by 1971. During this period, over \$5 million was raised, campus acreage doubled and a dozen new major facilities were completed or underway. Plans to become a senior-college were developed.

1967: Move To Four Year Plan

On September 11, 1967, the college's trustees gave its approval for Gardner-Webb to become a four-year college. The following year, the Baptist State Convention gave its approval and officially changed the name from Gardner-Webb Junior College to Gardner-Webb College.

In May, 1971, 243 bachelor's degrees were conferred. In December, 1971, the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools granted full senior college accreditation to Gardner-Webb.

With Gardner-Webb firmly established as a senior institution, Dr. Poston resigned February 27, 1976.

Dr. Craven E. Williams became the ninth president of the college, August 1976, and immediately launched the Bold Dimensions in Higher Education Program. To date, this has resulted in an enrollment growth of 13 percent library growth of 102%, new campus construction and renovation exceeding \$4 million, and development of the Deaf Program, the Evening College, the Journalism Program and the Graduate Program.

With an ever increasing number of adult learners, a Greater Opportunities for Adult Learners (GOAL) program was started. In the Fall 1981, nine off-campus centers had been established.

As the strain of decreasing enrollment swept across the country during the 1980's, Gardner-Webb continues, yet adhering to its policy of neither seeking or accepting direct government funds.

— Dr. Craven Williams

SEATON GREEN and THE REFORMER

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A newspaper named *The Reformer* was published in Boiling Springs in the late 1890's and early part of the 20th century. Seaton Green was the editor who wrote the news and editorials at home, then took the copy to Shelby for printing. after which he brought it back to Boiling Springs for mailing to his subscribers.

In the adjacent photograph, Mr. Green is the tallest man on the back row. Others are Tommy Green, his brother, and his sister, Mrs. Nannie Hamrick, Ms. Judith Green and Mrs. Blanche Hamrick. All worked on the newspaper.

— Stanley Green

TOWN OF GROVER

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In the early 1800's, John B. Harry, a State Senator from Lincoln County, moved to what is now the Grover area. In 1847 a post office was established in Whitaker, South Carolina, just across the state line from what is now Grover, N.C.

However, as the town grew, it moved north across the state line into North Carolina and it was necessary to move the post office to a more central location. When application was made for a post office in North Carolina, there was already a Whitaker in North Carolina so the town was renamed Grover, after President Grover Cleveland.

James F. Williams was appointed postmaster in 1885. Miss Dicey Roark, a postal clerk under Hugh K. Roberts in Whitaker, South Carolina, helped with the moving to Grover.

The growth of the town was largely caused by the railroad. Some of the early industries were clay mines for making brick, Minette Mills, and Harry Woodwork. There was also a hattery, cotton gin, blacksmith shop, general stores, grist mills, dry goods stores, drug store, grocery stores, livery stables, hotels, a bank and funeral supplies.

Churches are the Shiloh Presbyterian Church, organized in 1780; State Line First Baptist Church, organized in 1878. Other churches are St. Peter Baptist, Shiloh AME Zion, and Bethany Baptist.





This is an early 1900 photo, perhaps made in 1907, of Boiling Spring High School, which appeared on a postcard. The post card writer declared "... I like the school very well ... are you picking cotton these days (Sept. 1908)? ... write soon and give me all the news." Construction on the building pictured here began in 1907.



Seaton Green, Editor, and the staff of *THE REFORMER*, printed in Boiling Springs.

J. Y. HAMRICK, SR., FIRST CLEVELAND REPRESENTATIVE

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The first representative in the legislature from Cleveland County was J. Y. Hamrick, Sr. of Boiling Springs. He rode horseback to Raleigh more than once and was there in December, 1848 when he wrote the following letter to his family.

The letter, just as he wrote it, follows:

Northcarolina,
Wake County,

December 3 day 1848.

Dear Sir,

Suppose you have heard that sins I left my native home for this citty that I have bin uncommonly sick, I was so unwell that I lay by a day and half as I came to this place my company left me, however I made a shift to git here on Monday the 20 and was qualified and voted 2 for Speaker. On Monday night I was taken very ill I had a sever cough a pain struck me in my breast so I had to set up in bead, part of my time I could not lie down. Next moring I sent for Doc Miller he came and said I must loose a large quantity of blood, he took 3 pints or half gallon from me. I taken medison and a plaster of musterd seed put to my breast, by this time the citty was in a uproor. My room was crowded with doing all they could for me, I got sum better. This was no place for a sick man, politicks is so high, the senate is tied, the house would of bin tied if Samuel Flemming had not resind.

The whigs was contrary, we offerd at the out set to take one speaker and give one, they refused. We set to work and by the nominees giving scattering votes the 59 dem prevented the 60 whigs from getting a majority for 3 days. I told my friends that I had a loving wife and 8 children that I loved dearly. I also loved my country and was sent here by the people of Cleveland as there agent and without my vote every thing was lost. I felt resolved on this occasion to sacrifice my life for my country.

My friends had a horse and a bugga at the dore and hope me in and carried me to the dore of the capitol and the loss of apatite, the loss of so much blood, the loss of so much sleep the sevear pain in my breast the tremendous sick fits that I had to under go all so much against my feble sistom that it was all I could do with help, to git in the capitol. I was then conducted to a choice seat. My pale complexion and weak and feble appearance and my punctuality in voting almost alarmd the hole house three days.

I was carried to the capitol to vote on important questions for 3 days I then cep myself in my room for 3 or 4 days still taken medison, still mending at this time. I enjoy tolerable good health. I have a good apitite to eat I look well and thank God I feel well one time more. I room in sight of a large grave yard and after I got so I could begin to walk over my room words came to me more than 20 times.

Amasing grace how sweet the sound that saved a reach like me. Mr. Green I want you to take this letter out of the office and you and

your wife to go to my house and read the hole of it to my family and if you pleas right me a letter for my wife. I am anxious to hear from home, direct your letter to Wake County Raleigh P. Office. Dear wife I rote you a letter a week ago and directed it to Birchells Villa. I dont nou whether you will get it or not and if you do, I dont nou whether any of you can read it or not. I am anxious to hear from you, if you have not written to me Mr. Green will right for you. Dear wife I don't nou whether W W Wright alarmd you or not, I was very sick when he left here. I told him not to alarm you but thank God at this time I am well, except my strength, loosing so much blood cept me week and I am as well satisfied as I expected to be it is true.

My wife and childring my home is the last thing of a night and the first thing of a morning that I think of. You must excuse my weakness but in hesitating on the subject of home, the Springs start out of my head and runs down my cheeks, perhaps while you are a sleep but you now that I never take more to hurt than I can kick of at my heels. li is very uncerting when the legislator will brak. There is a grate many questions of importance before us and the parties is so near tied that we git along slow. We expect a member from Yancy County in a few days that will tie both houses. Capt. Berry election is contested in the senate and a demacrat has contested the election of a whig in the house. The result is verry uncertain but I think that I will be at home by the 15 or 20 of January.

Dear wife be composed and try to take care of the family and the stock. Send the childring to school. If brother Right has not got that bundle of notes into possessions, do take good cear ot them and cear of everything. Charles you are a good boy for to work, be attentive, git up the sheep attend to the horse, cattle and hogs, is you hant got salt enough, Druery Rollins oos me and he will let you have salt or you must borrow, keep the stock off the wheat, have shoos made and mended as the nature of the case requires, hall leaves and put in the stables, keep plenty of wood, keep the potatoe banks civered, in warm weather open a hole in the banks, if there is any young pigs attend them.

Take the shoos of the mare if you hant. Load that little bottom in wheat, you had better do it, yet you had better not go to school very much your self but send the rest of the childring, if the new school is made up send evryday. Dear wife I must come to a close and if anything should happen either with me or you, so that we never are permitted to see each other again in this world, I earnestly hope that we will neet each other in that uper and better world where we shall meet to part no more, where sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feard no more. Where congregations never break up and Sabbaths never never never ends.

I remain your affectionate husband and friend.

James Y. Hamrick

Mr. Green I have news of importance enoug to right out a small book but you see I am compled to come to a close. I hope these lines will find you and your famaly well. Tell my

friends that I have got nearly well, read this letter to my famaly, write to me and you will oblige yours,

J Y Hamrick

The orginial copy of the above letter is in the possession of the submitter of this article who lives in Boiling Springs.

— J. O. Hamrick

HAPPY TIME KINDERGARDEN

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The Happy Time Kindergarden was organized by Mrs. Earl L. Gaffney (Elizabeth) in 1950 with twelve pupils. Each year the class grew and soon there were twenty-five.

I emphasized pre-school preparation for reading and also music, singing, dancing, rhythm band, and good manners.

We truly lived up to our name, learning in a happy environment and sharing and caring for each other. The school closed in 1959.

— Mrs. Elizabeth L. Gaffney

HOW THE NAMES BEGAN

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Names of cities, towns, streams, roads and landmarks in Cleveland County have derived mostly from famous people in the past.

For instance, the county itself was named for doughty 400 pound Col. Benjamin Cleveland of Wilkes County. The county seat was named for the brilliant soldier — politician Col. Isaac Shelby, both of whom fought with the victorious rebels when they routed the British redcoats at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

All the major streets of Shelby were named for heroes of the American Revolution or the Civil War, namely: Washington, LaFayette, Morgan and DeKalb running north and south, with Lee, Marion, Warren and Graham running east and west.

By townships some of the names with their namesakes are: Duke Village for James B. Duke; Boiling Springs for a bold spring; Earl for Abel Earl; Patterson Springs for pioneer William George Patterson; Kings Mountain for the rocky peak and battleground, which had been named for an early settler named King (not for the King of England); Grover for the martyred President Grover Cleveland; and Waco for Waco, Texas, where county natives had migrated and wrote letters with that postmark.

In addition to Shelby there are Lithia Springs so called for the lithium mineral in the water, and Brushy Creek for the luxuriant growth of alders and willows on the banks; Lattimore for A.M. Lattimore, a descendant of Big John Lattimore, a surviving hero of Kings Mountain fame; Double Springs from two large springs at the head of a tributary to Brushy Creek; and Polkville, for President James K. Polk, a native Tar Heel. Also, Camp Call (now Union), for a drill ground where county Home Guards were drilled before going off to the Civil War; Lawn-dale, from the spacious and beautiful lawn of Major H.F. Schenck; Double Shoals from two

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rocky shoals in First Broad River; Fallston for Pioneer Zimri Falls; and Beam's Mill for a large water-driven mill on Buffalo Creek, east of the village; Belwood for the beautiful woods surrounding the early settlement and school.

Casar, meant to be for Roman Emporer Julius Caesar, but a postal clerk in Washington, D.C. misspelled the name on the town's charter and it became Casar; (still is) and Ben's Knob, for a strong mountain man who climbed it more than a century ago, and whose last name has been lost in the dusty archives of the county's history.

— Dr. Wyan Washburn

AN EARLY SKETCH OF THE TOWN OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

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In May, 1872 Capt. Freno Dilling moved his saw mill from Cherryville to the site of the Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company.

In the fall of that same year the first railroad track was laid by this place and Capt. Dilling furnished the Railroad Company water from his well for the engines.

Late in the same year A.V. Falls, Esq. and myself bought two acres of land each from Robert Falls, who once owned all the land where the principal part of the town now stands. A.V. Falls' two acres was the land on which the A.R.P. Church stands and Dr. Hord's residence and two houses between him and the railroad. My two acres is where my house and J.S. Mauney's residence stands.

On Easter Monday J.S. Mauney and myself came to Kings Mountain to go into business, when we came Crow and Beam had a Bar room where W.K. Mauney's garage stands and Crow and Beam were starting to build a store house. J.S. Mauney and myself built a store on my lot, next to where I live; in May we had goods in it and kept our store there until the early part of 1874.

At that time we built a wooden store building on the lot now occupied by the Town Office. The same year Carpenter & Bro. built a small store where their present store stands; about the same time Baker-McGinnis built a store on the corner of the lot next to Luther Harmon's residence.

In a year or so the Garrett Bros. and R.S. Sugg came here from Edgecome County and built store buildings where the Mountain View Motel now stands, one a drug store and the

other a general merchandise store, which was afterwards converted into a hotel.

Very soon after the Town started Mauney Bros. built a cheap hotel where the Furniture Store now stands, and it was rolled into the back lot and is now occupied by Mr. Ramsey as a residence.

In the latter part of the seventies R.C.G. Love moved here and built a Roller mill where the present one now stands and sold it to W.O. Ware and is still operated by the Wares.

Very soon after the Town started Capt. W.T.R. Bell came here and the citizens and town built a school building where the present high school building now stands, and he ran a very successful Military and high school for a number of years.

The First Cotton Mill

In 1888, Mauney Bros., Capt. Dilling, and others got up a little money and borrowed some and built the first cotton mill, The Kings Mountain Manufacturing Co., which has been enlarged several times. In 1892 Erskine Falls, W.O. Ware and others built the Enterprise mill, now the Mason mill.

In 1893 and 1894 Capt. Dilling and others built the Dilling Mill.

In 1900 Dr. O.G. Falls, F. Dilling and others built the Cora Mill also in the same year P.S. Baker and others built the Lula mill, now the Phoenix. Also in 1900 Mauney Bros., Dr. J.G. Hord and others built the Bonnie Cotton Mills. A few years later Junius Rhodes and others built the Park Yarn mill.

In the latter part of the 1890's C.E. Neisler and S.A. Mauney started up the Indian Creek Manufacturing Co. in Lincoln County, and in a few years sold out. Mr. C.E. Neisler soon after this started a weave shop where the Pauline Mills are and soon after put in spinning and more weaving. A few years later he built the Margrace and Patricia Mills south of town. In 1920 D.C. Mauney and Brothers, L.A. Kiser and others built the Sadie mill.

About 20 years ago Dr. Hord, Mauney Bros., and others started up the Cotton Seed Oil Mill and since G.D. Hambright and others have added an ice plant.

Early in 1900 Charles Peterson and his son moved here from Tizah, S.C., and set up a small wood working plant in rear of the Herald office. In 1907 Henry Peterson and others formed a company and built a large plant which was run several years and sold. A few years ago Jonah Thomasson and others established the Elmer Lumber Co. which is a great help in building up the town.

The Factories

James W. Cornwell & sons had a Buggy factory and Ben Juff and Mauney Bros. ran a wagon factory for a while. The Guthries ran a shoe factory several years. Carpenter Bros. and others ran a brick yard and T.P. McGill and M.M. Carpenter still make a good brick. Neisler Bros. and Rhea are running a large shirt factory in the old Opera house.

I was proprietor of the first newspaper here, *The Herald*, which was printed by the Southern Newspaper Union in Charlotte. Later I bought a press and put in a plant, and my daughter,



Shelby Courtsquare At The Turn of Century

AUTOMOBILE FOR HIRE -- A scene of early Shelby is pictured above from a collection of the Times' old photographs. This picture shows one of the first automobiles in Shelby, a Reo, which belonged to the late J.D. Lineberger, pictured under the steering wheel, and Dr. Ben Palmer. The automobile for hire and carried passengers on short rides for a fee. In the front seat with Lineberger is the late Jake

Rusasill of Shelby and in the center in the back seat is the late Laura Graham Robertson. The other two ladies could not be identified. The porch shown at left was on the old Shelby Hotel and was located on the present site of Loy's Men's Shop. In the background is the courthouse which was at the time under construction and the tool shed is seen at the right. This photo was taken around 1907 before Shelby boasted any paved streets.

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Laura, set the first type ever set up in Kings Mountain. Later I sold the paper to Tipton.

Histories of Schools

In the year 1874 or 1875 the first school of Kings Mountain was opened with Mr. Alex Aderholdt as teacher. His first enrollment was twelve to sixteen. This school was held in a little two-room building on the south-west corner of Mountain St. and Piedmont Ave., where Mrs. J.G. Hord's beautiful home is now located.

About this time, there was another school functioning in Kings Mountain. It was conducted by Miss Lucy Eaton in a little one-room building on the G.T. King lot on Gaston Street.

In January 1876, Captain W.T.R. Bell opened school in the same building with eighteen pupils. The citizens of the town, which at that time was a very small village, began at once the erection of a two-story frame building on this site and had it ready for the opening of the next school term.

The school began to grow; and very soon there was a wing added to the building. A military feature was added in 1878, and within a short time another wing had to be added.

Although North and South Carolina furnished the larger part of the patronage, the school had students from every southern state, and many prominent men of today, got the greater part of their education in Kings Mountain High School.

From the fall 1887 to 1905, the school financed on the tuition basis and was in charge of Professors E.W. Hall and C.T. Eaton, Rev. J.M. Grier, Professors McElroy Langston, Rev. L.A. Bickle, D.D., Professors Barron and Carwile.

First Graded School

In 1905, the school was changed into a graded school, with Prof. S.W. Carwile as our first superintendent. Up to this time indicated the following persons had served as superintendents: Prof. Fellows 1907 to November, 1907; Prof. S.J. Hunnicutt, November 1907-1908 — 1908-1909; Miss Bryte Baker 1909-1910; Professors J.Y. Irvin, and E.A. Harrill, 1911-1912 — 1912-1913; E.Y. Yoder, 1913-1914 — 1915-1916; Frand Orr 1916-1917 to November 1917; Miss Bonnie Mauney, now Mrs. F.R. Summers November 1917-1918; Rev. Berryhill 1918-1919; Theron Allen 1919-1920; Prof. Nye 1920-1921; J.Y. Irvin 1922-1927; Prof. Claud Grigg 1927-34 — the present time, with Prof. B.N. Barnes as principal of the High School.

In 1910, the trustees erected on this present sight a two-story red brick building trimmed in gray granite. This contained music room, office and eight class rooms on the first floor. There were four class rooms and auditorium on the second floor. This building was burned November 14, 1932. The trustees of 1910 were W.L. Plonk, F.C. Baumgardner, C.E.

Neisler, C.B. Falls, G.D. Hambright, and C.C. Dilling.

In 1918, the trustees purchased the lot on N. West corner of Mountain and Watterson streets and erected the present one-story brick building containing auditorium and seven class rooms, known as West End School. At that time, the trustees were W.L. Plonk, W.A. Ridenhour and Mrs. A.H. Patterson.

In 1920, the auditorium in Central School was converted into four class rooms. In 1924, the trustees purchased the Rudisill property just back of this sight and erected the annex to our Central School building. This annex consisted of an auditorium and eight class rooms. In 1925, the trustees purchased the present sight and erected the colored graded school. It is a one-story brick building with auditorium and five class rooms.

In 1926, they purchased the strip of land from Central School property east to Gaston Street for drive and parking space. The trustees were C.E. Neisler, W.L. Plonk and D.C. Mauney.

Beautification Work

In 1927, with the aid of the Woman's Club, the school was able to considerably beautify the grounds at Central Building by planting grass, trees, and shrubbery.

During the year 1929, the Kings Mountain School District and East Kings Mountain School District were consolidated, and during the same year, a one-story brick building with auditorium and ten class rooms was erected and is known as East End School. The trustees were then; E.E. Neisler, A.H. Patterson, D.C. Mauney, Dr. O.G. Falls, and H.H. Houston.

In the year 1933, the trustees erected this beautiful three-story building consisting of main offices, library and study, expression room, music room, and twenty-five class rooms and laboratories. At the same time four new rooms were added to the colored school. The trustees were D.C. Mauney, A.H. Patterson, Dr. L.P. Baker, H.H. Houston, and J.L. Mauney.

(Note: This article was prepared around 1934).

— Hon. W.A. Mauney

LATTIMORE HIGH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP BASKETBALL TEAM of 1934

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Lattimore High School soon became a strong contender in sports when schools were consolidated in Cleveland County. Basketball was in its infancy at this time, around 1924, but interest kindled and grew, and rivalry became very intense between the high schools.

It all began on the early outdoor courts. Tilden Falls was the first coach at Lattimore High School and it has been said that he almost took the player in his arms and showed them what a basketball was like and how to handle it. To Prof. Lawton Blanton, principal, goes a lot of credit by encouraging his team to play clean and hard.

The spark was there, fans became interested, "tin cans" were built for indoor play and the flame erupted into "basketball fever." School competition was intense and the gymnasiums became "packed" with enthusiastic fans.

In about 10 years Lattimore had become a strong competitor. B.E. (Pop) Simmons, former Wake Forest College athlete, was coach of the 1934 basketball team which won its way into the State's ninth annual invitational basketball tournament held at North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C.

In the Class B division, which was for rural schools, 32 teams had earned their way to the State Tournament. The following information on the tournament play is quoted from the *Raleigh News and Observer*:

Lattimore Wins First

Lattimore's blue-jerseyed quint from Cleveland County was the first B team to advance to the second round, defeating Woodland 32 to 13. Glenn "Red" Towery, with 12 points was Lattimore's star. Robert Hunt worked a nice game at guard for the winners. The Lattimore opening line-up was Towery, Brooks, Davis, Hunt and Blanton. Substitutions were Irvin, Threatt, Humphries and Harrill.

Lattimore Ousts Dover

In the second round play, beginning at 2:00 P.M. a nip and tuck game in which neither team held an advantage of more than three points, Lattimore defeated Dover 18-15.

Robert Hunt, smooth working Lattimore guard, broke up a 15-all tie a minute before the final whistle to give Lattimore the game. To make the game more secure, Davis, center, dropped in a free shot.

Hunt was the star of the game with Glen Towery, redheaded Lattimore forward running him a close race.

Lattimore Beats Mingo

In the evening session beginning at 7:30 P.M., Lattimore continued to set a fast pace for Class B teams with a quarter finals 33-19 win over Mingo. The score was 19-10 at the half in favor of Lattimore. They took the lead soon after the game got underway and was never hard pushed.

Glenn (Red) Towery, forward with eight points and Irvin, another forward with ten led Lattimore. Robert Hunt ranked next to Irvin as a scorer, sinking nine. Substitutions were Threatt, Brooks, Humphries and Harrill.

Lattimore Ousts Candor

The semi-finals game was played the following morning at 10:00 A.M. A 10-point lead gained in first half play enabled Lattimore to defeat Candor 21-17, the final Class B. semi-final game. The score at the half was 15-5.

Lattimore was just too hot during the first half, holding Candor to two field goals and an extra point while it was bucketing seven action shots and one gratis throw.

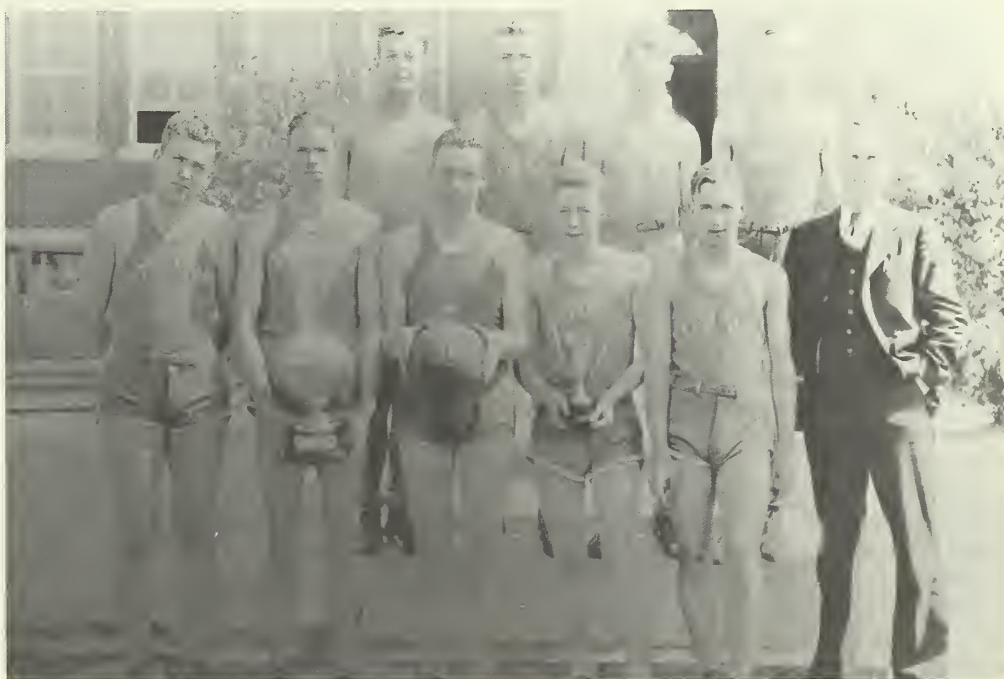
Candor came back in the second half with new life and began working the ball nicely to get in scoring range. With two minutes left to play, Candor was only two points behind at 19-17. But a one-handed shot from the corner of the court by Robert Hunt, guard, put the game on ice for Lattimore.

Tourney Finals

At 7:30 P.M. Lattimore met Garner in State Championship finals. In turning back Garner for the Class B title, the Lattimore quint displayed great defensive play, allowing only one field goal in the first half.

Hugh Irvin, forward, and Glenn (Red) Towery who played forward and center led Lattimore. Each made 10 points, Irvin getting all his tallies from action. The score was 35-21.

Being recognized as N.C. State Champions



Lattimore High School State Championship Basketball Team in 1934: Front row, L to R: Haskell Harrill, Bill Davis, Glen "Red" Towery, Robert Hunt, Hugh Lee Irvin, B. E. "Pop" Simmons, Coach. Second row, L to R: J.C. Humphries, Gordon Blanton, M.E. Threatt and Dorsey Brooks.

was a commendable honor to bring to our school. It provided incentive for further recognition in basketball, so interest and enthusiasm continued to grow. The gyms were filled with spectators enjoying, being supportive and getting emotionally involved in the games.

"Griz" Hawkins, according to "Tip" Rayburn in an article from the *Shelby Daily Star*, "Could be depended on to be present regardless of the weather, arguing with and razzing the other teams. Among the good fans now there is Norman Lee, Bate Blanton and Doc Hunt."

Sources: *Raleigh News and Observer* and the *Shelby Daily Star*.

— Burnette Hunt

TOWN OF LATTIMORE

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After the Civil War many confederate soldiers returning home began to think about settling down and establishing homes. The part of Cleveland County around what is now Lattimore was originally mostly farm and forest land.

Having been born and living on a farm on Hinton Creek between Hollis and Polkville near Big Springs Baptist Church, Audley Martin Lattimore, who served his country in the Civil War as a confederate soldier, came home and soon married. He had a big family and bought land, built a house and moved here around the 1880's. He was one of the first settlers here and soon thereafter the railroads came and others began to settle here. Jim Lattimore, a brother of Audley Lattimore, also lived here for some time.

A.M. Lattimore was the first Seaboard Depot Agent. The mail was carried to his home where it was sorted for delivery, which made him a postmaster. This was the only post office they had until one was established in the Calton Building some years later.

Settlers came until it became a small community needing a name. The name Lattimore was chosen since A.M. Lattimore was the Seaboard Railway Depot Agent, and a first settler. His brother was also a land owner and a confederate soldier.

When the town was incorporated, he was chosen first Mayor (1899-1903). In 1891 a church was formed called Lattimore Baptist Church. Reverend A.C. Irvin, a veteran of the Confederate Army ordained to the ministry after his return home, was elected the first pastor. The church was formed by about forty-eight Baptist from Beaver Dam, Sandy Plains, Double Springs and Sandy Run.

By the turn of the century (1900), several merchandise businesses were established in Lattimore: Oliver D. Price, another Civil War soldier, owned a general merchandise store; Farmer's Mercantile Company, owned by George Depriest first and later by Hamrick Brothers and by Spergeon Walker in later years; a store of H.I. Washburn and Company; George Stockton owned a Livery Stable. Horse and buggy and wagons and mules were the ways of transportation during this period.

Since much timber was available, William T. Calton Lumber Company was established as

manufacturers and dealers in lumber and shingles — they were also machinery dealers. I am told they had a handmade brick yard in Lattimore at one time.

The Railroad Important

The coming of the railroads meant much to these manufacturing companies as a shipping center for many places in the county. In fact, the coming of the railroads had much to do with the progress of the town of Lattimore. Passenger trains traffic demanded a hotel, a post office, eating places, etc. Thus the town began to grow rapidly by 1903-1906. A school, cotton gins, a jute mill, telephone company, a bank and drug store were built. By 1915 the town was real progressive.

Then came the First World War and many citizens were called away. There were two railroads by now: Seaboard and Southern. The first Southern Depot Agent was S.G. Price who later became a rural mail carrier. His son, Ed Price, was in World War I and died while in service overseas.

Dr. S.S. Royster was president of Lattimore Telephone Company. The drug store was operated by Dr. L.V. Lee, the town physician. A dental office was operated by Dr. Robert Lee Hunt. A Masonic Lodge was formed with a hall as meeting place upstairs in the present Martin Milling and store building.

The Lattimore School Academy was begun in 1903. Professor John Y. Irvin was principal with Miss Lucy Baker of Belwood as teacher-assistant.

John Broadus Lattimore (son of A.M. Lattimore, first mayor) was second mayor of Lattimore with the following aldermen: W.D.F. Green; W.R. Green and R.P. Early. J. Pink Lattimore was marshall. Mrs. Julia P. Early was post mistress with R.P. Early as assistant. Mrs. John S. Blanton was a later assistant post mistress.

Mayors of the Town of Lattimore during this period were: A.M. Lattimore, 1899-1903; J.B.

Lattimore, 1903-1907; William Beam, 1907-1911; W.T.D. Green, 1911-1913; A.M. Lattimore, 1913-1915; Ivey Willis, 1915 unexpired term; A.B. Jones, completed Willis term to 1921; Ivey Willis, 1921-1923; D.C. Bridges, 1923-1929.

The Lattimore Academy

The Lattimore Academy building was erected in the early 1900's and used by Professor John Y. Irvin, principal, and Miss Lucy Baber, assistant, to teach "common school work" and prepare boys and girls for college from 1900 to 1903. From 1904 to 1910 Capt. W.R.R. Bell served as principal. Other principals were Professor Bert H. Bridges and his daughter Miss Florence Bridges; Professor Teague; Professor Ivey Willis; Miss Bess Bree-man and Professor Bunyan Harrill, a former Chancellor of Western Carolina College.

In 1922 a new three-story brick building was built and in 1924 Professor Lawton Blanton was elected principal. Pupils from all parts of the county and some from Rutherford county came to attend this high school. It became an accredited school and consolidated to include Number Seven township. The attendance was very large by now, and each grade had a teacher. Several teachers taught the high school subjects. Other principals were Professor Glenn, Professor Arrowood, and Professor C.C. Padgett.

Finally, another new brick building was built at a location nearby because more room was needed. By 1961 the high school students were sent to Crest High School in Boiling Springs. The former school building currently houses Lattimore Elementary School. School houses were now present as a means of transportation. Consolidation and increases in the number of students caused movement for building a new building for Crest to be located in the county. Children from Lattimore, Mooresboro, Boiling Springs, and other com-



The Main street, Town of Lattimore, around 1900. Seaboard rail depot and town well are in background. J.B. Lattimore, second mayor and depot agent, in foreground.



Mauney Memorial Library, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

munities in the county now attend this large high school. Lattimore still has an elementary school.

By 1925 several of the earlier businesses in Lattimore no longer existed. Others came to take their place. Hunt and Hewitt opened a general merchandise store, D.C. Bridges, a grocery store, and T.C. Stockton a general store.

A "Rolling Store"

By 1942 John W. Bell came to town with his rolling store (on wheels) and operated a general merchandise store a number of years, about 1964 he changed his store to an antique establishment to deal only with antiques. His son continues this business.

Dr. D.T. Bridges was the town's doctor for many years, joining in 1928 a practice started in the late 1890's by the late Dr. L.V. Lee. The Lattimore Telephone Company, which began with Dr. S.S. Royster as president, was operated for thirty-six years by the family of the late J.S. Blanton. When Southern Bell came, it took over the telephone system.

Many other changes came about in recent years. Our cotton gins were gone; the railway depots are gone; farming has decreased as a way of making a living; and cotton is no longer the main crop. Soybeans, hay, corn, etc., have become the leading crops. Raising cattle is now very common.

New industries in the county have attracted many people away from farming. The population has increased and many new homes have been built. At present J. Wyatt Martin has a store and corn mill; Jack Horne has a grocery store; Bell's antique store still exists. We now have a fire department which adds much to our little town. We have a new brick Baptist Church.

The mayors from 1929 to present are: R.L. Hunt, 1929-1935; R.R. Hewitt, 1935-1949; R.L. Hunt, 1949-1955; Willard Mason, 1955-1959; D.B. Washburn 1959-1982; Ben Wilson

1982-present. Aldermen are: Jerry Prewitt, J.W. Martin and Terry Rholetter.

Sources: *Our Heritage*, A History of Cleveland County.

— Mary Agnes Lattimore

THE J.S. MAUNEY MEMORIAL LIBRARY

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In 1936 the Kings Mountain Library opened its doors. Meager were its beginnings. First it operated from a room donated by Dr. J.E. Anthony, over Keeter's Store. Mr. J.R. Davis, well-known attorney, gave the first book, "The Life of Will Rogers."

The library next occupied a room about eight feet square in the old Town Hall building on Cherokee Street. Miss Ida Mae Davies served as librarian.

When the new City Hall on Piedmont Avenue was completed, the library moved into two rooms in the basement. Approximately 500 books, many of them donated by citizens, filled the shelves. Mrs. Bertie Hughes Campbell served as librarian.

The constant drive for a quality library was led by Mrs. Hunter Neisler, the Reverend W.M. Boyce, Mayor J.E. Herndon and Haywood E. Lynch. Mr. Lynch, editor and publisher of THE HERALD at that time, was untiring in his efforts through the paper to get a library for Kings Mountain.

In 1947, a permanent house for the Kings Mountain Library was found through the donation of the Dr. J.G. Hord mansion on the southwest corner of Piedmont and King. This was given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Mauney, who had been among the founders of the town, by their sons and daughter.

The building was renovated under the direction of Mrs. George Houser, Secretary-Treasury of the Library Board, Mrs. Charles Dilling, Librarian, and a representative from the N.C. State Library in Raleigh. The upstairs

was also renovated to become a Teacherage. Subsequently the Teacherage became apartments in the upstairs area and one in the back downstairs.

After 22 years as librarian, in early 1973, Mrs. Willie Dilling retired and Mrs. Hazel Herndon Fryer was appointed.

During the next years many changes and additions were made. The apartments were phased out because of new city fire regulations. Two more rooms were opened up to become JUNIOR ROOMS, in memory of Jan Marion Fryer; later a third room was renovated to become the CAROLINA ROOM. This gave a place for family and local histories to be kept for purposes of research.

As of 1981, there are more than 21,000 volumes on the shelves and many programs are being offered the youth and the adults of the area.

— Hazel H. Fryer

MEMORIES OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

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Robert Falls, my great-grandfather, and his family, the Parker family and one other family whose name I do not remember, were the first families settled in what is now the City of Kings Mountain.

My great-grandfather's home was located where McGinnis Furniture is today.

Over a hundred years ago the railroad tried to get a right of way through Shelby, but was turned down. Next they came to this area. My great-grandfather held title to the land where they wanted a right of way. At first he rejected their proposal. And it wasn't until after an old friend of his, I think his name was Oliver Davis, from Gastonia came to talk to him did he relent and sell the railroad a right of way.

Afterwards Falls sold 25 acres for a dollar an acre for the building site of what was to become the town of Kings Mountain. About the same time he donated an acre of land for a cemetery, reserving a plot for himself and members of his family, and for a Methodist minister and his wife.

On the south side of E. King St. Falls also donated land for the A.R.P. Church, the first church built in Kings Mountain.

There were some trees and a spring behind the church site and it was told to me that a man named Winters hanged himself from the branch of one of those trees. After that the spring was known as Winters' Spring.

Today, R.D. Goforth lives in the old A.R.P. manse and the Fred Owens home is near the site of the first church building.

I imagine the community's first school was at the south end of Cherokee St. That's where my grandmother (Fall's daughter) Jane Falls went to school. When I was nine grandma took me to the site of the school. Of course the building was gone and the area was wooded. She wanted to see if the old spring was still there.

Uncle Williams Falls, father of the late Boyce Falls, and his family had a home on the curve going to The Margrace, near where Spangler

Cement is today. The area has been cleared and there are a number of homes here today.

When the goldmine was in operation this area was like the wild and woolly west. There was a barroom on York Rd., near the York and Lake Montonia Rds. fork.

It was told to me there was a man murdered in that barroom and his body dumped in the well nearby. As far as I know, if the story was true, no one was ever arrested or punished for the crime. Later the well was partially filled in.

I do remember, as a little girl, watching some men trying to get a horse out of the well. The horse belonged to a farmer and had fallen into the well while plowing the field. They couldn't get the animal out, so they killed it and finished filling in the well.

I heard my grandmother talk about the old academy that used to be here. I believe it was located on the site where Mauney Memorial Library is today. Capt. Bell ran the academy and he lived on the corner of E. Mountain and S. Gaston Sts.

Today the Carl Wisener, Hunter Allen and the late Hunter Patterson homes are located on the site where Capt. Bell's home stood.

There were many things told to me about this area and its people when I was a very young girl. I had no interest in the talk then and when I grew up and developed an interest it was too late to recall the events because most of the older people who originally told me of the events were deceased.

— Janie Jackson

NUMBER ONE TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

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The nostalgia of an era beckons but one can only return through memories of those vivid events of the one teacher one room school. As far as I can determine the first school in Number One Township was Cobb School, located in the upper end of the township. Very little is known about this school. We do know however that there was a progression from this school to the two room, two teacher schools.

I refer to the three grammar schools located in the township. Namely, they were Palmer, located in the lower end of the township, Holly Springs, located in the middle of the township and Prospect, located in the upper end of the township. The scant history of these schools indicate they were in operation about the turn of the century.

At the time I attended Prospect the school consisted of two rooms which were referred to as the big room and the little room. The little room consisted of grades one through four and the big room grades five through seven. Each room contained a pot bellied stove for heat and a shelf containing a water bucket filled with spring water and a dipper. The desks at first accommodated two students but later were replaced with one student desks.

One Room, Many Grades

Being in a room where more than one grade was taught was a learning experience if one applied himself. While studying or working on

some project while another grade was being taught it was natural to listen in to what was being taught in the other grade. The three R's were strongly stressed in the schools and even though the school term was only six months of the year one studied and worked while in school or else the teacher would apply a little hickory tea or a paddle.

Recess and the lunch hour were of course the highlights of the day. Where there were several children from one family in school they would bring a lunch basket filled to accommodate all the children in the family. I well remember when the weather was cold enough we would bring a jar filled about three fourths full of milk to which sugar and flavoring had been added. This was set in the shade in back of the school building and by lunch time it was frozen and a good substitute for ice cream.

Many were the games participated in during recess or the lunch hour; baseball, basketball, dodge ball, round cat, tap, peg, hopscotch, jumprope, marbles, jack stones, back-outs, and a game called fox or rabbit.

A forest in back of the school provided cover for the one designated the fox or rabbit. The one designated was given a five minute start. Those who did the chasing were the dogs. When the person who was the rabbit or fox was found and caught another pursuit was organized.

The Game of "Peg"

Peg was a game where a green wooden peg about ten inches long was laid across a stick on the ground. The pointed end of the peg was tapped with a stick causing the peg to rise into the air. The peg was hit, driving as far as possible. The one hitting the peg would estimate how many steps he would give to reach the peg. The other players would try to reach the peg in that many steps or less. If successful they would get points equal to the estimated steps. If not, the points went to the one who hit the peg. The player with the most points won the game in the specified time frame.

These three schools were consolidated in 1936. A new brick structure known as No. One School was constructed in the center of the township and the first bussing of grammar school children was underway. This ushered in the first one grade, one teacher school.

No. One School served the township through the year 1963 at which time the school was closed and the grammar school pupils were bussed to Boiling Springs Grammar School at the beginning of the school term of 1964.

The old school building was sold and at this writing houses a rug manufacturing operation.

— John W. Wood

PIEDMONT HIGH SCHOOL — A REMARKABLE PLACE

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Piedmont High School was founded at Cleveland Mills about 1896 by Professor W.B. Dove. The school building was a large two-story wooden structure. Mr. & Mrs. Hugh

Covington and Mrs. C.D. Forney, Sr., have photographs of the building. The first school also had a dormitory, formerly the brick residence of the Schenck family. The name "Piedmont," it is said, was given by Professor Dove, its founder and first principal. It is not known how many years the school operated at Cleveland Mill but probably until about 1900.

Professor Dove was the school's principal for only one or two years. He was replaced by William David Burns, a fairly recent graduate of Wake Forest College, and a native of Onslow County, North Carolina. Professor Burns continued as principal during the entire remaining period of the school's existence as a private high school.

About 1900, the school was moved to a new site on a high hill near Lawndale. This site was secured from D.A. Cline. On it was constructed a large wooden school building described in an early catalogue as, "one hundred and thirty-two feet in length by thirty-two feet in width, two stories high, with verandas."

In 1900, a joint-stock company was organized, a charter obtained from the state legislature, and an annex was built "thirty-two feet wide and forty feet long, two stories high." Apparently, all previous building funds have been secured from voluntary contributions. Some of the stock certificates issued at that time are still in existence.

The First Directors

The first board of directors was composed of H.F. (Major Schenck), president, D.A. Cline, Vice president, Carme Elam, secretary-treasurer, John F. Schenck and T.J. Ramsaur. The faculty for 1902-1903 was W.D. Burns, principal; Rev. J.V. Devenny; Thomas J. Gold; Mrs. John Eskridge; Miss Fannie B. Wood; Miss Lula F. Tisdale and Mrs. W.D. Burns. Fortunately, the school catalogues for the early years listed the names of the entire student bodies. These catalogues also show photographs of the school buildings and grounds.

The catalogue for 1902-1903 states that student board was obtained through the club plan, with an average monthly cost of \$4.87. Students who went home and returned Monday mornings paid on an average of \$3.00 per month. Tuition charges were from \$1.00 to \$3.00 per month in the literary department. There were extra charges for Elocution, Music and Business Education. Room rent during the early years was thirty-five cents per month for furnished rooms, twenty-five cents for unfurnished rooms.

At the site Piedmont began to grow rapidly. Professor Burns utilized his Eastern Carolina connections to induce parents to send their children to the "School on the Hill where there is no malaria." The sulphur-lithia spring was highly acclaimed for its health-giving water. The response was overwhelming and the size of the student body grew rapidly. The catalogue for several succeeding years usually included the statement, "At the beginning of the last session it was found that we did not have enough room to accommodate our fast-growing patronage." Additional buildings were provided.

David Hall, a boys' dormitory was soon

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built, followed in 1910 by Elam Hall and Newton Hall. Elam Hall had boys' dormitory rooms on the first floor and the boys' debating societies on the second. Total enrollment in the year 1907-1908 was 309. These came from four states other than North Carolina and from fourteen counties in North Carolina other than Cleveland County.

The 1910 Fire

On the seventh day of March 1910, the forward march of progress was suddenly halted. While most of the students were in the dining hall for the evening meal a fire started in the girls' dormitory and could not be contained until the main building containing recitation rooms, dining hall, auditorium, girls' dormitory, and one dormitory for boys was destroyed. Only two dormitories for boys and the society hall remained. There was little if any fire insurance. Piedmont indeed faced a crisis. School had to be suspended for the remainder of the term. Would it ever reopen?

Major Schenck, president of the board of trustees, called a public meeting to discuss the school's future. At this meeting it was determined to rebuild and rebuild they did. Out of the ashes of the old was born a bigger and better Piedmont.

Three new buildings were ready for occupancy when opened for the next term. The main building, named Schenck Hall, had four recitation rooms, a large dining hall, kitchen, an office and rooms for the principal and his family, and the whole top story for a girls' dormitory. Another building contained a large auditorium, and quarters for the music, business, and elementary departments. The Waters Library building (only one of these buildings still standing) was built by Miss Sallie Waters in memory of her brother, a hero of the War between the States.

Such a large building program, of necessity, called for considerable money. On May 7, 1911, after a masterful address by Governor W.T. Bickett, Mayor Schenck presented the financial need of Piedmont to the commencement audience. He asked for five thousand dollars to pay off the existing indebtedness, to paint the buildings, and install waterworks. A wave of enthusiasm swept over the audience and more than six thousand dollars was raised.

During 1913 there were two events of importance for the school. On February 15 when

most of the boys were attending church in Lawndale, fire destroyed Newton Hall. There was some insurance and the dormitory was promptly rebuilt. In this same year a steam heating plant was installed for use in Schenck Hall, the girls' dormitory.

A Time of Influence

From the date of the great rebuilding program in 1910, until about the mid-twenties, Piedmont reached the peak of its student enrollment and general influence. Students from far and wide filled the dormitories, while the local or "day" students came in ever-increasing numbers. During this period Piedmont came to be favorably recognized by higher institutions of learning in this and other states.

The Piedmont catalogues of this period carry commendatory letters from Wake Forest, University of North Carolina, Trinity (now Duke), Meredith and others. The first three of these offered scholarships to Piedmont graduates. Professor Burns, in his chapel talks, was often pleased to quote congratulatory letters from prominent ministers, lawyers, educators, editors and other well-known personalities.

By 1920, student expenses had increased considerably but were still considered low enough to appeal to most ambitious young people. The catalogue for 1920-1921 notes that board averaged \$13.17 per month; room rent seventy-five cents per month for girls, sixty cents to \$1.00 for boys, with electric lights where available, fifteen cents per month. The following statement appears in this catalogue, "This \$44.18 pays for board, fuel, rent, electric light, contingency, incidental and library fees for the first period of the fall term (10 weeks)."

The Literary Societies

An important place in Piedmont's success must be awarded to the three literary societies; the Peerian, Misigmarhonian, and Emersonian. (The last was for girls only). Membership in a society was required. Great emphasis was placed on public speaking.

Sometimes progress has a way of trampling upon and destroying the very agents of progress. Progress, in the middle twenties, began slowly but surely to toll the knell of parting day for Piedmont, the private school. As public high schools sprang up all over North Carolina and neighboring states, the "boarding school" began to decrease in enrollment and in importance in the educational picture. Fewer and fewer came to Piedmont from other states, other counties in North Carolina, and even from other parts of Cleveland County. Change was inevitable.

Prior to 1920-1921, Piedmont was a private preparatory school. Professor Burns often claimed that it was the largest, or next to the largest of the non-denominational schools in the state. During the next three years Piedmont was a private preparatory school aided by the state. Beginning with the opening session of the 1924-1925 term, Piedmont became an entirely state high school. Board and dormitory facilities were still privately operated and

controlled. Professor Burns was retained as principal of the Piedmont High School (public) until his retirement in 1930.

In 1925 the Piedmont Corporation deeded the Cleveland County Board of Education a lot on top of the hill just east of the Waters Building. The county board immediately constructed a large brick school building containing classrooms and an auditorium. This building still is an important part of the present Piedmont public school. An interesting comment in the 1924-1925 catalogue is, "Toilets and shower baths are being put in for the girls." For the boys, still Chic Sale.

Sources: material, memories and interviews with Mrs. C.D. Forney, Sr., Mrs. Mary Lattimore, Mrs. Ada Turner Nevins, Mr. Charles H. Long, Mr. R.E. Price, Mr. J.H. Grigg, Mr. Hugh Covington, Mr. J.R. Davis and Mr. Charles D. Forney.

EARLY POST OFFICES OF CLEVELAND COUNTY

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The first Post Office in Cleveland County must have been Burrtown, a settlement on the Broad River in the vicinity of Quinn's (Later Ellis') Ferry. Streets were laid off, lots were sold in anticipation of establishing a town at the head of navigation on Broad River. We do not have dates of the establishment, or demise of Burrtown. It must have been of short duration: Burrtown was named in honor of Aaron Burr who de-famed himself in 1804 when he shot Alexander Hamilton in a duel. Hamilton died the next day after the duel.

The people of Burrtown felt that it would not be complementary to their town to bear the name of Burr; consequently the name was changed to Erwinville. Charles Ellis was one of the postmasters of Erwinville (1848). In 1894 this post office underwent another change of name, John P. Dellinger assumed postmastership, and the name of the office was changed to 'Dellinger.'

Another Post Office in Number One Township was Byarsville. The year of establishment is not available, but this office is shown on Kyzer's Map of Cleveland County, 1886. This office was discontinued in 1888 and mail was sent to Gaffney, South Carolina.

W.R. Harris was postmaster of Folger, N.C. in 1890. The year 1901 saw this office transferred to Cherokee County, S.C.

In 1902 Joseph A. McCraw was in charge of McCraw Post Office in Number one Township. With the closing of this office the patrons were placed on Rural Free Delivery from Gaffney.

Main Broad post office was maintained by Barron P. Caldwell. With the discontinuance of this office mail was sent to Cliffside in 1917.

The year 1854 saw John A. Nicholson operating a Post Office by the name of Nicholsonville on north side of Broad River in Number Two Township.

Joel F. Wood was postmaster of Waverly in Number Two Township. This office was changed to Rutherford County after 1886.

In 1894 Elijah B. Hamrick was postmaster of Metal, which later became Boiling Springs. Timmons G. Lee was a postmaster of Boiling

Springs at one time. This office has survived to present.

Lord Cornwallis' Letter

There could have been a post office in Number Three Township on Buffalo at the time of the Revolution: Lord Charles Cornwallis penned a letter to his officer friend Lord Francis Rowdin dating it: Buffalo Creek, North Carolina on January 21, 1781. The Archives lists Buffalo post office with John Roberts as Postmaster. Buffalo Paper Mill Post Office in Number Five Township never had a postmaster by that name.

Swangtown was established on 26 February 1841. Later usage dropped the 'Town' and it was known as Swang for a season. In 1892 this name was changed to Patterson Springs because of the renown of the mineral springs nearby. A Mr. Rufus Roberts was Postmaster. This office was closed in the 1960's.

Stice Shoals, on Broad River, was established in 1847, the name was changed to 'Stice' 1894. With changes in centers of population and coming of Rural Free Delivery, Stice was discontinued and patrons served from Shelby.

In the Pleasant Hill community, Durbro thrived under the postmastership of Martin W.D. Roberts during the 1880's. This office was discontinued in 1900, and patrons served by a Rural Route from Shelby.

On March 26, 1889 Earl Station Post Office was established on Southern Railroad south of Patterson Springs. In 1895 the name was changed to Earl. This office is still in existence.

During the 1890's John L. Crocker operated the Crocker Post Office in the Elbethel Community. Robert B. Dixon was postmaster of Crocker when it was discontinued and mail sent to Kings Mountain.

With shift in population Whitaker, South Carolina became Grover, North Carolina in 1885 honoring Grover Cleveland, who was president of the United States.

George Herndon kept the Post Office at White Plains in 1848. When the Main Line of Southern Railway was laid through that section in 1872, Mrs. James W. Tracey suggested the name Kings Mountain, commemorating the Battle, which was the turning-point of the Revolution. In 1889 James Brown was Postmaster.

Muddy Fork: On Main Post Road

Muddy Fork, North Carolina, must have been the oldest Post Office in Number Five Township. Muddy Fork was established on the Main Post Road running from Philadelphia to New Orleans. Muddy Fork was located in Lincoln County at that time. The Post Office was established on 20 February 1838, and changed to Cleveland County in 1841. It was closed by order of Federal Government just after the War between the States, on Dec. 11, 1866, and reestablished on Dec. 18, 1867. Muddy Fork Post Office was closed, Dec. 8, 1880.

About three years after the closing of the Muddy Fork Post Office, another post office was opened about two miles away, across Muddy Fork Creek: Fancy, established on June

7, 1883. Only two names are mentioned as postmasters of Fancy: Mr. F.M.A. Oates, and Miss Era Wolfe. It was closed in 1902.

On the 27th of October 1853 a post office was established at Buffalo Paper Mill, on Buffalo Creek near the present Dover Yarn Mill, at the head of John Henry Moss Lake. Mr. Lewis Gardner was first postmaster, he was one of the first commissioners of Cleveland County. This post office was discontinued from 1860 to 1868, and was closed in 1890. Mail was sent to Stubbs.

The Stubbs Post Office was established on June 12, 1888, when Colonel Seth Stubbs purchased the Spargo interests in the paper mill. Stubbs Post Office was discontinued February 28, 1911, and mail was sent to Shelby.

From Texas to Cleveland

An interesting circumstance is this: In the very nick of time George Washington Kendrick of the Capernaum Church community returned to his native Cleveland County from the Brazos River section of Texas. A railroad had been extended from Lincolnton to Buffalo Paper Mill, and people who lived in the Capernaum area were endeavoring to apply for a post office. Ramsey Crossing was highly considered as a proper name for the office, since a Mr. Ramsey owned much land along the track at this point. Kendrick had been enthralled with the beauty of the country along the Brazos and the thriving city of Waco. He suggested the name to the people. They liked it. Postal authorities in Washington accepted it.

On March 16, 1880 George Washington Kendrick was duly sworn in as Postmaster of Waco, North Carolina. Since Kendrick, fifteen others have served Waco Post Office during its one hundred two years.

The Shelby post office was established in 1856 with Joseph Carroll as postmaster. The City received its Charter of Incorporation 1875, the same year that the first passenger train came to Shelby.

The Sharon Community, in the vicinity of Shelby Air Port, had a Post Office in 1874. With the closing of this post office the people received their mail from Shelby and Boiling Springs.

On present day highway 226, George H. Simmons kept the Pearl Post Office in his home. And about the same time Wesley Beatty maintained the Beattyville office in the vicinity of Ora Mill.

On the two railroads west of Shelby, A.M. Lattimore named a post office for himself in the late 1880's. This office still exists. So does "Mooresborough" (later changed to Mooresboro). However Mooresboro is much older than Lattimore, dating back to 1819, and received its name in honor of one of the early settlers, Lemuel Moore.

Rehobeth Community, of Number Seven township, enjoyed the benefits of Autro Post Office under the management of Mr. Charles E. Washburn. While James L. Green presided over Depew (named for that famous senator of New York) in the Washburn Switch vicinity. And about the same time as the two foregoing post offices existed, William B. McSwain kept an office in his home, in Beaver Dam Church

Community, which he named for his small daughter, Darfer.

Duncan's Creek

Number Eight Township's Duncan Creek gloried in the benefit of a post office from 1829. With establishing of Cleveland-Rutherford County line, Duncan's Creek was found to be in Rutherford County. James McFarland was an early postmaster.

Other Post Offices of Number Eight Township: Camp Call dating back to pre-Cleveland County days — 1840. William Green, Postmaster.

Between Polkville and Casar we find the name Delight attached to an office of brief existence. Polkville was named for the President of the United States, James Knox Polk, with Joseph C. Lattimore, postmaster 1847. In 1866 this office underwent a name change, Andrew Johnson was then President. Later Polkville was resumed as a name, and this office closed in 1905 to reopen in 1939 under the administration of Mrs. Madge W. Lutz. Since that date Polkville has remained on the list of post offices. Going northwestward from Polkville we find Ola and a few miles further on same road New House under the dominion of Thomas B. DePriest.

Number Nine Township has enjoyed a birth of post offices: Beams Mill was about six miles north of Shelby on County Line Road — the dividing line between Lincoln and Rutherford Counties. A few miles on up, County Line Road intersected with the Lincoln-Rutherford Stage Coach Road. Here on 9 Feb. 1886 Webb Post Office was established with William Lacky in charge. Forty days later the Webb post office was changed to Fallston, on March 21, 1886.

Continuing northward on County Line Road (N.C. 18) Black Rock was established in 1875, Postmaster Edward Dixon. On June 12, 1882 this office had a change of name to Belwood. J.B. Ivey and Thad Ford are listed among the postmasters of Belwood. On March 3, 1954 Belwood closed. Just after the turn of the century Fredrick Weaver, and later Summie Gantt acted as postmasters of Rockdale, east of Belwood, on Buffalo Creek, near a rock quarry on a hillside overlooking the dam which supplied the power to operate the corn and wheat mill which was housed in a vine-covered two-story frame building.

Gardner's Ford: 1833

On the western side of Number Nine Township was the First Broad River, with Post Offices at Cleveland Mill — later to become Lawndale. John F. Schenck became first postmaster of Lawndale, 1903. Gardner's Ford established on Broad River on 2 February 1933, Postmaster Henry Schenck. It is believed that Gardner's Ford later became Double Shoals (established 1854 — discontinued 1900).

Continuing north, on County Line Road we come to Toluca, established 1887, and transferred to Lincoln County a few years later.

Just west of County Line Road, in this area: Knob Creek, a thriving post office for many years, established 1856 and administered by

James E. Osborn. Knob Creek was in Number Ten Township along with Pasco, 1897 Postmaster Winehart Sane — later Hugh Peeler. Thomas F. Horton held the position of Postmaster of Shade. This office closed in 1900 and mail was sent to Knob Creek.

In the northwest corner of Kyzer's 1886 Map of Cleveland County the Post Office Point was center for mail during the 1880's. Lark, and Holly Bush (changed to Hollybush), Hodge, and two or three other Post Offices were located in Number 11 Township; all short-lived, and with their discontinuance the mail was sent to Casar.

In 1890 a post office was established in Number 11 Township known as "Race Path." This name was changed four years later to Casar.

National Archives List

The National Archives list a number of post offices whose location is not immediately available: Birchettsville 1840, Postmaster Drury Burchett; Pierceville 1854 (Franklin Pierce was President of U.S. at that time) John L. Gladden Postmaster; Clingman, 10 October 1853, Postmaster Thomas Ware; Neal; Humid, 17 November 1903, John T. Wells postmaster; Willis 1904 — discontinued 1905, David Willis postmaster; Milligan, postmaster Joseph A. Camp; Bead, postmaster Peter S. Gettys; Love, Joy; Cabot, postmaster Carmie Hodges; Kossie, postmaster Martha E. Brown; Crocker; Petersburg; Zite (Short for Monazite, a mineral mixed exclusively and extensively in Cleveland County just after the turn of the century) Jesse C. Crow was postmaster of Zite in 1902.

Of the more than seventy-five post offices mentioned only eleven have survived. With rural deliveries from most of these post offices the people of Cleveland County are served far better just now than at any time in history.

Sources: National Archives, Personal research.

— George M. Murray

OLD FIELD SCHOOL

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Old Field School, located at Capernaum near Waco in Cleveland County, is probably the oldest school in this section.

William Andrew Mauney attended the school. He was born December 18, 1841. The Capernaum Church was organized in 1842.

Sources: Three Mauney families, Cleveland County Library.

— Barabara Miller Limerick Beattie

TOWN OF PATTERSON SPRINGS

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People traveling south from Shelby in the 1800's looking for the healing waters of Epps Springs, would get off the train at Swangs, North Carolina. There, a horse drawn buggy would transport them 1½ miles to a large boarding house and hotel named Epps Springs



Patterson Springs Town Hall & Councilmen: L to R: Donald Rhom-Mayor, James Hollifield, Randolph Biggers, J. Paul Hamrick, Cleopatra Latham. Picture taken 1980.

Resort. Later these springs and facilities were purchased by Mr. W. G. Patterson.

The Southern Railroad was responsible for the renaming of Swangs, North Carolina to Patterson Springs, North Carolina, due to the confusion in those days of people not being able to associate Swangs with Patterson Springs. So Southern Railroad petitioned the Post Office Department in Washington, D.C. to change the name of the post office from Swangs to Patterson Springs, and federal officials agreed. The town Patterson Springs was born.

Earlier the area had been settled by the Roberts, Lowery, Hardins, Harringtons and Pattersons. W. G. Patterson first settled in the area of what is now Zoar Church Community, he later purchased the land and mineral springs with the hope that the mineral waters would help one of his sons named Billy, who was sickly.

Epps Springs Purchased

Epps Springs, as it was known, was purchased by Patterson about the time of the Civil War. News of the supposed healing powers of the waters at Patterson Springs soon spread throughout the territory and W. G. Patterson, taking advantage of an opportunity, erected a large thirty to forty room boarding house to serve travelers from North and South Carolina and Georgia. This offered bowling as an outdoor recreational facility of the day. But most people came for the main attraction, the sulphur water. The Patterson family sold the resort around the turn of the century, and it was later used for a children's home.

Very little information can be found concerning the early history of Patterson Springs. There is evidence of Indians living there at one time due to the numerous arrowheads that

have been found. People probably started settling the area before 1830.

Cotton: The Money Crop

Cotton was the money crop of the area as it was of other areas of the county with cotton gins located near the railroad tracks that ran nearby. There is very little farming now, most of the farm land is taken up by private dwellings. Replacing the farming are small industries including a weaving mill which weaves horse blankets and an auto supply wholesale company. The oldest store that remained until 1980 (Lowery's Grocery) was replaced by a modern convenience store. Also included is a firm that manufactures portable, temporary facilities for the banking industry and a machine shop.

In the 1900's, Ruff Roberts owned the biggest part of Patterson Springs, and donated the land where Patterson Springs Baptist Church now stands. As was other churches in the area, it was originally built as a brush arbor and was first called Little Mission Church. This was replaced by a brick structure in the 1920's and rebuilt to its present size in the 1960's. Another church that served the people of the area in the 1800's as well as today is Sulphur Springs Methodist Church, located a few hundred yards from the site of the original sulphur springs and hotel.

A private school was operated a number of years in Patterson Springs, prior to the turn of the century, by Robert Gidney. The private one-teacher school was a subscription school with parents paying tuition for their children to attend several months of the year.

First Public School

Patterson Springs School, the first public school in the area, was built in 1924 through

the efforts of a district bond election. The school first housed eleven grades, with maybe only five or six students in the upper grades. Later, Number Three High School was built a short distance from Patterson Springs and the Patterson Springs School was reduced to six grades. The schools remained this way until county consolidation of schools. At that time Patterson Springs was closed and sold at public auction. This building is now the location of Fox Mountain Weavers.

In 1974 an election was held in Patterson Springs. This election was to determine if Patterson Springs should be incorporated into a town. The measure passed, and along with Patterson Springs becoming a town, five town councilmen were elected and the boundaries of the town were set at a one-half mile radius from the intersection of Highway 226 and 180. The population at that time was 630, the population in 1981 had grown to 740 due to annexations and new buildings.

Edwin A. Patterson was selected by the first town council, he became Patterson Springs first Mayor, Donald F. Rhom was named Mayor Protem, Clarence Smith the Town Clerk, Hugh Dillingham the Treasurer, and Paul Hamrick as the other councilman.

During the first four years of the town, street lights were installed, a garbage service was started, land was purchased and a townhall was erected. The first meetings of the town council were held in a room of Edwin Patterson's utility building before the townhall was built. Later a picnic area and grills were constructed on the townhall grounds.

Subsequent election changed the makeup of the town council, electing Ms. Cleopatra Latham, James Holifield and Randolph Biggers. At the July 1981 meeting Randolph Biggers resigned due to health reasons and Edwin Patterson was appointed to the council by the other members to fulfill Biggers unexpired term.

Sources: Records & personal knowledge.

— Donald F. Rhom
Mayor of Patterson Springs

weather-boarding. In this case the clapboard, added as an improvement, served to preserve the structure. Old timers and authorities on such were amazed that rafters, sills, and logs were in such good condition.

This old house conforms to the prevailing custom and style of architecture for its time. It is typical in that it has four rooms, two separated by a partition of clear heart-wood forest pine with planks measuring seventeen to twenty-three inches in width.

The loft above is reached by a very narrow stairway forming a near ninety degree angle at midpoint where all but the smallest visitor must duck to avoid rapping his head. Underneath the stairway is a small closet. The present kitchen is located in the shed-like room added to the back by early residents.

During renovation doors were repaired but the original blacksmith forged hinges remain. The "cat-hole" was retained. A protective coating was applied to both outside and inside logs and walls, and floors of forest pine boards were refinished. A porch was added across the front. The building was wired for electric heat, modern appliances and plumbing was added, and mortar was used to replace the mud between the logs.

At the time of restoration the loft housed an antique hand-operated loom. Weaving patterns drawn by Robert Poston in 1848 show that the loom is more than one hundred thirty years old. His signed designs include "Flower of America", "Pine Bur", "Snowball", and others. Handmade quilts with home-spun linings, and coverlets woven on the instrument are treasured by descendants, and give evidence of the industry of Poston occupants. They are a tribute to the precision of the designer and to the weaver. The loom has been donated to Cleveland County Historical Museum, fully restored, and used for occasional demonstrations by artisans today.

Records, many tattered with age, salvaged from the old house include family letters, love letters, State Grants, wills, deeds, tax receipts as early as 1763, and birth and death records

of many of the children born in this house. There are birth records of children of a Jonathan and Mary Poston. He must have been the grandson of Jonathan Poston, emigrant from England to America in 1703.

The first known generation to live here was Samuel and Rachel King Poston (Samuel, son of above named Jonathan and Mary). To this union was born six children, one of which, John born 1797 died 1863 inherited, by destination of his fathers will, the homeplace. He married Mable Patterson who was left a widow right in the middle of the War Between the States. Her loyalty to the Confederate cause is evidenced by the original Confederate Bonds among her papers.

John and Mable had nine children. One son, Daniel born 1822 married Margaret Ann Weathers, grand-daughter of William Weathers in whose home was held the first session of Cleveland County Court, 1841. Both Mrs. Mildred Gee, who has done extensive Poston research, and Mrs. Madge Harris, present owner of the Poston log house, are descendants of Daniel and Margaret Ann Weathers Poston.

The Poston Family Cemetery is close by the old log house, and unmarked graves indicate that Postons were buried there before the earliest dated tombstones. There are no graves marked for them, but it is believed that Samuel and Rachel King Poston are buried there since dated markers pay tribute to their son John, and wife Mable and their descendants. Daniel, son of John and Mable was among the last Postons buried there. A Poston descendants project has been to preserve the cemetery by pouring a slab of cement over the entire area.

Samuel's great-great grand-daughter shows the old log house by appointment, and the unique structure stands as a monument to the ingenuity of pioneers of our great county, Cleveland.

Sources: Original Poston papers and documents, Deed, Probate, Census, Birth, Marriage and Death records.

— Madge Harris

THE POSTON LOG HOUSE

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The hand-hewn log house on Highway 226, North, Shelby has been in the Poston family for many generations, and is older than Cleveland County itself. The present owner, a Poston descendant became interested in restoring the building when a summer storm necessitated repairing the roof. In order to provide greater accessibility, Beam House Movers from Cherryville, North Carolina was employed to move the building some one hundred yards from its original site.

As work progressed, it developed into restoring certain areas and renovating others. The exterior clapboard, and some interior, was removed exposing carefully notched hand-hewn logs measuring twenty-six feet and fitting firmly into place. Wooden pegs held the rafters in place and clay filled the cracks.

Historians indicate that as status improved early settlers often camouflaged log houses by



Patterson Spring Depot in the late 1920's when Uncle Bill Wilson was the Station Master.



Poston Log House

THE HISTORY OF ROCKDALE 33

We could scarcely write anything about the history of Rockdale without giving credit and space to Noah Hoyle (1804-1875) since he was its beginning. He purchased a large body of land and built a large and fine home on it. It was the first structure ever built in this community that he named Buffalo Shoals, but when a post office was put there the name was changed to Needmore. The post office closed after Rural Free Delivery was established, then the name was changed to Rockdale.

The home that Noah Hoyle built and moved his family into in 1832 stood some 300 yards east of Buffalo Shoals. He raised a large and prominent family of children.

Mr. Hoyle was never involved in the industry that thrived here at one time, but he had vast holdings of farmland that he eventually parcelled out to his children. From this plantation came the Horace Thompson farm now owned by Lottie Gantt; the Lem London farm now owned by the Orvil Davis heirs; the thriving mica mine; the John C. Gantt farm now owned by the children of Connie Gantt Dellinger; the North Gantt farm now owned by Fay Gantt Propst; the W. B. Hoyle farm (Uncle Billy) now owned by the Theodore Warlick heirs; the Lemuel Hoyle farm now owned by Lloyd Boggs; the John London land now owned by Iva London Cuthbertson and her husband Leslie, plus all the land comprising Rockdale.

40 Slaves Freed

Noah Hoyle inherited 40 slaves and gave them their freedom in 1847, some fifteen years before the great struggle between the North and the South over the question of slavery.

Noah Hoyle was the great grandson of Peter (Heil) Hoyle who came to America in 1738. He bought land and settled near Dallas, North Carolina.

The Rockdale spring was one of the most famous springs in this country. It furnished the water for all the immediate families and the various industries there. The publicity of the spring was known far and wide.

Back in the early days one of the main thoroughfares from regions of Newton and Hickory to Shelby passed through Rockdale. Many travelers would stop here to refresh himself with the clear cool water and water his stock at

shoals. The scene of the spring could have been called a small park where many family reunions and picnics were held. The nearby millpond was the community swimming pool.

This section of the county known as "The Rockdale Community" throughout this century is located in the northeastern section of Cleveland County near Buffalo Creek was once a thriving community consisting of a couple stores, post office, school, gristmill, harness shop, tan yard, bark house, rock quarry, concrete plant, mica mine and others. Plenty of work was available throughout the year for anyone looking for a job.

The first store was operated by Summie Gantt in the early 1900's, later operated by Hoover Pendleton. The gristmill was built by Billy Hoyle, son of Noah Hoyle the first settler known here. He built a large home in 1831-32. Owned 40 slaves and freed them in 1855.

Owners and operators of the water-ground corn mill has changed hands a number of times. For a number of years John M. London and T. P. Jenks owned and operated this mill before their deaths. They installed a hammer mill, also a flour mill.

The water supply down Buffalo Creek was not sufficient to furnish enough power so large motors were bought to supply the needed power. People came from all over Cleveland and surrounding counties to have water-ground corn meal, a treat for the table is sad to say we don't have today.

The Harness and Collar shop was built and operated by Lem Hoyle, shoes were also made there. The rock quarry was operated by Rom, Joe and Bill Upton. Several stone chimney and the large dam across Buffalo Creek still stand as a memorial to the beautiful but hard work these people did.

The one-room school house where school was held from 1914 to 1923. Teachers who taught there were Annie Laura McBrayer, Mildred Allen, Addie Elam and Annie Mae Hunt. M. N. Gantt and John M. London were the school committeemen and the teachers boarded in their homes. In 1924 the school was closed. Everyone had to walk approximately 3½ miles to the old Belwood School. In 1926-27 the new school house known as Belwood High was moved into. Along with the new school, buses were available for the children to ride.

The tan yard is not visible now but is still located just at the back of the mill. Beef hides were brought there to later be made into harness, collars, shoes, etc. From 1934 to 1948 the John M. London family owned and operated a grocery store and service station. Mica Mining also provided lots of people with jobs for a number of years.

John M. London and M. N. Gantt operated a concrete plant 12 months out of the year. This also gave jobs to lots of people. They made 24" tile that was used for wells. 16" tile were sold to the state for water lines where new roads were built. Lots of concrete block buildings remain standing today made by these men. The concrete was mixed by hand and work this hard would not be done by people today because of modern machinery, but plenty of willing workers were available whenever you

needed them.

It's sad to say this once thriving community is all in the past but the few of us who remain have precious memories of what a wonderful place it has been to live where neighbors are neighbors, and friends are friends.

Sources: Research and personal knowledge.

— Iva London Cuthbertson

CONSOLIDATION OF THE UNION SCHOOL (1920)

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The consolidation of rural schools began in the State of Massachusetts almost a half century ago. A good illustration is a consolidated school in Cleveland County about ten miles northwest of Shelby. The consolidated school in this section served the educational purposes that were formerly served by four country schools of the old type.

The schools consolidated in 1920 were Union, Grassy Branch, Round Hill and Rehobeth. As for merely organized, Union was the only school among the four which was legally entitled to the services of more than one teacher and this school, while a large one of old district type could not be handled by three teachers in such a way as to give each pupil and class the proper amount of attention. Conditions were even worse in the other three schools where one teacher was expected to instruct the pupils in seven different grades.

The old rural educational system became unsatisfactory to a number of the progressive patrons of these schools. The teachers, while conscientious in the performances of their duties, could not cope with existing conditions that were unfavorable to both pupil and teacher. The daily schedules of the teachers were so over-crowded with hearing so many classes recite that it was absolutely impossible for any teacher to do thorough work or for the pupils, either individually or collectively.

It was decided to retain the Union school and consolidate the other three schools with it. Additional class rooms were provided for incoming pupils and trucks were bought to furnish transportation for those whose homes were some distance from the school. In addition to these arrangements, the school authorities were permitted to use the Masonic Hall over the school building for a class room; and ample space was provided for all the pupils in a make-shift way which was to be only temporary. Two school trucks were purchased for transportation purposes, and an experiment with a consolidated school was begun which promised to revolutionize rural education in upper Cleveland.

The advocates of consolidation had faith that their plan would prove practicable, and that it would serve the two-fold purpose of improving both social and educational conditions.

Some 263 Students

In summary, the following occurred: The average daily attendance was increased and interest stimulated in the children to attend

school. The enrollment was large considering the fact that there were three standard high schools within ten miles of Union. Despite the proximity of Piedmont, Shelby and Boiling Springs high schools and of an epidemic of influenza and scarlet fever, there was an enrollment in 1920 of 263 out of a possible 325 which was excellent for the existing conditions.

Transportation by trucks prevented loitering and caused pupils to form habits of punctuality by meeting the trucks on schedule time at the appointed "stops". Tardiness was largely eliminated and the percentages of absences was also reduced.

Another advantage of the new system of transportation was that the general health of the pupils was better when transported in trucks. Before, the students were exposed to all kinds of bad weather while going to and coming from school. During the winter season they often walked through mud and sometimes were drenched with rain and frequently faced the biting cold of mid-winter. Now they had less risk of taking colds, or contracting pneumonia and arrived at the school building dry and warm each day.

The care and attention the pupils received in the trucks is also important. When pupils were by themselves quarreling and fighting and the use of bad language often occurred. When transported in trucks they were in the care of the driver who prevented such things from happening. Transportation by trucks in the winter also required good roads which increased the value of real estate. This helped to break up the isolation that exists in the rural communities.

School Brought People

The consolidated school brought a better class of tenants to the community. Ambitious tenants who wanted their children to enjoy the very best educational opportunities possible, were attracted to the community by the superior advantages found in the consolidated school with its strong faculty, higher curriculum and excellent transportation facilities.

Consolidation made school administration more efficient. There was less friction in a large, well organized school than in a one-teacher school and better grading and classification of pupils was made possible. The classes were large enough to stimulate enthusiasm and pupils could be placed where they could work to the best possible advantage.

The number of grades each teacher must handle was decidedly fewer than was customary under the old district system. Nine grades were taught in the Union consolidated school and a faculty of eight teachers was employed which gave almost every grade a separate teacher. This enabled people in the rural community to give their children the same educational advantages enjoyed by town children.

Since consolidation was affected, the curriculum had been raised. Only seven grades were taught at Union before consolidation, but two grades were added since that time. Now it is possible to introduce classes on agriculture, domestic science, and manual training.

"Grasshopper" Teachers

More efficient teachers and more thorough instruction was another advantage made possible by consolidation. Union school had a faculty of eight first-class teachers. Consolidation largely eliminated the so called "grasshopper" teacher of the past who migrated from one district to another each succeeding winter. So instead of passing the teacher from one small school to another so she could be retained, the pupils are passed from grade to grade.

Clubs were organized at Union school and a community fair was held each fall. Products exhibited at these fairs have won premiums at Gaston County fairs and at the state fair in Raleigh. Large numbers of pupils permits the organization of group games. Athletics is a part of school life and a "winning team" is the pride of every school. This is not possible in the little district schools.

Rural consolidation of schools eliminated a number of school officials and from sixty-five to eighty percent of the rural trustees of schools were not needed. The only disadvantages resulted from consolidation at Union was the cost of transportation and the necessity of pupils being ready early in the morning to board the truck when it arrived to take them to school. The two trucks used for transportation cost \$3,110 plus some expense attached to running them daily. However, these slight disadvantages do not offset the numerous benefits of consolidation and would not justify the patrons of the Union school in abandoning the plan that has been conceived and executed for rural advancement.

Sources: Personal research and knowledge.

— Wm. White

A HISTORY OF SHARON SCHOOL

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In the early 1800's some people in Sharon community felt the need for a school, so they established the Sharon School. The first school that some people remember was built

about halfway between the L.L. Smith old homeplace where the old dirt road crossed Meadow Branch at what is now Highway 150W. It was a one room school with a pot bellied stove for heat. One student remembers she started school there about 1895.

One teacher, Mr. Balfer, was described as being hump-shouldered, but he was a real artist. He could make any animal, even an elephant, seem to come alive on the board. Mr. Eure Smith was his assistant. John Hamrick, another teacher, had a student take some rags and hold a hot stovepipe as punishment for having misbehaved. I don't know how many grades were taught.

Other teachers, named at random, were Doc McSwain, Francis Shufford, Docia Falls, Mae Warlick, and a Mr. Black who wore a frock tail coat. One Christmas Mr. Black told the students he was not going to "treat". The students threatened to baptize him if he failed to treat. It ended by Mr. Black being chased to Meadow Branch where he fell into the water.

Some of the families whose children attended this first school were the Smiths, Moreheads, Hesters, Turners, Ledbetters, Harrills, Blantons, Dodds and I'm sure many others.

A Second School

A second school was built behind Sharon Methodist Church soon after 1900. One former student said it was already built in 1906 when he started school. This was a two room, wooden building with an upstairs where the Masons, Odd Fellows and Red Men held their secret meeting. These organizations may have helped to build the school. Years later when the Sharon Home Demonstration Club was organized, it also met upstairs. Mrs. Wallace and Miss Sutton were two of the Club's early leaders.

Some of the teachers at this new location were Minnie Blanton, Lawton Blanton, Peyton McSwain, Willie Packard, Gladys Howard, Kate Tucker and Ed Shuford. Those who had to board in the community stayed at the D. D. Dodd's or C. M. Ledbetter's. Other deceased teachers were A. Hamrick, E. Dalton, M.



The Sharon School in 1925.

McCoy, S. Baker, Rev. and Mrs. J. Walker, M. Neal, M. Kennedy, H. Dover, L. Davidson and J. Sue Campbell. Some teachers still living are V. Dixon, L. Hamrick, M. Shytle, I. Stockton, L. Patrick, F. McGinnis, A. Hamrick and J. Queen and Horace Grigg.

Grades one to seven were taught in this two room school. Grades 1-3 met in the "little room" and grades 4-7 met in the "big room". The teacher of the upper grades was usually the principal. Double desks were used, thus two students sat together.

In the "big room" was a stage, 10 inches high, on which was a recitation bench where a class would sit to recite their lessons.

Students Are Janitors

There was no janitor, so the students took turns sweeping, dusting, washing boards, bringing in wood for fire, bringing water from a nearby spring for drinking and washing hands. Since there was no indoor plumbing facilities, the students had to use outdoor toilets.

The favorite part of the day for students was recess, when they played baseball using a plank for a bat and a homemade thread ball. They also enjoyed tag, stink base, seesaws, jump rope, red rover, drop the handkerchief and Farmer in the Dell.

Sharon community was a farming community, so school was held about 4½ months in the winter and 6 to 8 weeks in the summer.

Drastic changes came in 1936 when Sharon, Shanghai and Beaver Dam schools consolidated to become Shanghai School. The old Sharon school building was torn down soon after consolidation.

Sources: Former students Josie Morehead, Sam Smith, J. F. Dodd, and Jap Ledbetter, from a student Doris Padgett who wrote a paper on Sharon School, and my own knowledge.

— Johnnie M. Queen

A SALE OF SLAVES IN CLEVELAND BEFORE CIVIL WAR DAYS

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The charm and flavor of the Old South as it existed in the days before the War Between the States was manifest recently by Mrs. Margaret Irvin Gold, of the Zion community, when she produced (some years ago) a battered yellow paper that held an original record of the sale of negro slaves. The old "sale papers" reeks with the humor and quaintness of a century ago, and symbolizes the past of pioneers and colorful traditions of which Cleveland county is definitely a part.

Written with the flourish of an old-fashioned pen, this caption heads the list of "items" on the record of sales: "A List of the Property Sold by the Administrators of Christopher Beam, deceased, September the 6 day, 1849."

In the days of the looms, spinning wheels, hogsheads, sixpences, and shillings the negro slaves was evidently the farmers' most valuable property, for the negro sales at the Beam place were termed as follows:

1 negro boy named Jo — \$673.00, bought by John S. Ford.

1 negro boy named Jess — \$736.00 bought by William Wesson.

1 negro boy named Henry — \$208.00 bought by M. E. Goode.

1 negro boy named Jack — \$600.00 bought by A. R. Holmsly.

1 negro woman named Sarah — \$205.00 bought by Lemuel Murray.

1 negro woman named Feby — \$546.00 bought by the widow.

1 negro woman named Rose — \$1.00 bought by the widow.

Mrs. Gold explained that "Rose" was to be a gift to the widow, but law prohibited Mrs. Beam receiving the negro without a legal purchase — thus the one dollar price.

The Christopher Beam homestead was located on Harris Creek, about two miles northwest of Zion Church. The property is now owned by Elijah Bowens. Mrs. Gold, who has possession of the sale paper is the granddaughter of the late Christopher Beam and widow of the late Frank P. Gold.

Some of the customers and their striking purchases listed among the sales were:

A. G. Weathers, 1 cow (white), 5.87 1-2.

Francis Lattimore, res cow, 4.00.

Price McIntyre, red heifer, 4.50.

A. M. Cabaniss, 3 sheep at 62 1-2¢ each.

James Philbeck, 1 sorrell filly, 30.25.

M. L. Williamson, 1 sorrell mare, 16.05.

Simon H. Eskridge, 3 hogs, 1.80¢, each.

Channeller London, 1 plow, 5¢.

Channeller London, 3 hoes and mattock, 5¢.

William Poston, hames and collarx, 25¢.

A. Jackson Elliott, 2 beef hides, 2.00.

Peter Beam, cotton gin, 11.00.

William Covington, saddle, 31 1-2.

Gilbert Green, 1 gun, .50.

Joseph Suttle, 1 table .85.

David Beam, lot of sundries, 10¢

L. J. Grigg, 1 set of blacksmith tools, 21.50.

Martin H. Green, 1 hogshead, .38.

William Chitwood, 1 table .70.

Nelson Crowder, Flaxwheel, 1.50.

Widow, 1 reel, .25.

Widow, 1 spinning wheel, 30.

Henry Powell, 1 cask, .50.

P. Warlick, Steelyards, 1.50.

Widow, 6 chairs, 12 1-2¢ each.

Martin H. Green, tar bucket, .15.

Many individuals were not able to pay for their articles immediately as was indicated by the work "note"-or "paid" by their names. The late Ancil J. Irvin was administrator of the Beam property.

Although Mr. Beam died before her birth, Mrs. Gold vividly recalls her visits to her grandfather's homeplace. The two-story house she said, was constructed of logs, and the partition downstairs afforded two rooms. This building was traditionally known as the "Big House" and the kitchen, in which the family ate, was built separately.

A "Good Dark Cellar"

Mrs. Gold remembered most clearly the "good dark cellar" in which was stored an abundance of honey, dried fruit, peanuts, apples, meat, lard, and barrels of sour kraut. Asked if the cellar contained any strong spirited drink, Mrs. Gold smilingly replied, "I don't know about that; they didn't show it to us children."

The older residents of the county, Mrs. Gold pointed out, will recall hearing of "Christy" Beam and his negro slaves threshing wheat for the community with a primitive groundhog thresher.

Mrs. Gold added that the negro slaves took the surnames of their masters, regardless of the times they were transferred.

According to Mrs. Gold, Christopher Beam reared ten children, five sons and five daughters.



The 1929 Shelby High School State Championship Baseball Team: Front row, L to R: Frank Harrelson, Doane Hulick, Jr., Palmer McSwain, Carl Queen, Guy Bridges. Second row, L to R: Thurston Bumgardner, Hal Farris, Marshall "Lefty" Moore, Milton Gold, Sherrill Hamrick, Clay "Mud" Poston, Cline Owen Lee. Third row, L to R: Allen Suttle, Charles Switzer, (unidentified), Sam Dayberry, (unidentified), Manager Ralph Gardner, Coach Casey Morris.

ters. He was married to Margaret Gordon, member of another pioneer Cleveland family.

After conversing a while concerning the sale paper and its origin, Mrs. Gold remarked that she was ten years old at the outbreak of the Civil War. She saw four brothers, James, John, Amos, and "Abe", enter Confederate service. Only James and "Abe" returned. "The Yankees never plundered our home," Mrs. Gold said, "but my father became so alarmed that he hid his horses in the woods back of the G. P. Irvin place. He also hid our best feather bedding and bed linen in the shuck pen."

Mrs. Gold, in spite of her 86 years possesses a remarkable memory and recalls with amazing accuracy dates and events that she has either experienced or heard related. She evidences a thrill at reviewing the past, not with sentiment or bitterness, but with a keen eye to progress.

— Lucille Gold,
and Mary Gordon Elliott

TELEPHONES IN CLEVELAND COUNTY and BOILING SPRINGS

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According to history records, the first telephone came to Cleveland county around 1890.

A group of farmers organized the county's first telephone exchange at Delight, north of Polkville. This was followed by other exchanges at Lawndale, Toluca, Fallston and Polkville.

People just couldn't believe their ears and they would gather to see those new-fangled things work. They were amazed when they heard a voice on the other end of the line, ten miles away. Soon telephones were in many homes in the county.

According to records, the first phones in Cleveland County were installed only twelve years after the first telephone exchange in the world was set up in New Haven, Connecticut. This was on New Year's Day in 1878.

Just after the turn of the century mutually owned cooperative exchanges were established at Lattimore, Boiling Springs, and some other neighboring towns. A small fee was charged for connecting on to the system. This money was used to pay the operators who operated the switchboard in their homes. The early telephones hung on the wall and were activated by a quick turn of the crank.

These phones contained zinc batteries inside the phone box. When the batteries gave out completely, you had to have new ones put in. Some of the phones had two big zinc batteries and some had three batteries.

The first phones were installed in Boiling Springs in 1902 or 1903. The first switchboard was put into the home of R. H. Green Sr. on North Main Street. His daughter Hannah was the first switchboard operator in Boiling Springs.

The Party Line Plan

When the first phones came around they

had party lines; some lines had six families on them, and each phone had a different ring. When the phone rang everyone on that line could listen if they wanted to. If you called someone that wasn't on your line, you had to call the operator and let her call for you. If you wanted to call anyone in Shelby, you had to call the operator at Boiling Springs and she had to call Sharon and the Sharon operator had to call Shelby for you.

Hannah kept the switchboard as long as she was able. Her neice Mrs. Addie Mae Green widow of Plato Green, was the next switchboard operator. The switchboard was moved to her home on North Main Street, not far from Miss Hannah's home. Mrs. Green was operator for thirteen years. Then the switchboard closed in 1932. After the switchboard closed a few of the business firms and the doctors kept their lines from Lattimore.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company bought the Piedmont Telephone Company on January 1, 1927.

Early in the 1950's Southern Bell put in its new Lattimore exchange dial service. When Boiling Springs got telephones, Cleveland County became North Carolina's best telephone county. Congressman Woodrow Jones made it an occasion to call for re-dedication to the American system of free enterprise, which he said developed the nation's great communication system. With addition of the new exchange, Southern Bell connections in Cleveland County crossed the 10,000 mark.

The Boiling Springs progressive club sponsored the program in appreciation to Southern Bell and others who helped arrange that civic improvement which was termed one of the greatest advances of rural Cleveland.

Mr. Ladd W. Hamrick acted as toastmaster for this affair. Several people made short talks. The Shelby High School Band furnished music. After the program the progressive club had a barbecue in the old Gardner-Webb College Rock gymnasium. Everybody was invited.

After the Bell Telephone Company cut in its new Lattimore exchange, the first hour witnessed 3,518 calls completed, and 1,733 just couldn't be handled by the equipment. The second hour found 4,023 getting connections while 1,792 were rejected by automatic equipment that could handle no more until connections were cleared.

The most significant improvement of late is the direct dialing system which enables telephone users to dial a station to station long distance without having to go through the operator.

Sources: personal experience and memory.

— Ollie Connie Green

A BRIEF HISTORY OF WACO

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The railroad came to this section just after the war between the states. Trains turned at Buffalo Paper Mill, near the present Dover Yarn Mill on Buffalo Creek, for several years before reaching Shelby in 1875. This railroad stop was originally known as "Ramsey Crossing" after a Joe Ramsey who owned much of

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the land south of the railroad in this area.

In 1879 a movement was started to establish a post office. While the movement was at its height, a young man in his twenties who was born and reared in this section — George Washington Kendrick — returned from a few years in the Brazos River area of Texas. He suggested the name "Waco" after the city of the same name on the Brazos in Texas.

(Waco, Texas got its name from the civilized Indian tribe, the Huacos, who had a fortified village at the site of Waco, Texas. These Indians all died of an epidemic in the 1820's — just before Anglo-Saxon settlement of the area.)

The people liked the sound of the name "Waco" and accepted it as the name of the town. In 1880 Kendrick was sworn in as the first Postmaster of Waco.

Solicitation was made for funds in 1883 to build a local school. The first school building was erected just about where the present school is located. Over the years the school has run its gamut: two teachers, three teachers, high school with fourteen teachers, and dwindling back to elementary school.

A motion was made at Capernaum Baptist Church, located a couple miles south on the old Post Road between Statesville and Spartanburg, that "We move our church to Waco." The original lot was purchased from Dr. N.A. Goode. Religious services were moved to Waco Academy in 1886. It is not known exactly when the building was occupied on the present site of Waco Baptist Church.

The Presbyterian church was erected in 1890 and services were held for nearly 30 years, but the Presbyterian movement did not meet the expectation of the Synod. In 1919 the membership was urged to transfer to Cherryville and the church property was sold.

The town of Waco was "Incorporated" in 1907 with a Mayor and Aldermen. A town Calaboose (jail) was erected — the only building the town has ever owned. Although it has required repair once, it is still standing behind the present Town Hall towards the Post Office. (If trouble is found identifying it for lack of bars on the windows — there are no windows, it is the unpainted wooden structure).

In her hey-day Waco boasted of five or six stores. Farmers came as far as from twenty miles away to sell their products and purchase fertilizer, furniture, clothing, and food items which could not be produced at home. Doctors, lawyers, ministers, missionaries, teachers, nurses, business men in all walks of

life have been produced in Waco.

— George M. Murray

JOHN WELLS HOME, BUILT 1780

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The home of John Wells, pioneer, and Revolutionary soldier, now covered with boarding, was built of hand-hewn logs in 1780. His marker in the Wells cemetery located nearby bears the following inscription:

"In memory of
John Wells
who departed this life
March the 4, 1819
aged 78 years."

The home and cemetery are located about four miles south of Kings Mountain in the Dixon community in the southeast section of Cleveland County. From the house, the site of the Battle of Kings Mountain can be seen.

— Cecil Foy Wells



Home of John Wells, pioneer & Revolutionary soldier. This is the oldest occupied house in Cleveland County, built in 1780 of logs.

BOYCE MEMORIAL ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

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Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church is the oldest church in Kings Mountain. The church and the town were both organized in 1876. However, the history of the local church goes back to the 1800's, during which time they worshipped at the Pisgah A. R. P. Church.

At that time it was located between Kings Mountain and Crowders Mountain, a short distance east of the I-85/74 bridge. The Pisgah congregation wanted to build a new church where the present church is now located, but the Kings Mountain A.R.P.'s didn't favor this because of the distance. Presbytery gave permission for the separation of the two groups and Mt. Nebo A. R. P. Church was formed in 1856 about two miles northwest of Kings Mountain on the east side of Waco Road, about 150 yards north of Nebo Creek.

There is a cemetery with markers showing the following graves: James M. Dickey, Thomas A. Dickey, Louis A. Falls, J. Gantt, Jonathan J. Hays, I. D. Falls, Martha J. Dickey.

The sessional records show that the congregation had 69 members in 1856. They worshipped there until 1876, when the group was split again and one part formed Bethel Church five miles north of Kings Mountain. The remaining members built a frame structure at a cost of \$700.00 in the town in the Gaston Street area. Rev. J. M. McClain was pastor.

This first building was replaced by a modern brick stucco church at a cost of \$4,000.00 and was located on the corner of Piedmont and King Street. It was dedicated on October 30, 1898 as Boyce Memorial in honor of the first pastor, the Rev. E. E. Boyce. The first elders were: W. O. Ware, I. B. Falls, W. B. Weir, J. T. McGill, W. W. White and Capt. Freno Dilling. A large and comfortable parsonage was also

built at this time, costing \$1,500.00. In 1925 a brick Sabbath School building was added to the back of the church.

The congregation worshipped at this location until early 1961 when the property was sold to the Catholics and an educational building and fellowship hall was built on Edgemont Drive. The ground breaking was on October 1, 1961 and dedication was June, 1962. Worship was held in the fellowship hall until the present sanctuary was built. The ground breaking for present sanctuary was May, 1974 and the dedication was in October, 1974.

The support of missions was the first and primary goal of the Ladies Missionary Society when it was formed at the Boyce Memorial Church in 1888 by the pastor, The Rev. J. M. Grier. Throughout its history the Woman's Society had held fast to this objective, although its membership, which has risen to 73 in recent years, has contributed much to the overall work of the church. Besides supporting missions in Mexico and Pakistan, a church library was started in 1963 and named in honor of Helen Galloway Neal, first librarian.

In 1893 a prize quilt was embroidered with names of members and friends and is still in possession of the church. It is displayed on special occasions.

During the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the church in 1948, three Society charter members — Mrs. Lona McGill, Mrs. Elmer Spencer and Mrs. Lizzie Whitesides — were honored with orchids.

Boyce Memorial has grown to a membership of 339 members, 14 elders, and 16 deacons, according to statistics compiled in January, 1982.

The pastors who have served are:

Rev. E. E. Boyce, 1856-1875.

Rev. J. M. McClain, 1877-1881.

Rev. W. Y. Love, 1882-1885.

Rev. R. M. Stevenson, 1886-(1 year).

Rev. J. M. Grier, 1888-1891.

Rev. J. M. Garrison, 1892-1908.

Rev. R. A. Young, 1908-1913.

Rev. G. L. Grier, 1913-1922.

Rev. J. M. Garrison, came back 1922 until retirement in 1934.

Rev. W. M. Boyce, 1934-1940.

Rev. R. N. Baird, 1940-1945.

Rev. W. M. Pressly, 1946-1964.

Rev. Thomas Richie, 1965-1969.

Rev. C. E. Edwards, 1969-1979

At the present time, Rev. W. H. Tyson is serving as pastor, having started his ministry here in 1980. 1982 is the Bi-Centennial year of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian denomination and Boyce Memorial is participating in the celebration. As the past is reviewed, there is a challenge for the future!

Sources: Church records, personal knowledge.

— Elizabeth McGill Gamble

CAMPS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

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I heard my parents say when they were young that there was a man who read and studied his Bible very much! He was a member of Camps Creek Baptist Church and he could predict the future. One Sunday morning he made a talk in the church and said that the time will come when man will ride in muleless carriages. He also said the time will come when man will fly in the air like birds. Because he said that, some of the members got up and said anyone that would get up in church and tell such lies as that is not fit to be a member of our church. So they turned him out.

I suppose if he had said the time will come when man will fly to the moon and walk on it that they would have hanged him.

What happened to Camps Creek Baptist church in that day of time could easily have happened to any other Baptist church.

In fact, Camps Creek Baptist Church deserves much credit for the many good deeds it

has done. It is the mother church of Boiling Springs Baptist Church which is responsible for Boiling Springs Baptist High School which later became Gardner-Webb College.

Thus Camps Creek Baptist Church should be honored for the foundation she laid for the church that began the foundation for Gardner-Webb College. Camps Creek helped to organize other churches also.

Sources: passed down through family.

— Ollie Connie Green

CAPERNAUM BAPTIST CHURCH

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Capernaum Church is situated in the northeastern part of Cleveland County, North Carolina, about twelve miles northeasterly from Shelby, a short distance west of the main Post Road leading from Lincolnton to Spartanburg, South Carolina, and three miles southwesterly from Cherryville on the Carolina Central Railroad.

Capernaum Cemetery is now located at this site. An annual memorial service is held there the first Sunday in August.

This church was constituted by a presbytery on the 9th. day of July 1842. Elders D. Dobbins and R. P. Logan and deacons from surrounding churches composed the presbytery for this purpose; and William Roberts, Lewis Gardner and William Kendrick were the first deacons, and Lewis Gardner was appointed Clerk. Elder D. Dobbins was chosen pastor and continued until 1845. Elder W. Hill was then chosen and he continued in the pastorate until 1851.

In that year the Kings Mountain Baptist Association was organized, and Capernaum although within its boundary, preferred to remain a member of the northern body; and did remain so, until the session of 1871, when she was dismissed and joined Kings Mountain at her session of the same year. Elder W. Hill was pastor in '72. Elder P. R. Elam in '73, W. Hill again in '74 and '75, Elder G. M. Webb from '75 till '82.

The church at the time of constitution had a membership of thirty-five persons. Male members: Thomas Kendrick, Larkin W. Kindrick, William Kindrick, Lewis Gardner, William Putnam, William Conner, William Goodson, James Elliott, Christopher Stroup, William Roberts, William Goodron, Bailas More, Wilkins Wilmon, Thomas Howell, John Kindrick, Benjamine Putnam, Thomas Kindrick, Joshua Robinson, John Miller, (my great-great-grandfather) Michael Carpenter, William Yarbrough, Jesse Hord, William Carpenter, David Blanton, Adam Beam, Robert Kindrick, Newton Long, Thomas Parker, David Wray.

She has at the present time (1882) one hundred and seventy members, and a flourishing Sunday School of fifty-six scholars superintended by J. C. Parker.

Her annual contributions to pastor, missions, etc. are \$122.65. Her present corps of deacons are Thomas Kindrick, Martin Moss, W. G. Lindsey and F. M. Miller. A. S. Kindrick, church clerk, Waco, North Carolina, Thomas

Kindrick, church treasurer.

When this church was constituted it was "The Baptist Church of Christ".

Sources: Historical sketches of churches, Minutes of church on micro-film (both in Cleveland County Library).

— Barbara Miller Limerick Beattie

CASAR BAPTIST CHURCH — A HISTORY

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This history was prepared Dec. 1, 1974 for the church:

Casar Baptist Church has enjoyed an interesting history for the Lord has been gracious to her for which we are indeed grateful. We wish to share some of the information that we have been able to glean. The earliest minutes were not available but we were able to observe minutes beginning about 1901.

According to membership records Casar Baptist Church must have been constituted on the date December 7, 1894 with the following charter members: D. S. Downs, J. H. Magness, Ellen Newton, J. A. Newton. Rev. Abram P. Hollifield was believed to have been the pastor of this group.

The church began worshipping in the Joe Parker store building and built its first house of worship in 1896. This structure was frame about 40 feet by 60 feet and was built on site given by J. S. Richards. Additional land was purchased from W. P. Wellman.

The present brick veneer structure was built in 1934 in the height of the Great Depression. It has been said that the pews purchased at a later date cost about as much as the structure did in 1934. It is the opinion that the service of dedication for this structure was made in May, 1935.

In 1955 the Fellowship Building was built. The pastorium was built in 1958. In 1962 the interior of the church was redecorated and in 1965 a new front and spire were added. In 1969 a baptistry was installed and the auditorium was again redecorated plus a complete renovation of the educational area and also installed a new heating and air conditioning facilities.

In 1970 Mrs. Alfred Willingham donated the organ to the church in memory of her husband, Rev. Elford Willingham, who was serving as pastor at his death. In 1972 began a Girls in Action mission program. In January 1974 the church purchased six acres of land in front of the church. In 1974 the church revived Brotherhood Breakfast meetings, a monthly church fellowship, began a deacon led church visitation program, began Crusader R. A. chapter, and began a Girls in Action group.

The Lord has added many to the fellowship through these eighty years. We call special attention to the ministerial sons from the Casar Baptist Church. Brother Posey E. Downs (deceased) ordained July 13, 1917, with Rev. D. G. Washburn preaching the ordination message. Again May 26, 1946, the church ordained Brother Talmage G. Downs to the ministry with Rev. W. P. Biggerstaff preaching the ordination message.

Casar Baptist Church was accepted into the Kings Mountain Baptist Association in 1903. The church hosted the annual sessions of the Association in 1922, 1948 and the night sessions in 1971 and has cooperated with the group responsibilities in this regard as used at this date.

The church began in 1950 to have the three year tenure of rotation for deacons of the church. The following men have served as deacons through the eighty years. (It may be possible that someone's name is not available who served.) The list follows:

O. C. Downs, H. E. Peeler, W. L. Walker, Sr., M. N. Pruett, O. T. Carpenter, Sr., Cecil Warlick, A. A. Pruett, Romie Melton, Emerson Pruett, James Petty, Jim Palmer.

Also A. A. Richards, Griffin Murray, D. S. Downs, A. M. Pruett, J. F. Clippard, C. D. Stroup, Elmer Downs, O. T. Carpenter, Jr., Donald Melton, N. Joe Wright, and C. Guy Warlick, Honorary Deacon.

Present Deacon Board: Harold Floyd, Chairman, Bill Hastings, Fay Melton, Herman Melton, Gene Parker, Jessie King, and Donald Pruett.

The following ministers have served as pastors:

Prior to 1901 Rev. P. Hollifield, Rev. Matheney, Rev. W. J. Hopkins. 1901-1903 — Rev. D. G. Washburn, 1903-1905 — Rev. J. V. Devinney, 1905-1906 — Rev. Julius Pruett, 1906-1907 — Rev. W. F. Hull, 1907-1911 — Rev. I. D. Harrill, 1911-1914 — Rev. W. M. Gold, 1914-1916 — Rev. I. D. Harrill, 1916-1917 — Rev. J. M. Ballard, 1917-1928 — Rev. W. Martin Gold.

1928-1938 — Rev. W. G. Camp. 1938-1944 — Rev. Lawrence Roberts, 1944 — Rev. Lee A. James, 1944-1950 — Rev. Ralph Carpenter, 1950-1954 — Rev. M. E. Gibson, 1954-1956 — Rev. G. F. Teague, 1956-1958 — Rev. Frank Lattimore, 1958-1964 — Rev. M. H. Jamison, 1964-1970 — Rev. E. C. Willingham, Jr., 1971-1974 — Rev. Jerry Laughter, 1974-1976 — Rev. Dean Coffey, and 1978-1981 — Walter Hill.

Our present Sunday School Superintendent, — Mr. Herman Melton; W. M. U. Director, — Mrs. Joe Wright; and Brotherhood Director — Mr. Bill Hastings.

Sources: Church records.

— Mrs. J. C. Palmer

CASAR METHODIST CHURCH

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At the Shelby Methodist District Conference, held at Mount Holly in the late spring of 1899, a resolution was passed creating a Mission Charge to be "South Mountain Mission". Rev. C. P. Goode, a young preacher, was sent to serve the charge until the next annual conference. He established more points at Big Hill, Snow Hill, near the three county corners, and near what is now Corinth Baptist Church and at Casar.

On the first Sunday in July 1899, Rev. Mr. Goode held his first service at Casar in the old school house. He used as his subject, "What Would Jesus Do?" It was the second time Mr.

Goode had preached. A revival meeting was started the last Sunday in September of that year in the abandoned store building of Joe Parker. The Rev. J. W. Clegg preached the first sermon and then during the week following, Rev. J. E. Woosley and Rev. R. Y. Hoyle alternated in the preaching.

The meeting closed the first Sunday in October, 1899, with the formation of the Casar Church with some twenty members, the great part of whom came from Clover Hill Church. D. P. Fortenbury, H. T. Hoyle and George W. Peeler were appointed trustees. They bought a building lot from J. S. Richard for \$22.25 in November, 1899.

At the Annual Methodist Conference of 1899, Casar was placed on the Polkville Charge, and R. L. Gibson was appointed pastor. The plans for the church building were rushed and soon material was on the ground for the church. During the summer of 1900 a box church was built with measurements of 40 by 60 feet. The cost was \$660.00.

The Methodists in Shelby and the Clover Hill congregation assisted in the raising of funds. Two Clover Hill members served on the building committee: Mr. Decauter Elmore and Mr. George W. Peeler. Other members of this committee were: H. T. Hoyle, D. P. Fortenbury, and R. L. Carpenter. This church served the congregation for thirty-five years.

In the year 1935 the present church was started. It was during the pastorate of the Rev. J. S. Gibbs. The church building cost \$4,500. It had five classrooms in addition to the auditorium. Five hundred dollars was given to the church by the Board of Church Extension.

In 1955 the congregation realized that the existing building was becoming inadequate, so plans were made and in 1956 the new educational building was started and the sanctuary was remodeled and enlarged. The project was completed in 1957 at a total cost of \$18,000. Two thousand of this was donated by the Board of Missions and Church Extension \$2,800 was donated by the Duke Endowment. By united effort and sacrifice of the congregation this educational building can be dedicated to the Lord without indebtedness.

The following ministers have served the Casar Church:

1899, J. A. Cook; 1902, J. W. Clegg; 1905, J. W. Ingle; 1907, D. P. Waters; 1910, W. M. Baring; 1912, J. W. Strider; 1914, J. P. Davis; 1917, N. M. Moe; 1918, C. R. Canipe; 1919, F. H. Price; 1920, L. T. Cordell; 1922, E. M. Avett; 1925, S. M. Needham; 1928, G. W. Williams; 1929, J. M. Barber; 1933, Sam Gill; 1935, Van Harrison; 1939, Hoyle Swafford; 1942, W. L. Scott; 1947, R. H. Nicholson; 1951, A. C. Kennedy, Jr.; 1953, W. L. Harkey; 1954, Floyd Bottoms; 1958, W. C. Anderson.

— Mrs. J. C. Palmer

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

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The North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church was organized in



An early photograph of Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain.

1736. As the people called Methodist journeyed in all directions as part of the early pioneer settlers movement, a Methodist church in the community of Kings Mountain was an immediate desire for Methodist settlers.

Being of the Methodist faith, Dr. and Mrs. James W. Tracy, I. Walton Garrett and wife, Richard Garrett and wife, Mrs. R. S. Sugg and Bennett Willeford, new-comers from Edgecomb County, effected an organization for a Methodist Church in the immediate locality in 1874.

Others were soon added to the group, and services were held in the small frame school house located at the corner of Piedmont Avenue and Kings Street. In 1876, this small band of devout Methodists, working against great obstacles, completed their first spiritual home, a one-room frame building west of the present sanctuary.

The women of the church, sensing the need for greater mission work, met in 1888 and organized the Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. James W. Tracy was the first president. Monthly dues, in those early years, were ten cents.

By 1923, the membership had increased so much that the group was divided into circles. After 1940 the society became known as the Woman's Society of Christian Service. In 1972, the organization was renamed the United Methodist Women.

The Ladies Aid Society was organized in the early years of the church and functioned as a parsonage support group.

About 1903, the young people of the church organized a group called the Light Bearers. This was absorbed by the Epworth League in 1919, then the Methodist Youth Fellowship, (MYF) and in 1968 it became known as the United Methodist Youth.

In the early history of Central Church there is evidence the members enjoyed their religion to the fullest. Sometimes when the preacher became overly zealous in the pulpit, some of the flock would sound forth their loud "Amen."

A beautiful lot opposite the first church belonging to Mrs. Allison Falls was purchased in 1904. The following year the second church building, a stately Gothic structure, was erected there. The Reverend Plato Durham, DD, a former member and Oxford scholar preached the dedicatory sermon in 1914.

Sunday School, having been an integral part of the church life of Central throughout its history, was organized into departments and graded levels in 1959.

On May 17, 1959, Bishop Nolan Harmon preached the dedicational sermon for the newly completed educational building.

The Methodist Men's Club was organized in a charter service January 13, 1961.

Central Church has long cherished the dream of a new sanctuary. The climatic hour came when Mrs. Lizzie Thorne who, with a heart of steadfast devotion, left a sizable gift to Central Church. Christmas 1959 proved to be a focal point in crystalizing the people's determination for a new sanctuary.

The hour was nigh. A temporary sanctuary was set up in the fellowship hall and the old



Central United Methodist Church, Kings Mountain.

structure was dismantled. There was a note of sadness on the faces of on-lookers. But as the new edifice took shape, the nostalgia was succeeded by a feeling of pride and determination to build for the future upon the firm foundation of the past.

The new sanctuary was completed on June 9, 1967. People had sacrificed so unselfishly that it seemed the only appropriate comment would be:

"Here is the house of God mortared together with the great cement of the Holy Spirit and the love and devotion of man."

On February 11, 1979, the dedicational service for the sanctuary was preached by Bishop Scott Allen.

Our Church-related activities have often been interspersed with a bit of humor. A Maundy Thursday incident involved "Miss Lil" (Mrs. B. M. Ormand), a faithful member of our church. The veil on her hat caught fire from a lighted candle as she was partaking of the elements at the communion rail. She exclaimed in a subdued tone, "Lordy Preacher, you've set me on fire!" After Wilson Griffin had extinguished the blaze and the minister had the situation under control, Miss Lil took her accustomed place without missing either the bread or wine.

A former pastor remarked, "I tried for seven years to warm her up, and now a new pastor set her on fire!"

No statements can be given to tell in full the accomplishments and far-reaching influence of this church during its one hundred eighty-year history. The record can be found only in the "Archives on High." The thousands of people, Methodist Christians, through the years have had hearts burning with a passion for advancing God's Kingdom and have asked no greater reward than souls won for Christ.

— Janet Falls

DIXON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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Dixon Presbyterian church is located in Cleveland County at the base of the mountain on which the famous battle of Kings Mountain of the Revolutionary War was fought. It is indeed appropriate that a Presbyterian Church should be planted there as every General but one on the American side in this great battle was an elder in the Presbyterian Church. The battle is so closely wrought in the community that it is impossible to write anything about it without referring to the battle, and most of the families in the community are direct descendants of the heroes of the battle.

A Sunday School was organized in January 1938 by Rev. H.L. Reaves, Pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian Church, and met in the Dixon Public School building. In 1939, Rev. P.D. Patrick, pastor of Kings Mountain Presbyterian Church, and members of that church, were asked to take the Sunday School as a mission point of the Kings Mountain Presbyterian Church. Sunday School and Worship Services were held each Sunday afternoon and daily Vacation Bible Schools each summer.

The church was organized in February of 1944 and two elders, Mr. J. G. Darracott and Mr. John Stewart, were elected. Soon, due to a growth in membership, another elder was added, Mr. Dan Wells. Rev. P. D. Patrick remained as pastor of the church. By 1948 there were 52 members of the church and 88 in the Sunday School.

The need of a House of God to worship in was keenly felt, but the war emergencies made building apparently impossible. But, by help of friends, the building became a reality. Being paid for as it was being built, it took about a year to complete. The gifts to the church were

inspirational, large and small, from the members, from members of the mother church, from interested friends, and from the Home Missions Committee of the Presbyterian Church.

The first gift of fifty cents was given by Mrs. P. Q. Hambright for the training of her family. The lot on which the church stands was given by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Stewart. Other members donated the building materials. The Dixon Presbyterian Church was dedicated on June 26, 1946.

Since the dedication of the building, the church has been a driving force in Dixon Community. Remaining a small rural church, it has lost none of its charm, love, and concern for those around it.

Five pastors have served the church since its organization: Rev. P. D. Patrick, Rev. James Mann, Rev. Robert Wilson, Rev. Olin Whitner, and the present pastor, Rev. Graham Wood.

Source: Church archives.

— Mrs. P. Q. Hambright
and Mr. Robert D. Wells

EL BETHEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, KINGS MOUNTAIN

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The name of the church literally means God, the House of God. It is often called the House of God. Methodism began in Cleveland County during the missionary trips of Frances Asbury. The church of El Bethel, according to oral tradition, was established in 1812. The first organized church however was not built until the 1830's. The church was located in the White Plains community which pre-dates the city of Kings Mountain.

The White Plains Academy was located in front of El Bethel Church. The Beth School was located beside the present educational building and behind the present parsonage. This school was taught by some of the past pastors and Mrs. Ella Mae Harrelson, who is still living.

The first preachers at El Bethel came from South Carolina. El Bethel was most likely part of the Lincoln County Circuit. This circuit was formed in 1789 by John McGee and Jesse Richardson, who came in 1790. This circuit embraced Lincoln, Rutherfordton, and Burke County, with portions of Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties. It also had the name of Union Circuit at one time.

The first preacher is thought to have been Rev. N. Tally and later Rev. Benjamin Bell. These men preached at the houses of Mr. David and Samuel Collins. Mr. Samuel Collins gave the first land for a church and the cemetery. The first building was begun in 1832. This church was of logs with crude benches. The circuit preacher, after the church was built, was Rev. David McDaniel.

Other preachers were Rev. Richardson (1834), Rev. Bentley Thomason (1835), Rev. William Witber (1837), Rev. David Seal (1838), and Rev. Benjamin Curton (the same year). Rev. J.H. Postell, in 1859, was the first



Dixon Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain.

teacher at White Plains Academy. El Bethel has been blessed with fine preachers throughout its history to the present day.

Some of the early members of El Bethel who were prominent in the community were Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Tracy and Benjamin Franklin Dixon. Prominent family names were Harmon, Ware, Goforth, Phifer, Patterson, Falls, and others.

Dr. J. W. Tracy arranged for the purchase of more land for the El Bethel church. He also served as a surgeon in the Confederate Army. Mrs. Tracy (Regina Minerva Stone Tracy) was the first Postmaster of the White Plains Community. She gave the city of Kings Mountain its name. Kings Mountain sprang up around the railroad line which came two miles east of White Plains. Dr. and Mrs. Tracy later helped found Central United Methodist Church in Kings Mountain. They are buried in the El Bethel cemetery.

Benjamin Franklin Dixon was a doctor, minister, Superintendent of the Oxford Orphanage, President of Greensboro Female College and State Auditor of N.C. He preached many times at El Bethel and considered it home.

El Bethel later built a frame church on the land that Dr. Tracy had arranged to buy. This frame church was built about 1850. The frame building was located at the front of the cemetery directly behind the present building, which was built in 1912. There is still lumber surviving from this frame building. A minister in Gastonia is using it to build his house. The present building was built in 1912 under the pastorate of Rev. Clegg. The Sunday School

unit was added in 1931 and an educational building in 1960. The main sanctuary was renovated in 1979.

The women organized into a group in 1914 and gave one of the Bibles for the pulpit. El Bethel is presently part of the El Bethel-Hoey Memorial Charge. The church has been blessed by many hard working people who contributed to the success of this church by giving of their time and talent for the work of God.

Sources: Church minutes and records, personal knowledge.

— Mrs. Geneva Neal
and Rev. Sidney Lanier

HISTORY of ELLIOTT'S CHURCH

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When John Crenshaw Elliott purchased his thirteen hundred acres on Hinton's creek, in 1806, he incidentally bought himself a Methodist meeting place. There was no church, and no preacher; but a clustered number of cabins in which the widely scattered settlers camped with their families when they gathered for meeting one another and meeting God, to worship Him. It is thought that Bishop Francis Asbury preached here on his missionary journeys.

The Meeting Place may have already fallen into disuse; anyway no more camp meetings were held there; for Elliott was a Presbyterian, and he built a 'Presbyterian Church' at the

Meeting Place. But as there were no other Presbyterians in the region, and he was only a new-comer, he failed to get either a local following or a regular Presbyterian minister.

The pioneer Baptist, Rev. Drury Dobbins, came to the rescue; and even after the church was included in the Methodist Lincoln circuit and attached to the Upper South Carolina conference he was still welcomed there. On different sabbaths, Methodist preaching alternated with Baptist preaching.

Old timers born after 1840 have told of hearing him preach long sermons and pray long prayers at the Meeting Place, for though the church was officially listed as Elliott's, it was locally the Meeting Place.

The pioneers of that day had no time for hair splitting differences; religion was christian; preaching was preaching. Sunday school used to take up an hour earlier on second Sundays so all who wished, could go to the preaching service at Big Springs Baptist church.

Among the leaders of this early church was Mrs. Sarah Elliott Goode, a sister of John C. Elliott. She was a class leader and a crusader for temperance, and she taught perhaps the first Sunday School in this region. She saw to it that the children memorized their commandments, Lord's Prayer, and other scriptural passages.

Of the early preachers we have no record, but one of them, Rev. Nelson Nowlin, who married Susan Elliott, a daughter of John Crenshaw Elliott, and his son Edward Donoho Elliott also preached here. Edward's passion for the democratic principle led him into the camp of the Methodist Protestants.

No parsonages were furnished the preachers in those times and both these ministers established residence on the Elliott estate, going long distances to their charges, at incredible hardship.

John Crenshaw Elliott died first and his wife Mary Donoho Elliott, in dividing the property, deeded one and one-fourth acres for the church and two acres for the school, as long as needed for those purposes. When no longer used for a church and school, the land was to revert to her descendants.

The church was transferred to the Western North Carolina Conference and the Polkville Circuit. A new church was built in 1871.

Around the turn of the century, enterprising citizens about the Polkville Post Office, a mile and a half down the road, began to envision a town about the cross roads there. But to have a town, there must be houses. A church being a house would help some. So as a beginning, a Methodist Church was built. As most of the initial members were from the Elliott church, this weakened the mother church and preachers later became impatient with the little congregation. All the arguments in favor of mergers and consolidation were brought to bear.

So when the Polkville church burned about 1920, and the congregation returned to worship with the mother church till their church could be rebuilt, the two congregations decided to re-unite at Polkville in 1927.

And as the land legally reverted to Mary Donoho Elliott's descendants, they keep it as a



The Elliott Reunion in 1909 at Elliott's Church.

memorial and a meeting place for the clan and their friends to have their annual reunion. The church was built of the finest forest pine and is remarkably well preserved.

Written in 1948 by Mrs. Leona Elliott Bingham.

Source: Church records.

— Mary Gordon Elliott

ELLIOTT'S METHODIST CHURCH

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Elliott's Methodist Church is located (building still standing) in No. 8 Township, Cleveland County, N.C., about one and one-half miles west of Polkville, probably three hundred yards southeast of the road leading from Polkville to New House. It was formerly situated on the old Rutherford and Lincoln Stage Road. It is about fifteen miles north of Shelby. Before disbanding, the church was on the Polkville Circuit and a member of the Gastonia District of the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference. The church has been a regular M. E. Church South from the beginning.

It appears that there was a Camp Meeting held here at stated seasons prior to the organization of the church. Moreover, it is recalled that the Rev. Drury Dobbins, one of the founders of the Baptist Cause in Cleveland County, preached here on certain occasions.

It would seem that there was some sort of church here in 1806, for it is said that there was a group of log cabins here at that time when John Crenshaw Elliott settled in this part of the county. John Crenshaw Elliott is credited with the building of a log church here on these grounds. Of course, this took place sometime after he settled here in 1806. John Crenshaw Elliott was a large land owner, having at that time about thirteen hundred acres of land, some of which is still held by his descendants.

It would appear, therefore, that from this time on there has been a continuous history of the Elliott's Methodist Church up to its disbanding in 1927. We were unable to learn who

the first pastor was. However, some of the lay-founders of the church were: A. Jackson Elliott, Dr. V. J. Palmer, and Bobbie Ledford. The Elliott's Cemetery is located about one mile northwest of Elliott's Church. It is the family cemetery of John Crenshaw Elliott and Mary Donoho Elliott and is located a few yards north of where their house stood. This cemetery is well kept and has many markers, showing a commendable pride in the Elliott family.

It is of the opinion that there have been at least three church houses on or near the present site. The first, of course, was a log church. The second appears to have been a log church, also. This second structure stood about twenty yards west of the present building. It was probably erected about the time the deed was drawn in 1854. All we could learn about this second building was that it had a balcony for slaves.

This leads us to the present building, a one room structure painted white with plain glass windows and green blinds. It is about 40' x 50' and will seat about four hundred people. It was heated with a stove and lighted with lamps. There is no bell nor tower.

The designer and builder was Lewis Powers who constructed the building so there were no inside supports. This was a new technique in that day. Oliver B. Elliott also helped with the building of the church.

Of unusual interest is the fact that this building has been retained for an annual Elliott family reunion held on the Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August. This reunion of Elliott family has been conducted since 1906 or 1907. In 1942 the trustees of this church property were Plato J. Elliott, Hewitt Palmer, and John P. Elliott.

While the Rev. Sam Needham was pastor this church, it was merged into the Polkville Methodist Church with few exceptions. This happened, according to Plato Elliott, about 1927. At the time the church disbanded, it had about thirty members.

The following pastors have served the church, though we cannot be certain as to the order of service:

Rev. W.A. Nelson, S.S. Gasque, J.A. Cook

(born in Tenn.), R.M. Hoyle, M.B. Clegg, J.W. Ingle, W.M. Boring, J.W. Strider, J.P. Davis, Clarence Canipe, Fred Price, L.T. Cordell, N.M. Modlin, E.M. Avett, and S.M. Needham, last pastor. We regret that we are unable to give a complete list of pastors.

At the time of disbanding in 1927, the following were stewards of Elliott's Methodist Church: L. C. Palmer, Andrew J. Elliott, John P. Elliott, and Plato J. Elliott.

M. L. White, popularly known as "Corn Cracker" White, was the last superintendent of the Sunday School. White was locally a well known writer and not without impressive gifts. Moreover, by profession, he was a school teacher of the old school.

An effort to combine this church with the Polkville Methodist had been going on for probably twenty years. It appears that the idea of merging with the Polkville Church was more or less unfavorable to some of the older Elliotts and one of the members of the Elliott family remarked that it was not accomplished until after their death.

Martin Elliott, a Revolutionary soldier, settled in Cleveland County and is buried about one mile west of Shelby out in a field near the Dover Mill. John Crenshaw Elliott, his son, settled in this immediate neighborhood in 1806. He was a Presbyterian, but was sympathetic toward other denominations, and is said to have built the first church here. The present Elliott family is direct descendants of these pioneer settlers, Martin Elliott having come from Virginia to North Carolina. (By: Anson G. Melton, Research Editor, Historical Records Survey, January 12, 1942).

Mary Donoho Elliott, wife of John Crenshaw Elliott, deeded one and one fourth acres of land on June 15, 1854 to be used for Elliott's Church. Another adjoining two acres were deeded for a school, February 2, 1860. This site has been used by the Elliott Clan for reunions since 1906. This information was taken from the original deeds of Mary Elliott. This the 22nd day of August 1964. Mary Gordon Elliott, Secretary, Elliott Reunion.

The present Trustees are: Val Elliott, Hoyle Gold, Thomas F. Elliott, David Beam, and O. Paxton Elliott. (1982)

Sources: As quoted, various records of the West. N.C. United Methodist Conference, private records.

— Mary Gordon Elliott

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of KINGS MOUNTAIN

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Kings Mountain's first citizens were not Baptists; most of them were either Lutherans or Associate Reformed Presbyterians. For several years after the town began, not a single Baptist lived there, so the beginning of a Baptist Church did not come until 1890.

Two ladies, Mrs. Frances Lou Smith and Mrs. J. T. Kendrick, were instrumental in starting a Baptist Church in the city. Mrs. Comwell was the first Baptist to move into the area, and she worked hard to establish a church. Soon she was joined by Mrs. J. T. Kendrick, and together they saw their dream

come true. According to Reverend C. J. Black, a First Baptist pastor and author of a history of the church, "They not only saw a church organized, but witnessed it become one of the first rank."

Records of organization were lost, but 1890 is considered to be the year the church began. Either Rev. J. E. McManaway or Rev. M. E. Matheney was the first pastor, but neither minister served a long term. Colonel P. P. Hoke is known to have been the first church clerk. He drafted the Articles of Faith and also wrote the Church Covenant. First deacons were Gaston Littlejohn, J. Morrison, and Henry Poteat.

The church started without a home. John H. Craig of Gastonia donated a lot on the south corner of Mountain and Piedmont streets measuring fifty by one hundred feet. A building constructed on this site served as a meeting house until it was torn down on July 4, 1913, with D. F. Hord, Sr. pulling the first plank off the building. A new church house was started, and the congregation met in it for the first time on April 12, 1914, for a baptismal service, with everyone standing because new pews had not been purchased. A parsonage had been built in 1907 at a cost of \$1,250.00. The church continued to furnish housing for the pastor until 1972. After that date, a housing allowance was given.

Mrs. Callie Carpenter helped start a Woman's Missionary Society in 1904, and became its first president. A Miss Gold, who had been trained as a missionary, helped in this organization. A Sunbeam Band was started in 1904, with Lula Carpenter Herndon and Jessie Erwin the first leaders. Will D. McDaniel was president of the Baptist Young People's Union begun in 1904. Royal Ambassadors were started in 1916 and a Girl's Auxiliary in 1925. The Sunday School began using graded literature in 1925 and received Standard recognition in 1926.

With each year there came new challenges and opportunities for the ministry of the First Baptist Church. Each new pastor brought

ideas and inspiration to the work. In 1949 Bob Patterson was licensed to preach, and, in 1950, Demauth Blanton received his license to preach. Both young men had grown up as members of First Baptist Church.

At various times, adjoining property was purchased by the church, and new buildings were constructed to minister to the needs of a growing congregation. In 1953 the church adopted a foreign missionary, and, for several years, paid the salary of Dr. John Satterwhite, a medical missionary to Japan.

Mrs. R. G. Whisnant and Mrs. J. C. Bridges were given authorization to start a Christian kindergarten with this ministry beginning in 1957. A kindergarten was carried on in the church until 1975.

In 1957 fifty members of the church purchased a lot on West King and Sims Streets, giving the deed to the congregation with the provision that a new building be constructed there within five years. The gift was accepted and work on the relocation of the church began. On July 3, 1960, the congregation held a "ribbon-cutting", and the first worship service was held in the new building at the present site of First Baptist Church.

Construction began in 1973 on a fellowship and activities building and open house was held for the building on Sunday, October 7, 1973. This structure fills a great need for the congregation and also serves the community. The Red Cross Bloodmobile comes several times a year. The church uses it for plays, musicals, choir rehearsals, and many other things.

Through the years, the ministry of First Baptist Church has touched many lives. Present church membership stands at 682. The church is organized and staffed to meet the spiritual needs of the congregation and community, ministering also to the physical needs, recognizing that the total person is important.

Sources: Church records and a recorded church history.

— R. Allen Jolley

GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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According to incomplete records, Grace Church is more than one hundred twenty-five years old. In the early 1800's, the first congregation worshipped in a one room log building known as Kelly's Chapel. It was given to a negro congregation for their worship services when, after many years, the church moved to Linwood Road in East Kings Mountain under the leadership of F.W. Bradley. This congregation built a larger and better building called Bradley's Chapel.

In the early 1900's the church was destroyed by a windstorm, and the congregation moved to Church Street where a larger and more modern building was constructed on the lot where Grace Church presently stands. This building was named "Grace" after Reverend A.L. Johnson's first sweetheart. During this time, the church was first in the Gastonia Circuit, then the Greensboro, and later Statesville Districts of the Blue Ridge Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Reverend B.A. Culp, a resourceful and gifted leader, was pastor when the church was wrecked by a storm. A larger church with a full basement and several Sunday School rooms was then erected. During the eleven years Reverend Culp was pastor, two parsonages were built, a much larger congregation was formed, and all debts were paid. On February 17, 1946, this church was gutted and destroyed by fire.

Even before the ruined building had ceased smoldering, plans were begun for a new building under the leadership of Pastor Jones. In October of that same year, with only five thousand dollars of insurance money and thirteen thousand dollars raised by the congregation, a building committee composed of Frank Greene (chairman), Forest Huffstetler, Frank Roper, D.C. Payseur, T.E. and Beulah Mauney undertook the heavy task of rebuilding.

Reverend G.W. Fink, known as a church builder, became pastor during this time. He encouraged the disheartened congregation by telling them that God would help them to build the kind of building his cause required. The building was erected by both free and hired labor with Mr. Kelly Dixon as foreman.

With fifteen hundred dollars from the Church Extension Board, generous help from friends in other churches, the untiring efforts of this giving and faithful congregation, and by God's grace and mercy, the present building was erected and furnished at a total cost of fifty-three thousand six hundred sixty-four dollars. The building was paid for within a year of the beginning of construction. The new church was dedicated by Bishop Harrell on November 21, 1948.

In 1956, a Youth Fellowship Building was added to the church site and has served as a place of fellowship and worship for the entire congregation.

This local church has changed with time as has its denomination, which was Methodist Episcopal until 1939, Methodist until 1968, and United Methodist since 1968. The con-



First Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

gregation of Grace Church, both past and present, illustrates the idea that the Church of Christ is a people, not a place; believers, not buildings. This is the church over which death and destruction shall not prevail.

Sources: Church records.

— Kristen Hagen

KADESH METHODIST CHURCH 53

The founding of this historic church is thought to have been the result of the first great religious revival which swept across America. This period has been recorded as "The Great Awakening."

Kadesh Methodist Church is not only one of the oldest churches in Belwood, but one of the oldest in the county. It was constituted April 11, 1833. The land was purchased from Gilbert Dixon for five shillings. The Trustees were: Noah Hubbard, Gilbert Dixon, David Williams, James Lackey, James Lewis and William Willis. Noah Hubbard was named chairman. It has been rebuilt three times; in 1871, 1891 and 1935 with W.L. Scott as pastor. The first circuit preacher was Elisha Galloway with G.T. Huggins as junior preacher.

According to Mr. Hoyle Lutz, at Fallston July 1952, the following ministers have served Kadesh Church:

John Watts, 1866-68; J.J. Prather, 1869; J.W. Abernathy, 1870-71; T.H. Edwards, 1872-73; G.H. Anderson, 1874-75; W.S. Chaffin, 1876-77; J.C. Hartsell, 1878; J.W. Calahan, 1879; G.A. Gault, 1880-82; R.M. Hoyle, 1883-85; D.L. Earnhardt, 1886.

D.A. Watkins, 1887; M.T. Stell, 1888; H.T. Hudson, 1889-91; D.P. Tate, 1892-93; James Clegg, 1894-95; A.R. Surratte, 1896-97; D.H. Coman, 1898; J.E. Woolsey, 1899-02; W.P. McKee, 1903-05; L.E. Stacey, 1906-09; W.V. Hunnicutt, 1910-13; J.F. Moser, 1914-17.

D.W. Brown, 1918-21; D.H. Rhinehardt, 1922-23; John H. Greene, 1924-26; J.W. Fitzgerald, 1927-30; E.E. Snow, 1931-32; W.L. Scott, 1933-36; R.T. Houts, 1937; R.C. Goforth, 1938-39; G.W. Clay, 1940.

J.M. Morgan, 1941-45; J.T. Bowman, 1946-49; W.H. Yokley, 1950-55; J.C. Swain, 1956; Fred A. Hill, 1956-62; Carl Dennis, 1962-64; N.C. Bush, 1964-1970; Cleatus Pope, 1970-1973; G.A. Upton, 1973-76; Charles Medlin, 1976-80; Keys Pendleton, 1980-

Ten ministers have gone out from Kadesh: M.H. Hoyle, A.G. Gantt, H.G. Stame, E.W. Dixon, J.W. Hoyle, Robert Stamey, Ben Stamey, John Gantt, B.T. Gantt, and Joe McMurry. The first person buried in Kadesh Cemetery was Jacob S. Hoyle.

The church bell was given to the church in the early 1900's by Mr. J.B. Duke, founder of Duke University, Duke Hospital and Duke Power Company.

One hot summer day in Shelby there was a watermelon feast on the courthouse square. The watermelons were donated by Mr. Ed Dixon and some of the neighboring farmers. Mr. Duke was so impressed that he asked if there was anything he could do for their church to show his appreciation. Mr. Ed Dixon said "we

need a church bell." Mr. Duke said, "Go to Campbell's Department store and order the largest bell they can get." He did and we are very grateful to Mr. Ed Dixon and especially Mr. J.B. Duke.

The bell measures 44 inches and is still in use today.

— Mrs. Frances Beam

KINGS MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH 54

Kings Mountain Baptist Church, situated on the Southwest Corner of West Mountain Street and South Piedmont Avenue, formerly owned and occupied by the First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain, was organized on December 8, 1958 with 221 charter members.

Rev. William Bumgardner of Kings Mountain and Dr. Zeno Wall of Shelby served as supply pastors until Rev. Marion D. DuBose, Jr. came in June of 1959 as the church's first pastor.

In less than a year the membership increased to 259. There were eight baptisms. Ninety-three enrolled in the first Vacation Bible School. The Training Union enrollment was 132, and the W.M.U. had 128 members. Sunday School enrollment was 293 with an average attendance of 189.

Between December 8, 1958 and October, 1959 the sanctuary was air conditioned and repainted; new lights and a new heating plant installed, and other improvements made, requiring an output of \$17,281.63 paid for from gifts. In the meantime gifts totaling \$2,739.87 were given to missions.

Since then the Education Building has been air conditioned and repainted and renovations made to the area under the sanctuary, new concrete steps were built at the entrance to the sanctuary and a large and lovely parsonage erected at 407 Hawthorne Road.

The first deacons of the church, elected in 1959, were Atwood McDaniel, Jr., J.C. Bridges, Gene Austin, J.B. Keeter, Harold

Crawford, Sr., Odell Benton, Ollie Harris, Thomas Tindall, Sr., W.T. Weir, Bryan Hord and E.R. Roberts. Other officers of the church at this time were E.R. Roberts, Sunday School Superintendent; J.C. Bridges, Training Union Director; D.E. Tate, Brotherhood President; Mrs. Harold Coggins, W.M.U. President; Mrs. Max Norman, Church Secretary.

Estimated value of the church property, exclusive of the parsonage, was \$200,000.00 in 1962.

Seating capacity of the sanctuary is 375. The Sunday School rooms are adequately furnished. So is the Library — and one peek into the Nursery makes you want to be a child again.

On June 16, 1959 the deacons recommended that Gene Austin be elected to serve as youth counselor, and that a youth council, consisting of a chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer, also be elected. The motion was made by D.F. Hord and seconded by F.D. McDaniel, Sr., and was unanimously carried.

On September 8, 1959 the chairman of the Constitution Committee, Eugene Roberts, made a report and read the articles which had been approved by this committee. These were approved by the church, and have been of great value through the years.

On October 13, 1959, a significant action was taken upon the recommendation of the missions committee. At that time the church assumed the responsibility of providing leadership for a Sunday School class at the Kings Mountain Hospital each Sunday morning. This service has been continuous through the years, and is still a vital part of the hospital ministry.

In a conference of February 20, 1963, Mrs. Mary Norman was elected as a youth director, in addition to her duties as church secretary.

Upon the recommendation of the deacons, it was unanimously agreed in a September 20, 1964 business meeting that the church establish a music ministry. In this same meeting the following were appointed to serve as a pulpit supply committee: Tom Tate, G.A. Bridges



Kings Mountain Baptist Church, organized Dec. 8, 1958.

and Jack White.

The church's first pastor, Rev. Marion DuBose, Jr., offered his resignation in July of 1965 which was accepted.

In the August 15th meeting of that same month, Rev. James Wilder was called as interim pastor. He was later called as regular pastor on December 19, 1965.

Ollie Harris, chairman of the Restoration Committee, presented a report on April 20, 1969 that the church approve plans (in principle) as proposed. This was approved.

On May 4 of this same year (1969), Miss Camellia George was employed to serve as a summer youth worker, upon the recommendation of the pastor and Dr. D.F. Hord.

In the May business meeting of 1970, the church voted to prepare a church directory.

In a called meeting of the church on September 2, 1973, Rev. Wilder read his letter of resignation, to be effective September 30, 1973, which was accepted. Rev. Miller Freeman was called as interim pastor a few weeks later.

Rev. J.C. Goare, the present pastor, was unanimously called on March 30, 1975, and began his ministry on April 14.

"The Midweek Visitor," weekly newsletter of the church, was begun on the first week of September, 1975. Sometime later, in 1976, a 16-passenger van was purchased. Later on, in this same year, a group of six was elected to serve as a sanctuary renovation committee, including Mrs. Harold Coggins, Mrs. Jack White, Mrs. Eugene Roberts, Alex Owens, J.C. Bridges and Robert Hullender. Mrs. Virginia Crawford and Mrs. Bob Herndon were later added.

One significant decision in 1977, especially in regards to world missions, was the church sponsoring, in cooperation with the Foreign Mission Board, Miss Phyllis Thomas, Missionary to Chile.

Sometime after Mr. Ted Weir's death in 1978, his wife offered to the church \$20,000.00 for an elevator in his memory. The gift was accepted, and an elevator was later installed at a cost of \$30,000.00, the church and others paying the balance of the cost. This helpful addition to the church was dedicated in April of 1980.

Two other improvements of the church facilities during this same period were (1) the purchase of adjoining lot and paving it for parking, and (2) putting storm windows over the stained glass windows at a cost of \$10,000.00.

In the August 17, 1980 business meeting, it was announced that work on the outside beautification project in memory of Dr. D.F. Hord would begin soon. Sometime later the church agreed to an extensive renovation project of the sanctuary, as recommended by a special committee.

Jeff Jones was unanimously called as full-time minister of youth, music and activities on November 9, 1980.

Work was begun in January of 1981 to renovate the sanctuary and was completed in June. A dedication service was held on September 13, 1981.

Many of the improvements on the church

building, including the renovation of the sanctuary, were made possible by a gift of \$148,500.00 in 1980 from Mrs. Harold Coggins, who bequeathed this amount to the church.

The preparation of this history has been greatly aided by the clerks of the church who have kept careful records through the years. These include Mrs. Joe Ann McDaniel, Mrs. Max Norman, Miss Naomi Edens (acting clerk), Mrs. Violet Dixon, Mrs. Jake Hord, Mrs. Jo Kelly, Mrs. Bryan Hord, Mrs. Phyllis Roberts, Mrs. Sylvia Franklin and Mrs. Billie Stoll.

KNOB CREEK METHODIST CHURCH

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Knob Creek Methodist Church, we are told, was named for a creek that flowed nearby. It was organized by the Seceders. Worship services were probably held at this church site before 1800. The first pastor was Rev. Boyce. In 1892 the Seceders gave possession of this site to the Methodist. Some of the Boggs' gave the land to the church as long as there were groups conducting worship there. A.M. Boggs of Fallston and J.P. Boggs of Belwood are two of the heirs.

The first members were Elizabeth Richard, Nancy A. Hartman, A Noah Boggs and A.E. Boggs. It is not known who was the first person buried but James S. Pauley's marker is the oldest in the cemetery. It is dated July, 1809.

There have been four churches on this site. The first one was built out of logs. The second one was built out of material that was bought from the people of Kadesh but torn down to make way for a new building. The third was a white frame building constructed in 1915. The present building, which was started in 1950 and completed in 1951, is made of stone. Rev. W.H. Yokley was pastor at that time.

Sources: Church records.

— Mrs. Frances Beam

LAFAYETTE STREET UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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In 1908, Reverend Roy Thompson, Associate Pastor of Central United Methodist Church, South, Shelby began conducting worship services in a little one room Methodist Chapel on South Morgan Street near the Shelby Mill. In 1909, The Methodist Chapel, was officially made a part of the Shelby Circuit. The Rev. T.E. Smiley was appointed to serve this pastorate but he failed to serve; The Rev. W.A. Rudisill served instead. That same year the congregation built a new church on South Lafayette Street and was known as Lafayette Street Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The Rev. Clyde Brother, Rev. N.C. Williams and Rev. Jack Burris served the pastorate until 1919 when Rev. W.M. Robbins was appointed and served one year. In 1920 Rev. E.P. Stabler served until 1922 during which time a parsonage, also on South Lafayette Street, was

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purchased from Mr. Ralph Turner. Rev. J.W. Ingle was appointed by the Conference in 1922 and was very instrumental in having the church renovated and additional Sunday School rooms constructed.

Rev. A.S. Raper served from 1924 to 1926. During this time pews and pulpit furniture were purchased from Central Methodist Church. Rev. T.B. Johnson served from 1928 to 1929; Rev. W.R. Jenkins from 1929 to 1933; Rev. Fred H. Price from 1933 to 1939 and Rev. R.C. Goforth from 1939 to 1941.

In 1940, property was purchased on the south side of the church and the house was remodeled for a recreation center and a Sunday School Department. This building was officially named "The Fellowship Hall." In 1941 to 1945 Rev. J.S. Gibbs served as pastor. Rev. R.L. Bass served from 1945 to 1951. During his pastorate, a Hammond Organ was installed and new carpet was laid in the sanctuary. Additional Sunday School rooms were built in 1950. Rev. Malcolm C. Reese served from 1951 to 1953, Rev. R.H. Nicholson from 1953 to 1954.

Rev. James H. Coleman from 1954 to 1959. In 1955 the parsonage was torn down and the present parsonage was built on the same property. Rev. R.W. McCulley served from 1959 to 1963, Rev. D.A. Hamilton from 1963-1967; Rev. Doyle Freeman was appointed by the Western North Carolina Conference to serve as pastor and, during his ministry, land was purchased in 1968 from Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Whisnant on South Lafayette Street Extension.

The Methodist men built a Fellowship Hut on the new property to be used by the Girl and Boy Scouts. Ground breaking for the present building located at 1509 Old Farm Road, was held by Rev. Freeman, Charlie Haynes and Marvin Blanton, Jr. In 1969, Rev. Harold Strader was appointed as pastor, and the building was completed for a triumphal entry on Palm Sunday, 1970. Rev. Harold Simpson served from 1970 to 1974. The United Methodist Women made Chrismons for a tree at Christmas time. Rev. Paul Dennis served from 1974 to 1977 and Rev. Merrill Perkins from 1977 to the present time.

There is much to be said about the faithful laity of the church who have served in different capacities.

Sources: Bleaka Kerr Blanton, Church Historian; Bulletin of formal opening of new church on April 19, 1970; and interview with Miss Annie Hughes, a life member.

— Helen McIntyre Ervin



Lafayette Street United Methodist Church.

LATTIMORE BAPTIST CHURCH 57

In 1891, a small group of Baptist brethren of the town of Lattimore and the surrounding community met for the purpose of consulting and considering the propriety of constituting a Baptist Church in Lattimore. At that first meeting, they selected a site for their church, got the land for this site donated, subscribed a certain amount of money by those present and appointed a committee to raise the balance of the funds needed to build a "church house."

A week later, the committee reported that they had contracted for a house built according to specifications for six hundred (\$600) dollars. At that meeting, they elected a pastor, Reverend A.C. Irvin, and sent an invitation to Elder Thomas Dixon to serve as moderator of the organizing presbytery.

Reverend A.C. Irvin, the newly elected pastor, had served in the Confederate Army and had been ordained at Zion Church in Cleveland County on July 4, 1874. He had served as pastor in many of the County's churches over the years and was, perhaps, one of the most genuinely loved ministers in the County. Elder Thomas Dixon, who was to serve as moderator of the organizing presbytery, was the father of one of North Carolina's most famous families. He had built more churches and had probably served in more pulpits than any other local leader.

On December 4, 1891, a presbytery met for the purpose of organizing a Baptist Church. After an introductory sermon by Elder Thomas Dixon, the Presbytery elected him moderator and proceeded to organize a church. After the churches of the Presbytery and their representatives were recognized, the moderator gave an invitation for people wishing to become members of the new church and forty-five persons responded.

The first church house that the Lattimore Church was to occupy, like the one-room schoolhouse of its day, seems to have been a rather simple structure which, apparently, was regarded by its progenitors as more of a shelter for those who wished to worship the Lord

than as an expression of their faith. It consisted of only one room — there were no Sunday School rooms — which was heated in cold weather by a wood stove and cooled in hot weather by open windows. Since there was no electricity, there were no electric lights nor any plumbing. It stood in a little grove of trees just about where the present church stands. There were, according to the custom of the day, two doors — one for the women and one for the men. Inside there was a center aisle.

The women and children sat on the right side of the aisle and the men and larger boys sat on the left side of it. It is not clear from the Clerk's minutes when this first church house was ready for occupancy, but it must have been sometime in the early part of the summer of 1892 for a dedication service was held on the first Sunday in August, 1892.

A series of meetings were held following the Dedictory Service and three new members united with the church. The Lattimore Church was now a going concern. At one of its earliest meetings, it voted to unite with the Kings Mountain Baptist Association and in 1896 it was host for the 46th annual session of that body. Another of the first items of business attended to by the new church was to designate the regular meeting time as the first Sunday in the month and the Saturday preceding it. This regular Conference, which took place on Saturday, was a unique feature of the Baptist churches of that day.

Not the least of these business matters was the enforcement of church rules. Each church had its set of rules and regulations which set up a guide for the conduct of church members. It was a system which became increasingly unpopular. A search of the clerk's minutes reveal that there were many cases of church discipline before 1910. After that, they occurred with less and less frequency until, by 1920, they disappeared entirely.

Reverend Irvin served as pastor of the Lattimore Baptist Church for four years. He was followed by Reverend A.P. Hollifield, who also served for four years. After his resignation, Reverend Irvin served another four years. In 1906, he again resigned and Reverend Gordon

Washburn, a graduate of Wake Forest College, was elected to preach.

In 1912, the names of twenty new members were added to the church roll after the August Revival and in 1914, there were thirty-three professions of faith after the Revival. They were baptized in the creek behind the church on what was then the Beam property. When it became the time to extend the hand of fellowship to the new members, there were so many of them that the little church would not hold them and they were lined up outside to be welcomed into the church family.

In October or November of 1914, the little church that had been built for the incredulous sum of \$600 burned.

A new church was soon built and dedicated sometime in 1916. This, the second church built by the Lattimore Baptists, was a white frame structure of a type once very typical of the rural landscape of North Carolina, but which has almost disappeared today. The little white church, with its bell and belfry, its two doors that enter the sanctuary on either side of the pulpit, its well and pump, its two little austere restrooms out back and its graveyard close by, all nestled in a grove of trees, has become almost a picture postcard rarity.

The church continued to grow. In 1927, it agreed to finance a singing school to be taught for two weeks during the summer. It was taught by a Professor Ruebush of Shenandoah College in Virginia and was such a success that it was continued at the same time every year for a number of years. Reverend R.C. Campbell became pastor in 1917. After three years, he asked to be relieved of his duties in order that he might further his education and Reverend I.D. Harrell succeeded him. When Reverend Rush Padgett, who succeeded Reverend Harrell, was forced to resign because of poor health, he was succeeded by Reverend C.C. Crow.

During Reverend Crow's tenure, the Lattimore Baptist Church built its third church building, the old one having been inadequate for some time. It was dedicated July 29, 1951 and the programs for that event proudly carried the comment: "the entire church indebtedness paid when completed."

With this, its third church home, the church building philosophy of the Lattimore Baptists had come full circle. If the first church house had been hardly more than a shelter, and if their second church house, with its token concessions to comfort, was typical of a rural South, this, their third church building was an architect's expression in brick and mortar and slender spire, of the religious faith of a people. It was, primarily, the sacrifice of a people who labored to bring it to fruition and who offered it in a spirit of thanksgiving for the worship of God and to the service of man.

To Reverend C.C. Crowe, who was pastor from 1941 to 1948, must go the credit for sowing the seed that was to grow into the present church building. He gave the idea its original impetus and helped provide the climate that nourished it to maturity. He was followed by Reverend J.R. Cantrell. Mr. Cantrell had a knack for nudging along the proceedings of a church conference when they

seemed in danger of bogging down, and he helped ease the mechanics of building a church over many a rough spot. It was toward the end of his tenure that the Lattimore Church built a modern parsonage.

Reverend Hugh L. Borders assumed the pastorate in 1961. He brought a youthful enthusiasm and vitality to the church which helped to instigate, among other things, the completion of a south wing addition which not only greatly added to the esthetic symmetry of the building's outward appearance, but also added much needed Sunday School room, a home for the Church Library, and an adequate pastor's study. In 1968, Hugh Borders resigned to accept a call to the First Baptist Church in Spruce Pine, North Carolina.

Reverend James Wall assumed the pastorate in May of 1969. Reverend Wall served as pastor until October, 1980. His tenure as pastor was distinguished by his emphasis on the young people of the church. The Carrie Beam property, which she had willed to the church, began to be developed as a recreation area for young people, and he coached basketball teams sponsored by the church.

After his resignation in 1980, Reverend Joe Edwards, who had been Director of Missions for the South Mountain Association, was chosen as pastor. Under his leadership, the Youth Recreation Project goes on. A baseball field has been built and tennis courts are being prepared. He and his wife, Louise, have developed a warm, caring relationship with the entire congregation.

Sources: Church records.

— Mary An Bridges

LAWNDALE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The Lawndale First Baptist Church has had many great church leaders from its establishment of the church in March 1924 to the present. The Reverend Henderson Mitchell was the first pastor.

The founder was Brother Benny Wray who was the first and only deacon for one year, then Bro. Herbert Wray, Bro. Albert Thomas, Bro. Rufus Elder, Bro. George Browning were added in 1925, also Bro. Thomas Fambough. In 1927 Bro. Eddie Wray, Bro. Jerry Gordon, Bro. John Mufford were added. The first church was an old house they rented from Mr. Huss Cline at \$4.00 a month. We had meetings there for one year.

A few months later we were able to buy a little land and built a church in the year 1925. This was done with free labor, only one man got pay, Mr. Parries Sanders, and he was not a member. They rebuilt this church in 1948 under the leadership of W.L. Johnson.

In the year 1978, under the leadership of R.D. Lucas, we bought new windows and lots of improvements were added.

We are very thankful for our church and the old people who worked hard, and who saw in their hearts a need for the people to have a place to praise God and be buried.

In Matthew 18:20 Jesus said, "Where two

or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Jesus was in the midst of a few members of the Lawndale First Baptist Church as they gathered together to worship and give thanks to God in 1924. We were in a strange land and no church near. We just have a few living that started in March, 1924. Their names are as follows: Lula M. Wray, Lillie B. Elder (living in Washington, D.C.) and myself.

Sources: Church records.

— Mrs. Arie M. Wray



First meeting place, 1924, of Lawndale First Baptist Church.

MOUNT HARMONY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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The Mount Harmony United Methodist Church located in Number 8 Township of Cleveland County is the oldest Methodist Church west of the Catawba River, dating back to 1791. According to *Methodism in Western North Carolina* by Elmer T. Clark (page 28) there is a marker at Rev. Daniel Asburys grave in the Rehobeth churchyard near Terrell with this inscription:

"Rev. Daniel Asbury,
The Pioneer Preacher of Methodism in
Western North Carolina,

was born February 18, 1762, died May 5, 1825.

He organized here the first Methodist Church in the state, west of the Catawba River. The first church building was erected in 1791. The first camp meeting was held here in 1794."

But in the footnote for Chapter II (page 38) Dr. Clark states, "Although this inscription indicates that Rehobeth was the first Methodist Church in North Carolina west of the Catawba River, the date of November 29, 1792 on this deed, registered at the Lincoln County Court House, is later than the date of June 25, 1791 which appears on the deed of the Mount Harmony Methodist Church property located in northwest Cleveland County. Although the Mount Harmony deed was recorded in the Rutherford County Court House on January 4, 1794, it was executed nearly three years earlier.

The deed was executed by John Latimore and his wife, Jamima, in favor of George Moore, Charles Breadlove, William Williams, Joseph Williams, Hezekiah Davis and Joseph Moore of Rutherford County and Daniel Asbury of Lincoln County. The date on the deed indicates that Daniel Asbury was instrumental in acquiring the property for the Mount Harmony Methodist Church prior to the

date on which he helped acquire the property for the Rehobeth Methodist Church. The deeds are very similar in form and language."

At the Register of Deeds office in Rutherford County Court House, *Book J-L*, page 132, no. 1125, the deed, dated January 9th, 1794 states, "... that for and in consideration of the sum of five shillings current money of North Carolina to the said John Latimore in hand ... doth grant bargain and sell alien convey and confirm unto the said George Moore, Chales Breadlove and trustees as above and to their heirs and assigns forever all that lately erected house and tenement with yard and graveyard thereunto adjoining, including two acres and a half more or less."

The boundaries of the track are given, and the location of the track is referred to as "... situate near said John Latimore Dwelling house on the waters of First broad river in the County of Rutherford." The deed is specific as to the purpose of the building "... and shall permit those preachers known by the name of Methodist and appointed and approved by the yearly conference of the said Methodist Episcopal Church and no other persons to have and enjoy the free use and benefit of the said premises that they may preach and expound God's Holy word, ..." and "... provided that the said persons preach no other doctrine then is contained in the Reverend John Wesleys notes on the *New Testament* and four volums of the surmonds ..."

In a December 28, 1827 deed, with very similar wording, John Parker and Margaret, his wife, sold "for the sum of three dollars current money one acre and 31 rods adjoining their tract of land that the former Trustees bought of John Lattimore." (Note the difference in spelling Lattimore).

The markings of property must have been lost because on November 28th 1916 Andrew J. Elbolt, Justice of the Peace, signed a statement:

"Whereas Albert Whisnant, T.J. Willis and Ivy Willis as Trustees for Mt. Harmony Church are desirous of having the church land surveyed and the boundaries marked off but being unable to locate definitely any of the corners of Said land containing 3 5/8 acres and whereas J.J. Hunt owning the land all around Said land and all parties agreeing to lay off certain boundaries herein after set forth as the Said Mt. Harmony Church's property and that the said trustees, agree to receive said boundaries as the church property from now henceforth and forever regardless of the Old deeds to the church and that they will never set up any claims for any land, outside the boundaires hereafter set forth."

On April 7, 1924, this was signed by Geo. P. Webb, Clerk of Superior Court.

On the 1st day of May 1967, Emma Lou and Albert Grigg and Betty G. and James Lee Hunt, for the sum of one (\$1.00) Dollar sold a one-half acre tract to the Trustees of Mount Harmony Methodist Church.

We have been told that the first services held at Mt. Harmony were held in a brush arbor which may have been prior to the "lately erected house and tenement with yard and graveyard thereunto adjoining" mentioned in the 1791 deed.

We do not know what happened to the first Church or the second one which was a log structure with a balcony. We understand that slaves attended services there and sat in the

balcony, and that part of the graves on the west side of our cemetery are slave graves.

The third church, built in 1923, was a weatherboard building painted white on the outside but unpainted on the inside. It burned Easter Sunday, 1942. The fourth building on this site was erected in 1942 and stands to this date. As far as we can determine, there have been continuous services at this church since 1791.

The small congregation at Mt. Harmony seems to feel that as long as there is someone willing to serve as minister, and a District Superintendent willing to send them there, the oldest Methodist Church west of the Catawba River will remain open for services.

Sources: quoted sources, church records.

— Mary Jo Willis Pruett

MT. SINAI BAPTIST CHURCH

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Mt. Sinai Baptist Church was organized May 20, 1848 by Elder Louis McSwain and deacons from Buffalo Baptist Church and several surrounding churches. There were thirty charter members. It was organized in Broad River School one fourth mile south at the present site. Elder Louis McSwain was first pastor, Thomas McSwain, John Randall, John McSwain were the first deacons. John Randall the first clerk.

The first land was given by Frances Young in 1850. Since that time other land has been given by McHoyt Fraser and his wife, Nell Ellis Fraser, Yates Putnam and C.S. Bridges. Land has been purchased from the Moss estate and from Mr. Joe Craver.

The first building was a small log, one room structure. The second building was erected in 1870, a frame structure of one room. In 1928 this one room structure was remodeled, veneering it with brick; adding seven separate Sunday School rooms. The auditorium seated about 400 people. This was used for services

from 1928-1954, after that it was used for classes and a recreation center until 1973 when it was destroyed by fire. In 1954 a new structure was erected. In 1973 a church annex was erected. In 1964 a parsonage was erected.

This church was in the beginning a member of the Broad River Baptist Association as was her parent church Buffalo. In 1851 she withdrew from this association to be one of the twelve other churches to form the Kings Mountain Association. In 1861 she withdrew along with Boiling Springs, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Paran and others to form a separate association with anti-temperance proclivities, this group called themselves "The Constitutional Kings Mountain Association." In 1886 the group became reconciled and again became a member of the Kings Mountain Association.

The following ministers have been sent out by the church: In 1882 P.S. Mullins. In 1924 R. Herbert Weaver. In 1955 Ector Hamrick was issued a license to preach the gospel.

In 1851 Mt. Sinai had forty-seven members with a mission contribution of 98 3/4 cents.

In 1901 there was a membership of 91 with a total mission contribution of \$13.50.

In 1950 there were 191 members with a mission contribution of \$1,168.00

The following men have served as deacons: Thomas McSwain, John Randall, Samuel Wylie, W.R. Hamrick, C.B. Blanton, Starling Weaver, Frank Moore, O.P. Gibson, W.K. McSwain, W.L. Harrill, J.F. Blanton, H.M. Angle, L.R. Putnam, Thomas McSwain, J.M. Putnam, J.H. Hawkins, L.C. Putnam, Foy B. Putnam, Sr., C.Y. Harrill, L.Y. Putnam, R.O. Ellis, D.B. Rollins, Andrew Hunt, John Martin, Hythe Putnam, W.H. Putnam, V.L. Hamrick, C.S. Bridges, W.E. Clary, Jesse Harrill, Earnest McGinnis, Thomas Jolly, Carl Bridges, Ezra L. Putnam, Jack Putnam, Shaftee Putnam, Herman Hamrick, Lee Bridges, Gene Wray, Bill Ellis, James Putnam, J.D. Rollins, Jerry Ledbetter, Frank Ellis, Lee Ledbetter, Sam Hamrick, Gordon Putnam, Wayne Rol-

lins, James Spurling, Clyde Ledbetter, Carl Ray Bridges, Bill Billings.

The following men have served as pastors: L.H. McSwain 1848-1853; B. Bonner 1854-1855; L.H. McSwain 1850-1858; William McSwain 1859; J.J. Jones 1860 (no record 1861-1862); L.H. McSwain 1863; D. Scruggs 1864-1865; L.H. McSwain 1866-1870; T.H. Mullinax 1871-1872; L.H. McSwain 1873-1876; T.H. Mullinax 1877-1883; P.R. Elam 1884; R.M. Hawkins 1885-1886; T.H. Mullinax 1887-1889; E.J. Bridges 1890-1891; R.N. Hawkins 1889-1899; J.M. Goode 1900-1912; B.M. Bridges 1913-1919; W.G. Moore 1920-1921; J.C. Gillespie 1922-1925; Rush Padgett 1926-1929; J.L. Jenkins 1930-1936; Lawrence Roberts 1937-1940; C.B. Bobbitt 1941-1942; L.M. Canipe 1942-1943; C.C. Crow 1944-1945; A.C. Hughes 1951-1958; H.H. Ruppe 1959-1964; J.R. Johnson 1964-1967; Robert Low 1968-1970; Broadus Heatherly 1972, until now.

At this time the church staff includes, in addition to Broadus Heatherly, Pastor, Dr. Alice Cullinan, minister of music, Mrs. Lee Bridges, organist, Mrs. Raymond Hamrick, pianist, Mr. Bill Ellis, custodian and Mrs. Bill Ellis, secretary.

In 1981 the total intake was \$76,945.00 with \$16,605.00 going to mission expenses. The property is valued at \$500,000.00 with 295 resident members.

For 134 years this church has extended the love of the Lord to many people; those who were hungry, grief stricken, lonely, unsaved, in prison and afraid. Only eternity will reveal the true worth of this instrument of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Sources: Church records and J.R. Logan's *Sketches, Historical and Biographical, of the Broad River and Kings Mountain Association*, From 1800 to 1882.

— Jane P. Jolly

NEW BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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In 1847, several persons of the Baptist faith, living in what is now the New Bethel Church community, requested that Zion Baptist Church extend an arm to this place, receiving and baptizing members. This request granted, several ministers participated in a meeting here that year; among them were J. Suttle and T. Dixon. The outcome was a presbytery for organization into a church of the Baptist faith and order. Consisting of representatives from Zion, Capernaum, Zoar, and Double Springs, the presbytery convened on Friday before the fourth Lord's Day in July, 1848. Twenty-five persons were organized into the New Bethel Baptist Church.

The church soon joined the Broad River Association and was a member until 1851. At that time she united with several area churches to form the Kings Mountain Association, of which she is still a member.

New Bethel Baptist had grown; Immediately following the formation of the church, a several days' meeting (presumably under the leadership of T. Dixon) was held, receiving forty-eight additional members.



Mt. Sinai Baptist Church as photographed in 1975.



New Bethel Baptist Church — 1879.



New Bethel Baptist Church — 1925



New Bethel Baptist Church — 1953

During the first eighty years of the church's life, some one thousand and fifty persons held membership. At sundry times the church has contributed significantly to the membership of neighboring churches: New Prospect in 1854, Pleasant Grove in 1878, Carpenters Grove in 1887, Lawndale in 1899, Fallston in 1902, and Norman's Grove in 1912.

Certain family names have been associated with the church continuously since its inception. These names and first roll members are: Beam (John Beam), Cline (David Cline), Dixon (Rev. T. Dixon), Elam (A.S. Elam), Hord (Richard T. Hord), and Lattimore (Lucinda Lattimore). Their record of vital service to New Bethel is cherished by both church and families.

It was, in fact, a Lattimore, Francis, who deeded to the church the land for its first building, July 12, 1851. The log structure on that four and one half acres was replaced in 1855 by a frame building. During the pastorate of Rev. J.A. White, a contract was let in November, 1879, for a \$280 building which was used for worship until November of 1924. Its timbers were then employed in the framework of the brick structure which provided for a fully departmentalized Sunday School organization. Under the pastorate of Rev. J.W. Suttle, the church moved into this eleven-room educational building in the fall of 1925.

The present building was erected in 1953 under the leadership of Rev. C.O. Greene; the cornerstone was laid on the fourth Sunday in May, 1954. The copper box in the granite stone contains a roll of the church membership and the names of the building committee in addition to one copy each of: the 1948 *Church History*, 1953 Associational minutes, *Biblical Recorder*, *Shelby Daily Star*, "The Commission Magazine," "Brotherhood Journal," "Royal Service," and "Tomorrow."

For these buildings and the welfare of the church, New Bethel has received many generous gifts. An outstanding example is the legacy of J. Matt London. Born in 1850, Mr. London was a loyal lifelong member of New Bethel; he was vitally interested in the work of the Lord and was concerned about the education of men and women both. His 1920 will left his entire farm to the deacons of New Bethel. Property income was devoted to the care of Mrs. London until her death in 1922. In accordance with Mr. London's wishes, the income has since been administered for the purpose of educating Cleveland County boys and girls, with preference to those with Christian callings. Since the first grant (Oct. 31, 1923), many students have received aid totaling more than \$35,000.

The membership of New Bethel has also been fortunate in the strong leadership provided by its sixteen pastors:

Rev. T. Dixon, 1848-1856, 1864-July 1866, 1870-1878, 1883-1890; Rev. Joseph Suttle, 1857-May 1860; Rev. Phillip R. Elam, 1860-1861; Rev. L. McCurry, 1862-1863; Rev. R. Poston, 1866-1869; Rev. J.A. White, 1879 & 1882; Rev. A.P. Hollifield, 1891-1897; Rev. C.S. Cashwell, 1898-1900.

Rev. J.V. Devenney, Nov. 1900-Oct. 1905; Rev. C.W. Payseur, Nov. 1905 — Dec. 1912;

Rev. John W. Suttle, 1913-1949; Rev. C.O. Greene, Jan. 1949 — Nov. 1959; Rev. J. Russell Fitts, 1960 — Oct. 1962; Rev. Cline W. Borders, Apr. 1963 — July 1967; Rev. W.C. McKinney, Jr., July 1967 — Aug. 1976; Rev. Don Ledbetter, Apr. 1977 — present.

Sources: Church records.

— Haley Dedmond

NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

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New Hope was formally organized August 1874. Records show Earl School asked the Rev. Thomas Dixon, Wm. D. Gaston, John S. Hopper and Robert C. Porter of Buffalo Church, five miles south in South Carolina, to help with the organization after a week's brush arbor revival conducted by Rev. Dixon on the ground now occupied by the present church building. There were fifty converts from this revival and others from nearby churches brought their letters making a total of 161 charter members. The name New Hope was chosen because it represented the feelings of the band of new converts.

Able Earl gave five acres of land for the first church and J.W. Gibbons gave a rod, to include a spring of water on the grounds. The first building was a one-room frame structure about 40 by 50 feet. It had four doors, two in front and one on each side about half-way back of its length. There were two aisles with long benches in the center and shorter ones on each side. Women entered the church building at the right hand door and sat on that side with men going in sitting on the other side. Up front on right side of the audience was a corner with short benches for a choir. On the opposite was the same but was called the Amen Corner. Only men sat in this section. During summer services all four doors were kept open to make it cooler.

The first pastor was Rev. Thomas Dixon, first deacons were Able Earl, James McSwain, and J.H. Austell. The first clerk was L.M. Logan. New Hope joined the Kings Mountain Association after finishing its building in 1874. New Hope has been host to the annual Kings Mountain Association in 1875, 1897, 1915, 1942, and 1963, and since as co-host with the Grover group.

During its first year, six new members were added. In 1881 a Sabbath School was organized with 40 members enrolled. Robert E. Harrill was the first superintendent.

The church made efforts to discipline its members for immoral living, drunkenness and failure to pay some each year to the support of the church according to its covenant, etc. It excluded a member from membership for not paying a dollar during one whole year who was later forgiven and taken back into full fellowship because she was a widow and had no means of earning money.

The second church house was erected in 1913-14. It was a wooden structure with a sanctuary 40 by 50 feet with wings on both sides 20 by 30 feet. This spacious sanctuary was furnished with long curving oak pews with

pulpit furniture to match. It would seat about 500 people. This building was dedicated January 13, 1917 and served for 41 years. The sanctuary was heated with two large space heaters with long stove pipes overhead held up by wires tacked to the ceiling. Feet would get rather cold during a long service in cold weather but in summertime with all the large windows raised and the six big double doors open to let air through, along with all kinds of night insects, etc., it was fine.

The summer revival or "Big Meeting Week" was always held during the second week in August after crops were laid by. This week was planned for and looked forward to as one of the greatest activities of the church and community.

In 1923 a two-story addition was built on to the back of the sanctuary allowing eight new Sunday School rooms. A baptismal pool was built under the pulpit so the floor could be opened back for baptizing. Before this, a pool in a nearby stream was used. In August 1923 a B.Y.P.U. was organized with an enrollment of 35 members. Herbert Camp was the first President.

As of 1974 New Hope had ordained four young men for the ministry which were: Charles Evans Crawford and W. Lawrence McSwain, both in the 1920's; Joe J. Bridges in 1950, and Michael J. Sepaugh in 1967. In 1973 Miss Betty Crow served as a missionary. In 1950 the church voted to employ a fulltime pastor and erected a brick pastor's home.

The third church building is a brick structure built across the railroad east of the old frame building and is 128 by 76 feet. It contains 35 classrooms, a pastor's study, church offices, library and restrooms. The sanctuary is 80 by 45 feet, seating 400 people. The plate glass "cry room" along with the basement and nursery department is equipped with sound speakers. The building and contents were valued at \$250,000 in 1974. It is air-conditioned on all floors and is heated with a forced hot water system. The library contains almost 1,100 carefully selected volumes catalogued and filed using the Dewey system.

This building was occupied August 1, 1954. Rev. C. A. Kirby, Jr. was pastor. He also served as chairman of the Building Committee with B. Austell, Clyde McSwain, Jackson Sepaugh, and C. T. Tolbert. B. H. Hopper served as chairman of the Finance Committee. The church building was paid for and dedicated to the Lord on November 2, 1958.

A Minister of Music was called in 1958 — Joe Blanton of Shelby, followed by Stanley Webb, Mike Ramsey, Desmond Hargess, Martha Lattimore, Kenneth Bolin, and presently Yates Pearson of Shelby, N.C. is directing adult, youth, and children's choirs.

On February 6, 1968 New Hope Church bought the Earl School building, gymnasium, lunchroom and about 5½ acres of land adjoining the church yard and grounds. The lunchroom and kitchen were remodeled and enlarged and is used for a Church Fellowship and dining hall.

In the 1960's the church secured the services of a part-time church secretary. First was Miss Peggy Earl, next Mrs. Joel P. Jenkins,

followed by Mrs. Don McCurry who serves at the present time.

Mrs. Judy Stamey, a senior at Gardner-Webb College was called as a part-time Minister of Youth for the church in 1973. After her graduation she was followed by Rev. Louis Crawford. He entered the Seminary this summer and at present Rev. Joe Brooks is Minister of Youth.

At its one-hundredth anniversary New Hope had 455 members, a staff consisting of Pastor, Music Director, Minister of Youth, Church Secretary, Building Custodian and Grounds Caretaker.

Sources: Church records.

— Mrs. Gladys Hopper

NORMANS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Normans Grove Baptist Church is located in No. 10 Township, Cleveland County, N.C., about one-half mile west of Highway No. 18 and near Belwood school building about sixteen miles north of Shelby. The location is level. The new building extends out into a dense oak forest with oaks and pines in the front yard. The church is a member of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association and has had no other affiliations.

The earliest minute book shows that the church held conferences as early as 1911. However, there is no specific date mentioned in these minutes concerning the organization. In the associational minutes we find the date of constitution given as 1913. It is the writer's opinion that there must have existed some sort of organization before 1913, but we have no way of establishing this fact. Moreover, there is a difference of opinion as to who the first pastor was.

It is agreed that Rev. Frank Newton organized the church. It is clear that he conducted brush arbor meetings prior to the organization of the church. One of the members says that the Rev. J. Crowell Blanton was the first pastor. Another member says that the Rev. Frank Newton was the first pastor. Therefore we actually do not know — when there is a difference of opinion. It appears that the church was organized in a brush arbor.

Mrs. J.P. Boggs says that J.M. Norman, C.P. Wellmon, and Robert Norman were the first deacons. Audley Hord was probably the first superintendent of the Sunday School. From memory Mrs. J.P. Boggs says that the following persons were charter members: J.M. Norman, Myra Norman, D. M. Norman, Ida Norman, Mrs. Ella Boggs, Robert Norman, Mr. & Mrs. P.M. Wellmon, Mrs. Louise Warlick, Mrs. Mittie Willis, Mrs. Bertha Lutz, Mr. & Mrs. Lawson Biggerstaff, Mrs. Hattie Norman, and Andy Hord.

Rev. Frank Newton, as before mentioned, organized the church. It is a fact that Rev. J. Crowell Blanton was called pastor of the church and served about one year. The other pastors are as follow: Revs. J.V. Devinney, M.M. Gold, who served the church about twenty-two years, then Berry Preston Parks.

present pastor, since January 1933 up to now 1941 —

It is said that D.M. & J.M. Norman gave the original site for the church — probably about two acres. Then the church bought a small space from J.M. Norman for the parking of cars.

The first building was erected in 1913 and was a one-room frame structure using curtains to separate the Sunday School classes. It seated about five hundred people and was painted white. The building was removed in 1940 to give place to the building now almost finished.

A second structure is now in process of building. In fact, the congregation is using the auditorium for worship now. However, the last floor has not yet been laid, nor have the windowlights or sash been installed. The windows are circle-top and I understand are to be memorial windows with colored glass. It is a brick-veneer building with an auditorium about 30 x 42 feet.

There is a Sunday School department at the rear about 18 x 46 and two story high. There is a front porch about 8 x 24 feet. The church is using the old crude seats from the first building. I could not tell how many separate Sunday School rooms the church would have when finished; but it appeared there would be a dozen or more. Mr. W.T. Warlick is the chairman of the building committee in charge of this new structure. I understand that the old building was razed and the new one begun in 1940.

Present board of deacons: J.R. Buff and Robert Norman. Other officers of the church are: Rev. Berry Preston Parks, present pastor; Loyd E. Boggs, clerk; Loyd E. Boggs, treasurer; W.T. Warlick, superintendent Sunday School; Mrs. Loyd E. Boggs, director B.T.U.

According to the associational minutes Normans Grove has a membership of 130 persons and one hundred and two enrolled in the Sunday School.

This sketch was written in the spring of 1941 and does not complete the information at the present. The church now appears about finished (Dec. 23, 1941).

— Mrs. Frances Beam

PATTERSON GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

64

The history of Patterson Grove Baptist Church of Kings Mountain began as was recorded in the first minutes: "Enrolled as follows November 15, 1884; Bethlehem, John Barber; State Line, E. B. McSwain, Elder G. P. Hambrick; Antioch, E. Hardin; Rosses Grove, R. Y. Wethers; Shelby, Elder G. M. Webb.

"On motion, Elder G. M. Webb was elected chairman and L.M. Logan Secretary. The letters were presented from Bethlehem, 62 names; Capernaum 6; Pleasant Hill, 4; Aggrigate 72. On motion the church was constituted on the principles of the Holy Bible with name Patterson Grove.

"On motion the church received R. U. Patterson as deacon on his former ordination.

"The church presented brothers Noah W.



Patterson Grove Baptist Church, 1981.

Ross, A. H. Bridges and B. Goforth as other deacons. Rev. G. P. Hamrick asked questions and the Presbytery say 'Amen'. Elder G. M. Webb led the ordination prayer and laid upon them his hands and set them apart as deacons of this church. Appropriate remarks were then made by G. P. Hamrick on the work of deacons. And G. M. Webb on discipline and the office of deacon and liberality. The Presbytery adjourned.

"On Sunday morning (November 16, 1884) a very large audience assembled in a Sunday School mass meeting conducted by E. Hardin. Several took part and made it very interesting. At 11 o'clock we took a collection amounting to \$56.75 to go towards finishing to pay for the house. After prayer by G. P. Hamrick, G. M. Webb preached the dedicatory sermon from 2 Chron. 2:18, 'And he (Solomon) . . . set the people a work.' In his earnest manner he impressed indelibly upon the minds of all present the well selected truths."

Tradition has it that during the summer of 1884 a revival meeting was held in a brush arbor near where the present church building now stands and those who were baptized from this meeting into the membership of Beth-

lehem Baptist Church were the ones, along with other Bethlehem members, who decided that a church was needed in the area where the first building for Patterson Grove was built.

On November 1, 1954, the church voted to go "full-time", meaning that there would be preaching services held every Sunday. By 1955, 357 were enrolled in Sunday School with an average attendance of 197. On August 28 of that year the church broke ground for a new educational building for a cost of \$56,000.

In 1959 a parsonage was built and the debt for this was retired in 1961 and the debt on the educational building was retired in February of 1963.

On March 27, 1966, ground was broken for a new sanctuary. When completed on March 19, 1967, the congregation dedicated a house of worship costing more than \$260,000. On November 120, 1974, this debt was retired with the taking of the largest single offering ever received by the church: \$11,110.25. All church property is now valued at almost one million dollars. In 1974 the membership was 304 and an average attendance in Sunday school of 144.

In 1976 the congregation began supporting Ronald and Janice Wilson as their missionaries to the Dominican Republic. This support continues. In 1975, the total gifts to missions for that year was just over \$5,000. From 1976 through March, 1982, total gifts to all mission causes reached almost \$150,000.

In 1978, the present educational building was renovated at a cost of \$20,000 and in 1982, the parsonage was renovated at a cost of \$19,000.

Since 1965, the church has ordained four men to the ministry: Rev. Charles William "Buddy" Freeman on January 10, 1965; Rev. H. Leon "Buddy" Wright, Jr., on June 28, 1970; Rev. Toy Steven Bolton on April 1, 1979 and Rev. John Franklin Bridges on April 5, 1981. In 1980, the church ordained their first woman deacon, Mrs. Ann Bridges Scism. In 1981 her husband, Haskel H. Scism, was ordained a deacon and they are both serving three year terms as active members of the Fellowship of Deacons.

During the church year 1981 (Oct. 1980 — Sept. 1981) the church had 264 resident members with 232 persons enrolled in Sunday school and an average weekly Sunday school attendance of 150. Church Training, organized in 1949, had an enrollment of 82 with 60 in weekly attendance. For the first time in the history of the church total receipts for the year went over \$100,000 for a total of \$104,514. Bethlehem Baptist Church is six miles south of Patterson Grove.

It is not known exactly when the first building was completed, but it was well before 1889.

On January 3, 1885, P.R. Elam began his work as the first pastor of the new church and his first sermon was taken from Psalms 116:12, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"

During 1885, Rufus and Sarah Patterson and G. J. and Eli B. Patterson deeded 4.167 acres of land to the deacons of Patterson Grove Baptist Church. That same year on September 24, the church was received as a member of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association. W. A. J. Carpenter and R. U. Patterson were sent as messengers to the annual meeting. At this time the membership of the church was 68 and the salary for the pastor that year was \$50.00.

In 1886 the records show that for the year two dollars was given to N.C. state missions and two dollars was given to home missions.

By 1900, the church had 110 members and the contributions for the year totaled \$83.00. Church property was valued at \$600. The Sunday school had 74 enrolled with average attendance of 38. By 1909, church membership had risen to 151, but the average Sunday school attendance stayed at 38.

In 1924, the original church building was razed off the ground and a ground floor for educational class rooms was constructed. The sanctuary was on the upper floor. The church was remodeled and the outside bricked. This structure remained in use until 1966 when it was torn down to make way for a new sanctuary.

During the great depression year, 1929,

total contributions came to \$1,565.64 and the pastor's salary was set at \$500. The church now had 190 members and 177 enrolled in Sunday School.

In 1943 total gifts were \$1,817.71 with \$905.56 of this amount going to missions.

For 63 years the church had preaching services once a month, but in 1948 voted to have preaching services on the first and third Sundays of each month. By now the membership was 237; 282 enrolled in Sunday school with an average attendance of 145. In 1948 the total contributions were \$3,339.86.

The church has had 25 pastors. Three, P.R. Elam; J.C. Blanton and I.D. Harrill served as pastors on two different occasions. Those who have served as pastor are P. R. Elam (1885-1887); C. F. Felmet (1888-1891); T. Bright (1892); P.G. Hoffner (1893; P.R. Elam (1894-1897); J.C. Blanton (1898-1900); A. H. Sims (1901-1902); J.C. Gillispie (1902-1904); R. N. Hawkins (1905-1906); J.C. Blanton (1907-1910); I.D. Harrill (1911-1913); D. E. Vipperman (1914-1915); J.P. Miller (1915-1916); I.D. Harrill (1916-1919); A. C. Irvin (1920-1921); J. O. Fulbright (1921-1924); W. O. Johnson (1924-1925); J. Hoyle Love (1925-1928); G. P. Abernathy (1929-1931); John W. Suttle (1931-1945); W. A. Roberts (1945-1947); Grove C. Teague (1948-1951); John J. Thornburg (1951-1958); Fred F. Hicks (1959-1962) and Richard Ervin Plyler (1963 — present.) Mr. Plyler began his 20th year on March 28, 1982.

On November 15, 1984, Patterson Grove will celebrate their 100th Anniversary. On this day the congregation will remember that a church is not buildings but people. People joined together because they are responding to the call of God through Jesus Christ.

Sources: Church records.

— Norman Webster



Poplar Springs Baptist Church, 1898.

POPLAR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH

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In the section of Cleveland County that we now know as Poplar Springs Community, some Baptist brethren felt the need for a local church. These men requested that deacons and pastors from a number of churches meet with them at Shanghai School for the purpose of organizing a church. The Reverend Tom Dixon presided over the meeting.

On Wednesday, September 21, 1898, at 11:00 a.m., the church formally organized. The following persons dismissed from the fol-

lowing churches, becoming the forty-five Charter Members:

From Boiling Springs, Jefferson Davis Pruitt, Martha Etta Pruitt, General Marion Moore, Marshall Morris Moore, John Matterson Moore, Elijah L. Holland, Rev. Ranson Newton Hawkins, Julia Ann Hawkins, Margaret Jane Moore, Mollie Moore, and Jane Morehead.

From Mount Sinai, Joseph S. Hawkins, Cynthia Tate, William Thomas Ledbetter, Margaret Hesentine Ledbetter, Furman Monroe Ledbetter, William T. Hawkins, and Nancy Hawkins.

From Shelby, Mallard Dovus Moore.

From Beaver Dam, Thomas Jefferson Holland, Edward Stanhope Glasco, Charlie Wallace, Jonathan P. Barnett, John Calhoun Hamrick, William McSwain, Martha Jane Glasco, Minnie Ollie Glasco, Charlotte Madora Hamrick, Salida Miller McSwain, and Mary Jane Glasco.

From Zoar, Elizabeth Jane Dodd, David Crockett Dodd, Alice Estelle Dodd, John Ross Harrill, Martha Elizabeth (Mattie) Harrill, Alonzo Marion Hamrick, Elnora Elizabeth Hamrick, Governor Vance Hawkins, Lizzie Lee Lattimore, Sarah Casandra Lattimore, William Aaron Lattimore, Cansas C. Morehead, and J.M. Weaver.

From Gastonia, Sidney Boyd Jones and Cora Bertha Jones.

Land for a building and cemetery plot was given by Paxton Davis and heirs. Robert Hamrick and wife gave the church additional land. The name Poplar Springs was chosen because of the large poplar trees around the spring at the foot of the hill where the church was to be constructed.

Rev. Landrum Ezell, a native of Spartanburg, South Carolina, was elected the first Pastor of Poplar Springs Church. Other pastors who have served the church are: Landrum C. Ezell, 1898-1902; James C. Gillespie, 1902-1905; A.C. Irvin, 1905-1907; B. Monroe Bridges, 1908-1909; John W. Suttle, 1909-1910; R.C. Campbell, 1910-1911; James C. Gillespie, 1911-1914; Allen Harold Sims, 1914-1917; R.C. Campbell, 1917-1918; Willis Edward Lowe, 1918-1919; W.G. Moore, 1919-1921; James C. Gillespie, 1921-1926; D. Frank Putnam, 1926-1931; Rush Padgett, 1931-1940; J.R. Cantrell, 1941-1951; Dr. R.C. Campbell, 1951-1954; W.P. Hall, Jr., 1954-1961; J. Edgar Bishop, 1962-1973; Dr. Clyde D. Chapman, 1973 — present.

The church has constructed a number of buildings since its organization. A wooden structure in 1899, a brick structure in 1929, a sexton's home in 1947, an educational plant in 1954, a parsonage in 1956, and a new sanctuary and recreation facilities, pastor's study, office and classrooms were completed in 1970. We have also purchased additional land through the years.

The church's growth has been steady through the years. We became a "fulltime" church in March, 1954. Today, with a resident membership of approximately 600, we continue the tradition of self-reliance under God which characterized our rural forefathers.

Our members are active in the planning and

execution of all church ministries and programs. Our programs continued to be grounded in principles of Christian discipleship, and in the ever changing needs of the people of our community and the world.

Sources: various Church records.

— Mrs. Dolores Hamrick



Prospect Baptist Church, Mooresboro, N.C.

PROSPECT BAPTIST CHURCH 66

Prospect Baptist Church located in No. One Township, Road 1209, in the Southwestern part of Cleveland County, was established with the help of Mt. Pleasant Cleveland and Camp's Creek Baptist Churches in North Carolina and Grassy Pond, Cherokee Creek and State Line Baptist Churches in South Carolina on August 22, 1899. Twenty-three presented themselves by letter. The first church conference was held on the evening of September 22, 1899 at which time R.Z. Reavis was elected church clerk. L. B. Scruggs and C. S. Humphries were elected as messengers to the Sandy Run Association.

The first Pastor was B. P. Green and we have been served by the following to the present time, November, 1981: R. N. Hawkins, W. M. Gold, M. M. Huntley, T. M. Hester, B. M. Strickland, Guy Johnson, Gordon Wilson, F. A. Lunsford, Frank Johnson, M. W. Stallings, Emory K. Anderson, Sam Mintz, Harold Mason and Glenn Walker.

The first church building was started in the winter of 1899 with L. B. Scruggs, C. S. Humphries, W. D. Spake, A. F. Ellis and R. Z. Reavis serving on the building committee. Work went slowly but the building was entered into the first day of July, 1900. This building served until February 14, 1931, when services were held for the first time in the present Sanctuary. The bricks for the new church were hauled from a railroad siding at Chesnee, S. C., by mule and wagon teams. Additional Sunday school rooms were added during the years of 1931-39. The Church added it's first parsonage in the years of 1943-44. Growth was continuous and at one time we used the parsonage basement for additional rooms.

On Sept. 6, 1959 the Church voted to build a new educational plant and ground was broken for this building on October 25, 1959. Committee for this construction consisted of John Wood, Edward Yelton, Walter Toney, Henry Crawford and John Godfrey. Construction was done by Ralph Webber and Sons of Shelby,

N.C. at a cost of Thirty-Six Thousand dollars and the building was dedicated on May 1, 1960.

On April 7, 1968 the church voted to construct a new parsonage and the remodel the Sanctuary. Committee for this construction consisted of Jim Godfrey, Kate Hullett, R.D. Jolley, Hamon Jolley and John Wood. O.C. Blackwood of Gaffney, S. C. did the construction at a cost of Fifty Thousand Dollars. These structures are serving the Prospect Community at this writing, November 1981. However with continued growth there will no doubt be other changes down the road.

From organization in 1899 to the present November 1981 three ministers and one home missionary have gone out from the church. Namely: Fletcher Ruppe, Gene Potter, John Godfrey and Alma Jolley.

Prospect Baptist Church has had a great impact in the community through the years.

Sources: church minutes, records.

— John W. Wood

PUTNAM MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH 67

In June of 1949, the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, under the leadership of Missionary Lewis E. Ludlum, established a mission near the Shelby Sales Barn. A tent was placed in the grove of trees on the Roland Gantt property located on Highway 226 South.

A revival meeting was held with the Reverend T. W. Fogleman bringing the messages. Following the meeting a Vacation Bible School was held and soon a Sunday School was established.

This tent became the first church home when on October 16, 1949, a Baptist Church was

organized with nineteen charter members. For the next six months those joining the church were counted charter members bringing the total to twenty-nine. Those charter members were:

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lane, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Strickland, Marvin Strickland, James Strickland, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard McSwain, Carolyn McSwain, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Webber, Janis Webber, James B. Webber, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Passmore, Mrs. V. B. Crawford, Robert Brown, Mrs. Fennel Patterson, Roscoe Patterson, Faye Patterson, Mr. Claude A. Jones, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Calude A. Jones, Jr., Mary Catherine Jones, Garland Clary, Helen Swink, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Hamrick, and Pink Shytles.

The church was named Putnam Memorial in memory of the Reverend D. F. Putnam, a missionary pastor with a divine call to start new churches.

Soon the drafty tent was inadequate. A warm meeting place was needed. A lot on the County Home Road was purchased from Roland Gantt for a building site. This lot was situated behind the grove of trees where the tent was located. It was covered with cotton "white unto harvest"; This became the title of the church history book compiled twenty-four years later by Betty McIntyre. The cotton was picked and construction began.

On November 24, 1949, the Reverend Lawrence Roberts was called to serve as the first pastor.

The temporary church building, the second church home, was completed within a month. On December 18, 1945, the first services were held. This was one large room with a wooden floor on the south end for the pulpit and piano. The rest of the floor was dirt covered with sand. A pot belly stove was used to furnish heat. Later, four Sunday School rooms were added



Putnam Memorial Baptist Church, June — Nov. 1949.



Temporary Putnam Memorial Baptist Church, 1949-1952.



Putnam Memorial Baptist Church — 1982.

to the north back side.

The first officers of the church were: Leonard McSwain, Sunday School Superintendent; Mrs. James R. Webber, Training Union Director; Mary Catherine Jones, song leader; Carolyn McSwain, pianist; Mrs. Virginia Jones, Woman's Missionary Union president; and Colon Hamrick, Brotherhood president.

The first four deacons ordained in November of 1950 were: Calude A. Jones, Sr., Chairman, Howard Strickland, Leonard McSwain and S. T. Putnam.

A new educational building was begun behind the temporary building. The first service was held June 27, 1952, in the new building, the beginning of the third and present church home.

As the membership grew, more space was needed so the south end of the educational building was added in January of 1958.

A pastorium was built above the church on a lot donated by Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Cline and open house was held September 13, 1964.

On October 18, 1970, ground breaking ceremonies for a new sanctuary, to be added

to the middle front of the educational plant, were held and soon construction began.

One of the most significant events in the life of Putnam Memorial Baptist Church was the Dedication Service held in the new sanctuary on March 4, 1973. It was at this time that the members saw their most cherished dreams become a reality.

The following have served the church as pastor: Lawrence Roberts, Joe T. Whitworth, Richard N. Spencer, George W. Dowd, Harold L. Threatt, and Johnny M. Bridges.

Interim pastors were: Lewis E. Ludlum, William P. Shytle, Donald D. Moore, E. S. Elliott, M. Vann Murrell, C. C. Crow, and Scot Smith.

The church has ordained two young men for the Baptist ministry, William P. Shytle and Eugene Passmore.

Our present pastor, the reverend Larry M. Morris, has been with us since September 27, 1981. The church membership has reached three hundred and seventy-two, and as the Lord blesses we will continue to grow.

Sources: Church records, *Kings Mountain Baptist Associational Minutes*, History book, and oral tradition.

— Betty Patterson McIntyre

RESURRECTION LUTHERAN CHURCH, KINGS MOUNTAIN

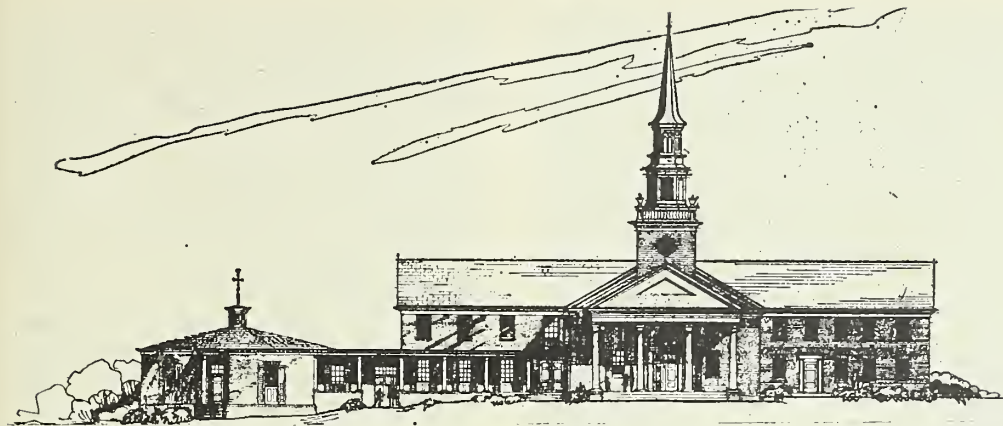
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A dream to establish a mission of the Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain had its beginning October 10, 1950 when ten men met to discuss this possibility. They were Hubert McGinnis, Stowe Devenney, Clyde Bennett, Dorus Bennett, Paul Smyre, Herbert Mitcham, Paul McGinnis, Fred Plonk, E. K. Whitener and Philip Baker, all from the immediate area. Taking their concern for a mission to Rev. F. L. Conrad, DD, President of the Synod, the proposal was received with enthusiasm.

Rev. Conrad proceeded with preliminary arrangements then came to Kings Mountain on October 23, 1950 to the home of Fred Plonk. Here he discussed the future steps needed with twenty-six interested people. Paul McGinnis immediately secured the names of fifty people interested in organizing a mission and the preliminary information was forwarded to Dr. Conrad. On November 14, 1950 Mr. H. E. Isenhour presented the information to the Board of American Missions and received the approval for establishing the mission in Kings Mountain.

The Reverend Vance Daniel accepted the call to serve as mission developer on February 1, 1951. On February 4, 1951 the first worship service was held at West School auditorium with about seventy five people attending.

Land was donated and the ground breaking service was held prior to the official organization on February 25, 1951 with a gathering of over three hundred persons attending. The official organization date was on Palm Sunday March 18, 1951. At this time eighty one members were received as charter members and the congregation voted to leave charter membership open until May 13, 1951. Twelve more members were added and the charter mem-



Resurrection Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain, N.C.

Jack Cornwell. They met and decided to build a one room building 26 x 36. The Sunday School building was completed in the Spring of 1881.

By request of the brethren of Ross Grove a meeting was held September 30, 1881, at the new building for the purpose of organizing a church. A sermon was preached by Rev. Robin Poston, pastor at Zion Baptist Church.

Reverend Poston was elected moderator pro tem and A. A. McSwain, Clerk pro tem. The temporary organization was made permanent and the following were charter members:

R.Y. Weathers, deacon, Mrs. R.Y. Weathers, J. J. Cornwell, Hezekiah Dedmon, deacon, Mrs. Hezekiah Dedmon, William Dedmon, A.P. Spake, Thomas McSwain, Rebecca McSwain, David W. Blanton, deacon, Mrs. David W. Blanton, Mrs. J. J. Cornwell. Also, Moses Ross, Mary Ross, David Blanton, G. B. Bridges, Abel Hardin, Mrs. Abel Hardin, Sophy Bridges, R. J. Putnam, W. P. Wilson, deacon, Mrs. Lena Wilson, M.A. Whitworth, and S. L. Whitworth. Two names were not recorded.

On March 4, 1904 the church in conference instructed Joe E. Blanton, Sr., to begin taking subscriptions for a new church building, and the first service held in it was Sunday School, August 11, 1905. The first preaching service was held August 16, 1905, on Friday. The formal dedication of the building came May 27, 1908. The Church bell was bought in 1912 and Sunday School rooms were added in 1935. Roy Wilson, Paul Weathers, and George Sperling composed the committee which built the stoop on the front of the church in 1942. Cement walks were poured that same year.

The church was completely remodeled in 1943, with new pews with matching paneling and pulpit furniture, a baptistry, two Sunday School rooms on the third floor, and stained glass windows. This remodeling was headed by L. H. Ledford and at a cost of \$8,000.00.

In 1946 a Hammond organ was purchased. Rest rooms were added in 1947 and church grounds landscaped in 1949. The Fellowship building was built in 1952 and the Parsonage was completed in December 1956.

In 1926, Mrs. L. H. Ledford and Miss Violet Richardson were the first leaders of what was then called B.Y.P.U. Miss LaLene Grigg served for ten years as Director.

The Baptist Brotherhood was organized on April 19, 1956. The organization's activities have included visitation, evangelism and

bership was ninety three.

The membership supplied excellent support and the first service was held in the incomplete building on December 2, 1951. Pastor Daniel served the congregation until October 1, 1953.

The Reverend R. Douglas Fritz was the second Pastor. The congregation continued to grow and while reducing the current debt a parsonage was completed in 1955 and the interior of the church completed in 1956. Pastor Fritz's musical talents were quite an inspiration and programs he directed are well remembered.

The third Pastor was The Reverend George T. Moore who began his service on February 18, 1959. During his ministry the church accepted full benevolent responsibility and also accepted partial support of the Reverend Carl Fisher, missionary to Malaysia. In April of 1961 a beautiful colonial steeple was added to the edifice through a gift from the Aubrey Mauney family. The Reverend Moore served through July 1, 1965.

The fourth Pastor was the Reverend David L. Castor who began his ministry on December 1, 1965. Plans to build an educational wing emerged and received congregational approval in November 1966. In the spring of 1967 the final payment on the original church building was made. The ground breaking for the new addition took place on December 3, 1967. James L. Beam of Gastonia designed the new addition and Dorus Bennett was awarded the contract to build when his work crews were free. This was slow and as time passed prices rose steadily. Pastor Castor terminated his service on December 29, 1969.

On January 17, 1971, The Reverend Arthur Glenn Boland became the fifth Pastor. When he arrived building had completely stopped on the new wing. During his service additional mortgages were assumed and through sacrificial giving the new wing was occupied late that same year. In 1973 a building maintenance project was undertaken to repair the older church property. The congregation continued generous support of the Lutheran Homes and exceeded its quota to the "Out-reach Appeal" of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. During this period of time the congregation accepted sponsorship of a Vietnam widow and her child. Pastor Boland served until December 31, 1977.

The current and sixth Pastor is The Rever-

end W. Gerald Weeks who assumed his duties on July 16, 1978. The congregation continues to reduce its debt and meet its benevolent goal. New families have been added to its membership. During this current year 1981 a special project of support to Lutheran camping facility "Agape" is underway in addition to community projects. A balanced budget is a dream realized.

Resurrection Lutheran Church has been blessed with two congregational "Sons" being ordained into the ministry. They are William "Bill" Mitchem in 1964 and Gary Steven Plonk in 1980.

Resurrection Lutheran Church has active women's, men's and youth groups. It has three active church choirs. Its members participate in church group competitive sports.

In its majestic location on Crescent Hill in Kings Mountain, Resurrection Lutheran Church is an inspiring reminder that God lives and its congregation serves.

Sources: church records, personal knowledge.

— Alma P. Plonk

ROSS GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

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In August 1878, a revival meeting was held in a brush arbor near where the present building now stands. This meeting was conducted by J. P. Styers. Several conversions resulted and the new converts went to nearby churches for baptism and membership.

The Brush Arbor meeting resulted in the organization of a Sunday School in the Spring of 1879 which met in a log barn.

The Ross Grove School was a one room building equipped with benches made of split logs and a long writing table. The Sunday School scholars had no quarterlies but memorized scripture from cards.

In 1880 the Sunday School was still being well attended and promoters began discussing a Sunday School house. Able Hardin and wife, Lettie Hardin, offered to donate a site of 15 acres. The offer was accepted and the grove now called Ross Grove was named for Lettie Ross Hardin. A building committee was appointed composed of R. Y. Weathers, Daniel Poston, Hezekiah Dedmon, David W. Blanton, W. S. Weathers, John Hopper and

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Ross Grove Baptist Church, 1908.



Architect's drawing of future Ross Grove Baptist Church, 1982.

sponsoring the Royal Ambassadors. Woodrow Blanton served as President.

The church library was begun in 1942 with Mrs. Max Putnam and Miss LaLene Grigg as librarians.

The Kings Mountain Baptist Association met at Ross Grove in 1920 and 1947.

A building committee was elected and the church voted July 16, 1961 to begin plans for a new church building. Architects Holland and Riviere were secured. Estimated costs for Educational Building (not furnished) plus architects fees totaled \$125,000.00.

Ross Grove Baptist Church has now been moved from its original site, in the grove to Highway 18, North. The present facility was completed in 1969.

— Lelene Grigg

SHARON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Sharon Church came into being in 1851, with consolidation of two methodist churches in the community under the direction of the Reverend Joseph Holmes. Lee's church stood near the Billie Blanton place on Burke Road. The other was Poplar Springs, situated near the Wins Jones place on the old Shelby-Boiling Springs Road. Sharon was named by Landruns Smith.

The first church was just above the spring near Highway 150. It was a flat rectangular building, chimney-fire place in one end with wooden window shutters. A shed was built to one side, separated from the main church by

planks, with space between them for the slaves to worship with the other families. Reverend Martin Eddy was the pastor in 1851.

After twenty-one years Sharon Campground was built, added strength to the spiritual service of the church. The second church, built in 1884, was located across Highway 150 from the present church. Reverend M. D. Giles, was pastor. It was a long building with two front doors and glass windows.

Sharon's present membership books begin in 1895 during the ministry of Reverend R. L. Owensby. The first name shown was Alma Blanton (Mrs. C. P. Morehead). The third church was built during the pastorate of Reverend C. H. Clyde. A modern frame structure, situated in grove where the present building is located. It was dedicated in 1917 by Bishop John C. Kilgo.

The present church was started in 1939 under the leadership of Reverend J. L. Rayle and finished in 1940. Brother Rayle conducted the first service on the third Sunday in January, 1940. The Reverend R.M. Hauss came to Sharon, October, 1940. There was a debt of \$10,200. This was cleared March 31, 1942. Bishop Clara Purcell of Charlotte dedicated the church and Honorable Clyde R. Hoey gave the memorial address.

Sharon parsonage was erected in 1948 and the J.M. Barbers were the first occupants. The church was made a station in 1948. Sharon hut was built in 1950 and dedicated in 1953.

Seventy-five years after the Watch Night Service was held at the turn of the century, another Watch Night service was held December 31, 1975. Writings of that previous years-end service was read by Howard M. Blanton. All present participated in a worship hour, followed by midnight supper.

Canrollonic bells, given by Mrs. W. M. Whitaker were put in honor of her husband W. M. Whitaker in 1949. The organ was purchased in 1955. The cemetery was grassed in 1955. The brass cross and candle holders were given to the church at Christmas in 1962 by the Methodist young people. The present Communion ware was given to the church in 1974 in memory of Mrs. J.D. Elliott (Johnnye Packard). Two generations of the Packard Family served as Communion Stewards.

A memorial book stand honors Glenn Blanton. Memorial book honors Mrs. W. M. Whitaker. Sharon Memorial Fund was started in 1956.

Sharon United Methodist Church celebrated her 125th Anniversary in May, 1976. Ladies wore long dresses and bonnets. Howard A. Hamrick drove a 1927, T. Model Ford, horses and a surrey were there and all enjoyed them, especially by those that rode in it.

Two sons have gone out from Sharon to make methodist preachers. Robert V. Dodd and Gustan C. Koch.

In 1968 the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Church united to become the United Methodist Church.

It has been said that materials out of the first church were used in the second church. Materials from the second were used in the third church and materials from the third church

was used in the construction of the fourth church. Whether this is actually true in case of materials or not, it is vitally true in case of the spiritual sense. After one hundred and thirty years of continuous endeavor in the Kingdom of God, Sharon still passes some of the rock faith and simple confidence in God, that links her to the past and ties her unconditionally to the never ending future.

The present pastor and wife is Reverend Edmund R. Lynn and Betty. Former Pastors of Sharon United Methodist Church: Martin Eddy, C. O. Lamette, D. D. Byers, J. W. Miller, J. T. Kilge, E. W. Thompson, William S. Black, Allen McCorquodale, J. S. Nelson, W. G. Ivey, John Watts, A. P. Avants, J. S. Ervin, B. E. Dixon, J. W. North. Also H. T. Hudson, J. C. Hartsell, A. R. Raven, T. S. Campbell, M. D. Giles, S. M. Daves, E. Plyler, H. T. Hudson, A. J. Gantt, R. L. Owenby, T. T. Sayler, W. F. Womble, D. F. Carver, B. A. York, B. Wilson, E. N. Crowder, C. H. Clyde, O. I. Hinson. Also L. E. Stacey, L. F. Brothers, A. J. Burrus, N. C. Williams, J. C. Keever, D. P. Waters, R. L. Forbis, J. N. Randall, J. N. Wise, J. L. Rayle, R. M. Hause, J. M. Barber. Also W. L. Scott, Baxter Davis, Geroge Neelham, Harold Austin, R. W. Walters, Brown McKinney, Richard Howell, Wayne Smith, Dixon Adams, Cletes Pope, John E. Jones, and B. Joe Parker.

Source: Church Records and my own knowledge.

— Ila Morehead Bivins

THE SHELBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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On September 19, 1858 nine people of Presbyterian faith, under the leadership of Rev. Jesse Rankin, met and organized the present church.

In 1871 the first church building was begun and completed in 1875, at the cost of \$1800. The lot for the church was one of four bequeathed to the Town of Shelby for church

purposes by James Love in 1843. The first deed for a lot on West Marion Street was received November 4, 1872. Later this lot was sold and the present location on the corner of East Graham and South DeKalb Streets was purchased.

The second church was an enlarged and remodeled one of the first and completed in 1893. This structure was remodeled again in 1916. The present church complex is the culmination of a long-range plan which would result in entirely new facilities for worship, fellowship, and Christian education. In 1951 a building campaign was begun to erect the new church which was completed nearly 27 years later.

First the old church was razed and the congregation held services in the State Theater while the Fellowship Hall was built. This was completed in December 1953 and the Sanctuary was completed in April 1954. These were the two buildings of phase one.

The Date Stone was installed in the foundation of the new Sanctuary near the main entrance on East Graham Street. Data placed in the metal box included deeds, lists of officers and members, histories, reports, pictures, and building plans.

The second phase of building began in 1956 when funds were raised to erect the Christian Education and Chapel facilities which were completed in 1963. The last phase of the building program was to raze the obsolete Sunday School Building and replace it with a three-story structure which would house a Ladies' Lounge and rooms for conferences, music and scout activities, and a Youth Lounge. The last phase was completed on June 4, 1979. The entire property was evaluated at \$750,000 in 1981.

In 1958 festivities to observe the Centennial began on September 7th, and climaxed at the Sunday worship service September 14, 1958. Mr. Phillip Howerton of Charlotte, moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S., and several former ministers took part in the celebration

which included the dedication of the Sanctuary and the burning of the mortgage.

Shelby Presbyterian Church has been instrumental in establishing two Presbyterian churches. In 1952 work began with a Sunday School and worship services being conducted in a rented house in West Shelby. In July 1955 the first service was held in the newly constructed John Knox Presbyterian Church on Charles Road.

Through the generosity of Miss Frances Lowery, a former member of the Shelby Church, funds were bequeathed to be used to establish a church for blacks. Several years later in July 1974 this wish was fulfilled when the Ryburn Memorial United Church was dedicated.

Today with a membership of 626 the Shelby Presbyterian Church maintains a strong structured program including Sunday worship services, Sunday School classes for all ages, Wednesday night supper and worship services, three vocal choirs, two bell choirs, scout activities, study groups, and annual retreats at Montreat for officers and members.

The church shares in sponsoring the Life Enrichment Center at John Knox as well as maintaining the Preschool Enrichment Center at the Shelby Church. In collaboration with John Knox, church members have sponsored two Laotian families in 1981-1982 under the Refugee Family Resettlement Program.

For the past five years the church facilities have met the needs of the following civic and community groups: Alcoholics Anonymous, Al-Anon, Welcome Wagon, Men of Service (interdenominational), White Cross, Senior Citizens, Parents Without Partners, Lamaze Childbirth Classes, Preschool Hearing Impaired Classes.

Pastors of the Shelby Presbyterian Church include: Jesse Rankin, 1858 — ?, A. A. Porter, D.D., 1864 — ?, Nathan Shotwell, 1866-1871, J. W. Query, 1874-1875, R. Z. Johnston, 1875-1883, E. P. Davis, 1883-1887, E. E. Ervin, 1888-1889, Jesse W. Siler, 1890-1891, W. P. McCorkle, 1891-1894. Also T. M. Lowry, D.D., 1896-1900, W. R. Minter, 1900-1905, James Thomas, 1905-1912, T. D. Bateman, 1912-1918, W. A. Murry, 1918-1925, H. N. McDiarmid, 1925-1942, J. Walter Dickson, Jr., 1942-1944, Walter L. Brown, 1944-1952, Dr. John S. Brown, 1953-1958, George M. Webb, 1958-1975, Victor Otis Wilson, Jr. (Assistant Minister), 1971-1975, James B. Holderness, D. Min., 1976, and Herbert F. Gale, Jr., D.Min. (Associate Pastor), 1978-1982.

Sources: Church records.

— Helen C. Morris

ST. MATTHEW'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, KINGS MOUNTAIN

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Although services had been held in Kings Mountain for several years, the congregation was formally organized 1876. Charter members were: P.S. Baker, M.M. Carpenter, A. C. Carpenter, W. A. Mauney and wife Mary Susan, Mrs. M. S. Mauney, J.S. Mauney and



Sharon United Methodist Church, 1982.

wife M. Julletta, L.A. McAllister and wife Catherine, and Mrs. Mag S. Mauney. By the end of 1879 the congregation had completed and dedicated a church building at its present site, 201 North Piedmont Avenue.

The Reverend J.L. Peterson was first pastor, assisting in the organization of the church. Other major pastorates following included that of Dr. L.A. Bikle who came to the church in 1884 and served twenty years; Dr. C. K. Bell who was pastor for more than thirteen years beginning in 1905; Dr. H.B. Schaeffer who began his duties in June 1919. During Dr. Schaeffer's pastorate of four years, an intensive evangelistic effort was made, particularly directed to adult education and enrollment in Sunday School and church membership.

Other pastors who have served the congregation were A. M. Huffman, C. K. Derrick, L. Boyd Hamm, H. G. Fisher, W. H. Stender, Dr. William P. Gerberding, Charles W. Easley, Robert E. Allen, and the present pastor Harwood T. Smith.

During Dr. Gerberding's years at St. Matthew's, a new church building was erected, a small gothic-style cathedral, with richly symbolic windows, altar, and facade. A new parsonage was also completed. The new church building was dedicated in 1954.

Each of its pastors has served St. Matthew's congregation effectively and contributed to the religious life of the community as well. Throughout its history, the congregation has experienced a steady growth and demonstrated a most benevolent spirit.

Sources: Church records.

— Mrs. L.E. Hinnant

ST. PETERS METHODIST CHURCH

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In 1982, St. Peters Methodist Church is celebrating the centennial anniversary of its founding. Due to the lack of historical records, the early history is very incomplete, however, we know that for the last 100 years it has been a stronghold of Christian endeavor.

The original deed for the land upon which the first building was erected has been carefully preserved. It is dated July 14, 1843, and although nearly 100 years old, the excellent penmanship is very legible. The deed was made by Solomon Young to Charles and John Biles, Nol Hoyle, Robert and Randall Willis. Four and one-fourth acres of land was purchased and the whole cost was \$4.25.

The first church was a small log house and as far as we know had no means of heat. It was used for about 35 years when a new frame building was erected. Among the early members of the church were John and Charles Biles, Joseph, Robert and Randall Willis, Lemuel S. Self, Christopher Bingham and William Hunt.

The second building was a one-room frame structure about 30 x 40 feet with plain glass windows, a steeple on the front and a bell. It was situated near what is now the northeast corner of the cemetery. Then in the spring of 1904, the third church building was begun.

This was another frame structure about 40 x 60 feet. When it was almost completed, except for windows and doors, during an electrical storm it was blown off its pillar and left leaning to one side. A great deal of work was required to straighten and finish it. When finished, it had double Gothic windows with colored glass in the upper part and the building was painted white. About this time, according to an old deed, James R. Willis gave the church a small tract of land containing about 2-5/8 acres. This land joined the former tract.

In 1923, the Church School had grown until the different classes meeting in the same room, although separated by curtains, caused noise and confusion. During this year a two-story Church School annex was added at the rear. The Rev. John Green was pastor at this time and Edny Willis was the Church School Superintendent.

A few years later, after the public school had been moved to Belwood, the school site, a tract of 2 acres was bought by the following persons: J.P. Boggs, J.P. Bingham, J.H. Costner, J.A. Hallman, J.L. Sain, F. D. Edwards and Edny Willis. Later, this was added to the church land making 9 acres in all.

Time passed, and on the morning of June 15, 1941 the work of remodeling this third building was begun. The outside was veneered with a 16 inch gray granite rock wall. The stone was given by Dr. F. D. Edwards, and the stone mason was Albert Bleynot of Valdese, North Carolina. The windows were changed from Gothic to Roman memorial windows. The walls were plastered, a hardwood floor was laid, oak furniture and a heating plant were installed.

Though not a complete list, the following are some of the pastors who have served through the years: The Rev. Miles Puckett was the pastor in 1845, and he was followed by A. R. Rennick, J.M. Cline, then John Watts in 1866 (see list under Kadesh Church) and J.M. Morgan the present pastor (1941-45).

In 1874, the Rev. A. T. Edwards, a former Captain in the Confederate Army, who was pastor at that time tried to introduce Sunday School literature and met with some opposition. The following are some who have served as superintendents of the Sunday School: James R. Willis, who was also the choir leader: J.D. Boyles, Edny Willis, J.T. Barber, Lee Willis, Floyd Hallman, Wilson Willis and Flay Willis.

In 1927, during the pastorate of J.W. Fitzgerald, a Womans' Missionary Society was organized. The late Mrs. Edny Willis was the first president and Mrs. W. H. Young was the secretary and treasurer. The following were the charter members: Mrs. J.P. Bingham, Mrs. J.D. Boyles, Mrs. C. G. Boyles, Mrs. F. D. Edwards, Mrs. W. H. Mitchem, Mrs. Dennis Sain, Mrs. Pert Sain, Mrs. W. H. Young, and the late Mrs. Edny Willis and the late Mrs. E. G. Self. At present the Woman's Division of Christian Service enrolls 27 members.

The church has a membership of 220 and the Church School enrollment is 148. The present trustees are: Edny Willis, J.P. Bingham, P.M. Mauney, A. B. Boyles, J.F. Willis and Mrs. R. F. Tillman. The stewards are:

Endy Willis, J.P. Boggs, J.P. Bingham, J.H. Costner, Dennis Sain, Jacob Hoyle, Wilson Willis, J.W. King, John D. Sain, Marvin Elliott and C. G. Boyles is recording steward.

Through the years St. Peters Church has received many blessings, and has been a guiding influence in the community which it has served.

In 1866, St. Peters and Kadesh were on the South Fork Circuit in the Shelby District. This District then covered the upper part of South Carolina and all of North Carolina. In 1890, North Carolina was divided into two conferences; North Carolina Conference, and our own Western North Carolina Conference. The Shelby District was changed to the Gastonia District about 1917. South Carolina was cut loose from North Carolina in or about 1870 or 1871.

— Mrs. Frances Beam

SULPHUR SPRINGS METHODIST CHURCH

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A "Camp Meeting" or "Brush Arbor" marks the beginning of Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church which dates back to the early 1800's. Many people walked to the campsite, others used buggies, wagons and horseback. Families came in the summer and stayed for extended evangelistic services. Cabins were often built or tents pitched to house the families during their stay.

The first church building was built in 1840. It was called Epps Springs Methodist Church. This wood frame building, a large one room auditorium with its three rows of pews and two aisles, was used until the present facility was built in 1928. The cornerstone read Sulphur Springs Methodist Episcopal Church South. The Reverend R.L. Forbis was the last preacher to serve at Sulphur Springs in the frame building. He was our pastor from 1927 to 1930.

Reverend Forbis in 1928 traveled to Lincoln County and obtained the plans for our present church. The cost of \$12,000.00 and the depression of '29 combined to test the members of our church. Interest payments were slow in coming and the loan was refinanced twice; however, the hard work of Rev. Forbis and the church families had the church debt paid by the late 1930's.

During the thirties we along with Sharon, Pine Grove and Salem made up a circuit with preaching held only twice a month. Our revival was always in August, during the time that schools were operating on a cotton schedule. Because of our revival, schools were dismissed at 11 A.M. providing time to attend the services.

Sulphur Springs Church celebrated our 100th year of existence and the Church's Dedication in 1940. The Rev. J.L. Rayle was our pastor. Friends and members of Sulphur Springs Methodist Church took part in the Centennial Celebration and Dedication. The Rev. R.L. Forbis, who had worked so hard to see the church built, was the featured speaker.

The Sharon Methodist Circuit was dissolved



Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church.

and a new circuit was formed in 1947. The Sulphur Springs Methodist Circuit, as it was called, was made up of Sulphur Springs, Salem and Pine Grove Methodist Churches.

On December the 16th, 1947, the parsonage owned by Sharon Circuit was sold to the new Sulphur Springs Circuit for \$7,500.00. After many meetings, it was agreed that the new circuit would pay Sharon Church \$3,500.00 for their percentage of ownership. Sharon Church accepted this payment for their part of our parsonage.

The Church Hut was built between 1951 and 1955. The Rev. I.M. Brendle was pastor. It took all the church's members working together to build and pay for the hut. The church had "feeds" to raise the money for the building of the hut.

In 1953 Sulphur Springs became a station church. The parsonage owned by Sulphur Springs Methodist Circuit on Washington Street was sold and a new one was erected on land given by Mrs. Lochie Biggers. Located ¼ mile from the church on Hamrick Road, the land was given in 1955. The parsonage was built and dedicated in 1957. The minister at this time was Rev. F.W. Dowd Bangle.

Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church, the oldest church in its community, completed its renovation in 1959. On August 28, 1959, the church renovation was dedicated. The total cost of this project was \$8,500.00. The church added a vestibule to the front of the sanctuary. The interior of the church was completely remodeled with wall to wall carpet throughout the church. At this time we had 223 members. The Reverend Grady Barringer was pastor.

Our church decided to redo the entire cemetery in the late 1950's. This was a great undertaking which included such things as taking up all coping, leveling graves, sowing grass and straightening markers and the members of our church worked diligently until our cemetery looked beautiful.

On September 10, 1972, a church conference approved the construction of a new edu-

cational building. Remodeling of the old educational building was also approved. New heating and air conditioning units for both buildings were installed. Ground Breaking Ceremonies were held on June 24, 1973. The building was completed and first used on Easter Sunday, April 14, 1974. On November 9, 1975, the new church building and the remodeled building was dedicated. The Rev. I.M. Brendle was pastor.

The latest addition to our church came in the form of a project the Methodist Men wanted to sponsor. It was their idea to build a barbecue pit for our church to hold annual barbecues. We have had two successful barbecues (1978 and 1979) and look forward to many more. This has proved to be a true asset to our church. It brings families and friends together while building for the future of our church.

Sources: Church records.

— Mrs. Mary Wolfe

ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

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Zion Church, the oldest in the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, is located on the Zion Church Road, five miles North of Shelby, about half a mile east of Highway 226. It is across a stream to the west of the old William Weathers homestead which served as the first courthouse of Cleveland County. Located nearby was the old Weathers Mill, known later as the old Lutz Mill. Zion boasts five churches in 164 years of worship progress. The 150th Anniversary was observed in 1966.

It's brick and mortar,
but it's spiritual growth too.
It's Pastor, music, members,
memories that view.
It's progress in a framework
of tradition true.
It's a world of change she
passes through.
It's Zion.

Zion's cradle years began in a brush arbor with the Reverend Drewery Dobbins serving.

There were thirty charter members.

The first church, a log house, was built in 1846. The Reverend Dobbins became pastor and served Zion thirty-one years.

Zion's second church, a framed unceiled building, was constructed in 1858. The Reverend Robert Poston, a Cleveland native, served fifteen years.

The Reverend A.C. Irvin, a Cleveland native, was pastor of the third framed ceiled house in 1883 and served twenty-five years.

The fourth house, a brick structure, was erected in 1927-1928. The Reverend D.G. Washburn, a Cleveland native, served Zion nineteen years. A baptistry was built in 1941.

Zion's fifth and modern structure is used currently. The Reverend W.V. Tarlton came to Zion in 1950, held the first service in the fifth church in 1953, and continued to serve thirteen years. The Reverend B.J. Traywick served four years in the fifth church. The Reverend W.H. Pope served five years in the fifth church. The Reverend Russell Fitts began serving in the fifth church in 1978.

Zion Church Pastors, 1816-1980, included Drewery Dobbins, 1816-1847; Tom Dixon, 1847, 1887-1890; Robert Poston, 1854-1855; 1867-1870, 1875; A.J. Cancellor, 1856; J.H. Yarborough, 1866; L.C. Ezell, 1871-1872; A.C. Irvin, 1876-1879; J.P. Styres, 1880-1881; T.J. Moss, 1891-1894.

R.L. Limrick, 1900-1901; Z.D. Harrill, 1902-1905; D.G. Washburn, 1917-1935; J.L. Jenkins, 1936-1945; W.A. Ayers, 1946; W.P. Biggerstaff, 1947-1950; W.V. Tarlton, 1950-1966; B.J. Traywick, 1967-1971; W.H. Pope, 1972-1978; Russell Fitts, 1978.

From walking and horseback to the automobile, paying monthly to missions in 1800 to a supported missionary in 1956, the old organ in 1893, to piano, now electric organ, the tiring but refreshing trips to the spring replaced by the well in 1919, now electric pump, kerosene lamps in 1921 to electricity (indirect lighting in the sanctuary), local free help to full time sexton on 1954, preaching on the first Sunday and Saturday before channeled to full time minister in 1956, the pastor staying with members to a parsonage, baptismal service from streams to the baptistry, the old singing school to full time directors, and the hand propelled fans to air conditioning in 1966.

Zion's Sunday School was organized in 1865. Zion's Training Union began in 1921. Mrs. Monroe (Pauline) Poston organized Zion's W.M.U. in 1928. Mrs. J.F. (Zoe) Lutz organized the Sunbeam Band. J.F. Lutz was the first R.A. leader. Josie Wilson was the first G.A. leader. The Reverend W.P. Biggerstaff organized a Vacation Bible School in 1948. Reverend Biggerstaff also began a Brotherhood. Zion's parsonage was built in 1947. The caretaker's house was built in 1958. The fellowship building was added in 1968.

Zion's progress is ever onward.
Zion is truly marching to Zion

Source: *History of Zion Church, 1816-1955*

— Mrs. D.W. Kiser





Zion Baptist Church, 1816-1882.



Zion Baptist Church, 1837.



Zion Baptist Church, early 1900's.

1902); Rev. D.G. Washburn (1903-1912); Dr. R.C. Campbell (1913-1914); Rev. J.W. Suttle (1916-1932); Rev. Rush Padgett (1932-1940); Rev. Jessie Blalock (1940-1948); Rev. Hoyle Alexander (1948-1950); Rev. Franklin Monroe (1950-1952); Rev. L.M. Tenery (1954-1969); Rev. Dan H. Jolly (1969-1980); Rev. Paul W. Wall (1981-).

We were also blessed by some fine interim pastors during those years. (Due to a fire, some of the church records were burned and a complete list of pastors prior to Rev. Harrell was not available).

After 144 years of service, Zoar Baptist Church continues to make progress. Zoar has increased in its membership and its support to missions. The ministry to the community and the surrounding area has increased through the ministry of puppets (The MOP Squad, which was started in 1977), backyard bible clubs, youth musicals, a radio ministry on WOHS, and various other activities of the church. The church also voted to help financially sponsor a missionary couple, Donald and Karen (Ellis) Clarke, in 1980.

The Lord has richly blessed Zoar during the past 144 years and may the Lord continue to bless the church and the one who ministers to it.

Sources: Zoar Baptist Church History.

— (Miss) Donna Lynn McDaniel



Zoar Baptist Church, 1949.

ZOAR BAPTIST CHURCH

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Zoar Baptist Church was organized September 7, 1837. It is located three miles south of Shelby on Highway 18 South.

The name Zoar means "place of rest, or refuge," or "little." The reason Zoar was chosen as the church name could have been due to a small number of twenty-five charter members who made up the organization.

On September 7, 1837 the following people made up the presbytery that was constituted a regular baptist church to be known as Zoar Baptist Church: Drury Dobbins, E.M. Chaffin, Susan Chaffin, James Love, Susan Love, Elis Putnam, Nancy Putnam, Ursula Putnam, Barnette Putnam, J.L. Logan, Francis Adams, Cynthia Adams, Jane Hogue, R.L. Dogget, Ester Irvine, William McIntyre, Jemima McIntyre, Elizabeth Alexander, Roberts Putnam, Willis Putnam, and Elizabeth Putnam.

E.M. Chaffin was chosen as the pastor; and James Love, J.R. Logan, and Roberts Putnam were ordained as Zoar's first deacons.

Since Zoar's organization, four houses of worship have been erected. The first was a one-room wooden building. The second build-

ing was a larger wooden building built across the street, 150 Hwy., and was later veneered with red brick. The present beige brick church building was constructed during the latter part of 1954. It was ready for use on April 3, 1955. (One of the former houses of worship was sold to the county school board and was used as Zoar School until 1910. Zoar School was the birthplace of Boiling Springs High School which was a Christian school. Later, Boiling Springs High School's name was changed to Gardner-Webb College after handsome gifts were made by the Webbs and Gardners to help make the school a junior college).

During Zoar's existence several young men and women from Zoar have gone out to be pastors and missionaries.

During the last 12 years, Zoar's parsonage was remodeled; the sanctuary, the vestibule, and the educational building of the church were renovated; a new fellowship hall was constructed; and a breezeway was added to the church.

Zoar presently has a church staff consisting of the pastor, the minister of music, the custodian, the secretary, and the youth director.

The pastors that have served during the past 100 years consist of: Rev. J.D. Harrell (1893-



Zoar Baptist Church, 1955.

BETHLEHEM FIRE DEPARTMENT — THE BIG "B"

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The Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department or as it is referred to, The Big "B", was organized in 1964 on December 11. The first board of directors was made up of community leaders who took a vital interest in the department. Charter directors as follows: Bill Babb, Charles Blalock, Herman Blalock, Andrew Brown, Jake Crocker, Marion Dixon, Sidney Dixon, Boyd



Bethlehem Volunteer Fire Department, "The Big B"

Howell, Paul Lancaster, Dwight Ledbetter, Floyd McDaniel, Hal Morris, Jerry Morris, David Smith, James Spake, Charles Spearman, Fred Tate, John Tria, Jim Yarbrow, and David Ware.

An amendment to the by-laws in 1971 changed the board of directors from the 20 member to the present 7 member status. There have been five chiefs to serve the Big "B" they are: (1) Charles E. Blalock (1964-1966). (2) Fred Tate (1966-1969). (3) Ralph Arrowood (1970-1972). Donald R. Graham (1973-1981). (5) Larry McDaniel (1982-). Each man has been an outstanding leader of the department.

The first truck bought was a 1933 America La France from the city of Kings Mountain in 1964 for \$1.00. The truck was in service for 7 years and then sold to an antique dealer for \$750.00. The second truck bought was a 1951 military duce & a half tanker. The first brush truck was a 1952 Dodge power wagon with 3/4 ton, normally called a military weapons carrier which we still have. In 1972 we purchased a 1971 Ward La France pumper from the Burgess Fire Company, later that same year a 1972 howe tanker from Slagle Fire Company was purchased. They also added a new 1972 brush truck bought from Dixon Chevrolet of Kings Mountain and finished with a tank built by Goforth Brothers of Shelby.

In 1978 a light truck was added that was bought from Nation Chevrolet of Kings Mountain. The work on the truck inside and out was completed by the members. It is equipped with a 20 KW generator, enough power to light up a football field. The newest truck owned by the department is a 1981 Chevrolet 1 ton dually, 4 wheel drive, with a 300 gallon slagle slide unit.

All trucks were bought from the proceeds of fund drives and barbe-que chicken suppers. The first bar-be-que chicken supper was held on the Bethlehem softball field with approximately 850 plates sold. The fund drives are no longer done as action of the county commissioners in 1979 levied a tax district. The chicken suppers are still held as a means to raise money for the maintenance, repairs and new purchases.

The Big "B" started with 2 bays and a split level office, personal quarters and storage

area. The addition of another bay and kitchen along the back of the building was completed in 1977.

In February 1980 the Bethlehem Fire Department was the first department in Cleveland County to vote in women. Elaine Hullender Dixon was the first women to join the Big "B."

In 1965 firemens' wives and interested ladies of the community started a ladies auxiliary. The present auxiliary is made up of 12 active members. These warm and giving ladies always help to meet the fund raising goals of the big "B" by holding fund raising of their own such as: holding yard sales and bake sales, selling knives and cards, compiling and selling cookbooks.

In the 18 years of service the department has had very few losses. John Howard who died from natural causes, Ken Cash with an injured knee, and Bob Hullender an injured ankle. Bob continues to serve the department. The department has been serving the Big "B" district and other communities as well. They will continue to do this as long as the people care enough to support the cause.

The Big "B" consists of the following members as of April 1, 1982:

Larry McDaniel — chief; Brent Leigh — 1st assistant chief; Jeff Dixon — 2nd assistant chief; Tim Echols — captain; Ken Bridges — captain; Robert Hullender — lieutenant; Paul Farris — lieutenant; David McDaniel — lieutenant; and Warren Falls — lieutenant.

Also Edward Raines; Clyde McDaniel, John Masters, Ralph Arrowood, Donnie Pearson, Jim Yarbrow, William Ware, Paul Williams, Bill Lowery, and Don Sellers Sr.

Also Elaine Dixon, Harold Farris, Grady Lail, Lyn Valentine, Ralph Towery, Bill Scism, Sidney Lanier, Don Sellers Jr., George Sellers Jr., and Charles Hannah.

Junior fireman: David Moore, Toney Hope, Trent Hullender, Leslie Yarbrow, Robert Appling, Norman Hope, Kevin Roberts, and Jeff Whisnant.

— Elaine Dixon

THE BOST BAKERY STORY

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The story of Bost Bakery Inc., is as Ameri-

can as apple pie and the fourth of July. The company was founded in 1909 by Lon C. Bost. Bost was born in an Iredell County farmhouse where his mother spent Saturdays baking great pones of bread for her family's Sunday dinner. This background surely had its effect on young Bost in later years. Ironical is the fact that today's Bost ovens turn out more bread in a few hours than Mrs. Bost would have baked in a lifetime.

In 1909, Bost purchased a cafe in Shelby. Since bakeries did not exist at this time, he had to bake the bread used in his cafe. Many of his customers were so impressed with the flavor of the bread served with their meals that they soon started coming in to the Bost cafe just to purchase the bread. From this modest beginning, Bost Bakery got its start.

Having a dream of someday operating a bakery, Bost hired a helper and then started baking bread to sell from house to house. Bread was not wrapped then and there was quite a bit of doubt among the prospective customers as to its cleanliness and freshness. As the months passed, sales became a little easier as the quality improved and his reputation grew. Stories over the past have quoted the founder as saying he "simply added a man as he needed one." This was an era when transportation was mostly accomplished with horsedrawn wagons and it was not unusual for these vehicles to get "stuck" in front of the Bost establishment.

The first motorized vehicle was purchased by Bost in 1911 and was a sport model Ford, one of the two cars in Shelby. A box was mounted on the back of this vehicle which held the bread for deliveries. At this point, Bost closed his cafe and moved to a location in South Shelby and began to buy any kind of motor vehicle he could build a box on. At the start of World War I, he was operating ten vehicles with various type bodies and by the end of the war was distributing the Bost products approximately twenty to twenty-five miles in directions outside of Shelby.

It was about this time when he purchased the government's baking equipment from decommissioned Camp Green in Charlotte and moved his operations to a new site at the corner of North Morgan and West Marion Streets. A little ironic, is the fact that the huge Bost offices and distribution terminal for the company's Charlotte operation are located within a stone's throw of the Old Camp Green Bakery.

Several expansions took place at the North Morgan — West Marion Street location until by 1940 almost a fourth of a city block was occupied by the operation both downstairs and upstairs. During this period of time, the Bost household was blessed with seven children — three daughters and four sons. All four sons became active in the bakery operations. They are Bennett, the eldest; twins, Lloyd and Floyd; and Ned. Between 1940 and the end of World War II, the four sons were literally scattered over the entire world between college work and duties in the Armed Forces. Upon returning home, all four sons became driving forces in the future expansions and day to day operations of the organization.

In 1950, it was moving time again — this time to 1007 East Marion Street, the present location of the Shelby plant. Prior to 1950, a 100X120 foot section had been constructed at this Marion Street location and was being used as a cake plant after this part of the operation had been crowded out of the uptown plant. This part is now a part of our shipping department. The 1950 move was to an addition containing 54,000 square feet designed especially for modern bakery operations. This added to the temporary cake plant an area 160 X 115 feet, two stories high. The new plant was then, and still is, one of the most modern and well-built structures of its type. Among its many features was design and construction to obtain and maintain the most sanitary conditions for food processing.

In 1960 the company completed a 15,000 square foot addition of floor space to the Shelby plant. This included shipping facilities, and an addition to the main plant to house new production facilities. Several major pieces of machinery were installed to further modernized production. One of the pieces of equipment was a 75-foot single-lap, 58 tray continuous traveling oven, which is one of the largest automatic oven installations in the Southeast. It has an output of approximately 9,000 loaves of bread per hour and is used exclusively for bread.

The additions to the production facilities also meant other departments expanded accordingly. One phase of the operation is the general office and the mountainous loads of paper work that accompany such an operation. The guiding hand inside the administrative end is that of Lloyd C. Bost. Lloyd C. Bost is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and holds a Bachelor Degree in Commerce. Although he worked with his Dad as a youngster, his full-time work as a career started in 1943. His duties are more executive in nature but he also finds time to assist in other phases of the operation. He is active in the church and civic affairs of Shelby and was named Citizen of the Year in 1959-60.

Lloyd's twin brother, Floyd, is a man who is well accustomed to the burden of leadership and direction. Floyd is Director of Sales of the far-flung route operation which covers the better part of the western halves of North and South Carolina. Floyd actively joined the company in 1946 after a tour of duty with the Navy where he served as Commander of a sub-chaser during World War II. He, too, is a graduate of the University of North Carolina with a Bachelor Degree in Social Science.

Ned Bost is Production Manager of the organization. Ned started off in the bakery, not a son of the boss, but as pan-greaser and sweep-boy, with a story that closely parallels

the popular concept of man's rise in industry. He served during World War II as a sergeant in Marine Corps. Upon returning home, he attended the Bakery Institute of America in Chicago and crammed four years of Cereal Chemistry into less than twelve months, graduating tops in his class.

The oldest of the four sons, Bennett, moved to Asheville in 1941 to establish the first key market expansion of Bost Bakery and stayed on as manager until he was transferred back to the home office during the key expansions in the early 60's. Bennett serves as our Director of Transportation and Safety and also handles other duties of an executive nature within the operation. His World War II service career included the European Theater as a non-com in a Reconnaissance unit of a tank division. He received five battle stars and three ribbons for his activities.

The next major expansion was the construction of a gigantic modern roll plant in Thomasville, North Carolina which was formally dedicated in May of 1963. The construction of this new plant was necessitated by the years of route expansions into the central part of North Carolina. Even with the additions to the Shelby plant, space became a premium and the better move from an overall marketing standpoint called for a plant in the central part of the state.

Huge tractor-trailer rigs shuttle daily between the two plants exchanging loaves and cakes from the Shelby facility for rolls of all types from the Thomasville plant. This type of arrangement would not have been considered feasible several years ago, but the construction of the new interstate highways made this a workable arrangement. Too, this assures customers of fresher products.

The next major expansion took place in 1968-69 at the Shelby plant and was an approximate 42,000 square foot addition. This addition gave the Shelby facility much needed production room, shipping, warehousing and office facilities. Part of this program included the completion of a modern garage which is a facility within itself on the Shelby plant grounds. With 200 plus vehicles, this became a necessity.

In 1972, our Thomasville plant was the site of a major expansion, as we started work on an addition that would give the company approximately twice the space of our original Thomasville bakery. The Thomasville roll plant is one of the most modern automated bakeries in the Southeast and still maintains that distinction. Also, several new warehouses and sales offices have been constructed and leased to the company in our various markets in the western half of the two Carolinas.

Decades ago, the founder, Lon C. Bost, established this organization on quality and service and simply added an employee as he needed one. To this date, we have not found a better way to improve upon his philosophy of operating this type of business that is so closely related to the everyday lives of its employees and customers, and therefore, will continue to strive to uphold these high ideals and simple philosophy of doing business.

Although our beloved founder is no longer with us, he left us a legacy of doing business



Lon Cleveland Bost, center, is flanked by his four sons. L to R: Floyd P., Ned W., Bennett W. and Lloyd C.

that shall remain as the guiding light of this company.

Sources: Company records and interviews.

— Max P. Butler



Lon C. Bost, founder of Bost Bakery, receiving a 50-year silver & gold Service Pin from son, Lloyd C., at Employee's Party, December 1960.

CLEVELAND LUMBER COMPANY

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Cleveland Lumber Company is a culmination of the dreams of individuals who lived and worked in the early tumultuous days of our free enterprise system. This local lumber business was formed in the early 1920's by Mr. L.U. Arrowood and Mr. J.W. Howell. Approximately a year after the beginning of the business, Mr. Arrowood bought Mr. Howell out, and from that point, Arrowood Lumber Company went on to prosper during the twenties.

With the coming of the late 1930's and the early depression years, many businesses in this area succumbed to the financial pressures of the times. Such was the case with the Arrowood Lumber Company.

In 1934, Mr. M.G. Johnson, Sr., owner of Champion Lumber Company in Spindale, North Carolina was approached by Dr. S.S. Royster of Shelby, and he encouraged Mr. Johnson to purchase Arrowood Lumber Company from the Union Trust Bank. It was at this time that Cleveland Lumber Company was formed.

The early years of Cleveland Lumber Company were typical of all fledging, struggling businesses during those depression years. The first staff of this new company consisted of Mr. Adolf Hester, Manager; his son, Roscoe Hester, Shop Foreman; and George Byrd, Plant Superintendent.

The original facilities included a small office with a large pot belly stove, limited warehouse space, and one big shed with a dirt floor. It was in this shed that the machinery was located, and the power system for this plant was provided by one main shaft connected to the machinery by large belts. The power supply was provided by an electric motor.

It was with this basic facility, and these three men, that Cleveland Lumber Company made its start. The first years were difficult and the depression seemed to worsen. Also, major

competitors, Z.J. Thompson Lumber Company, O.E. Ford Lumber Company, and Carl Thompson Lumber Company, had a well established base. During these difficult years, this new business depended more than ever on the strength, determination, and direction provided by Mr. M.G. Johnson, Sr.

Pressures of the depression and the difficulties of the times attributed to a turnover in the management of Cleveland Lumber Company. After approximately one year, Mr. Hester left, and Mr. Johnson hired a Mr. Cline who had for many years owned the Gilkey Lumber Company in Gilkey, North Carolina. Mr. Cline resigned in early 1935 because of poor health.

In late 1935, Mr. Johnson hired Mr. R.J. Rucker from Rutherford County as manager, who later acquired some stock in the business. This marked the beginning of the modern day Cleveland Lumber Company.

With the leadership of Mr. Johnson and Mr. Rucker, Cleveland Lumber Company began to grow and mature as a strong and viable competitor in the Shelby area. Some of the new expansion included new sheds, a dry kiln, new machinery, and a large boiler. The boiler was installed along with a steam engine to provide the power plant.

Growth and expansion continued and new employees were hired. Among these employees were Wayne Hoyle, Office Manager; Jennings Brooks, Plant Superintendent; and Boyce Freeman, Planer Mill Foreman, who has retired in the last few years. Mr. Hoyle and Mr. Brooks are still with the company, and have been a major factor in its growth and success. Mr. Hoyle indicated that when he first came to work in 1939, the lumber company was making outhouses to the specifications of the W.P.A. Also, the average work week was forty-nine and a half hours at an average pay of \$7.42 per week.

In 1955, Mr. Johnson's son, M. Garland Johnson, Jr., joined Cleveland Lumber Com-

pany. Mr. Johnson has been in a management role since that time. On October 25, 1964, Mr. M.G. Johnson, Sr. died in a drowning incident at his farm in South Carolina. Mr. Johnson's son then assumed further management responsibilities of Cleveland Lumber Company, and became Vice President and General Manager upon the retirement of R.J. Rucker on December 31, 1971.

Many changes have been made in the forty-eight years of Cleveland Lumber Company to keep it up with the times. More land has been acquired through the years from three and a half acres to some twelve and a half acres. A new office building was added in 1948; lumber deparator and a general building supply building in 1957; addition of a showroom in 1964; a lumber shed in 1968; a new finished lumber shed in 1969; a window and door assembly division in 1970, and a moulding warehouse in 1974. In 1980, the billing department was put onto a computer system.

Thus, Cleveland Lumber Company has evolved into a strong building supply business in Shelby. It was the strength provided by the dreams, courage, and the ultimate faith in the free enterprise system by its founders that enabled Cleveland Lumber Company to survive these difficult depression years. It was this same strength and direction that provided a foundation for the prosperous years to come. It was with this foundation that the young men recruited by Mr. Johnson went on to carry out his dream. This company, which began with three employees, currently employs forty-five or so people.

Sources: Interviews with George Byrd, Wayne Hoyle, Jennings Brooks, M. Garland Johnson, Jr.

— Mrs. M. Garland Johnson, Jr.



Cleveland Lumber Company (picture taken in 1949).

CLEVELAND MEMORIAL HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

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For the past twenty-six years, the hospital Auxiliary has been providing care, comfort, and conveniences for the patients of Cleveland Memorial Hospital. The Auxiliary was organized in April — 1956, under the name of The Women's Auxiliary of Shelby Hospital.

Though the Auxiliary's name has changed and its expanded membership is open to men, its purpose remains "to render service to Cleveland Memorial Hospital and its patients and to assist Cleveland Memorial Hospital in promoting health and welfare of the community."

The charter auxiliarians had four major areas of interest. They delivered flowers, mail and magazines to the patients. Linen was repaired and grounds landscaped by these volunteers. The hospital's nurses also benefited from the activities of these ladies, social functions were organized and sponsored by the auxiliary for the nursing staff.

The present Auxiliary members have discontinued some of these activities, such as linen repair, but have reached out into other areas. A gift shop is operated and staffed by Auxiliary members. A hospitality cart that carries gift shop items to patients room is manned by volunteers. The Auxiliary awards scholarships to men and women, who wish to further their education in the field of medical training. This Health Careers Scholarship program has awarded \$10,000.00 in scholarships to 30 students in the past six years.

For the past sixteen years, the Auxiliary has sponsored a benefit ball. The proceeds have amounted to almost \$200,000.00 and has helped the hospital to provide some of the following equipment: the Linear Accelerator, a Surgical Intensive Care Unit, a portable D.C. Pulse Defibrillator-Cardioscope, an Electroencephalograph Machine, fetal monitoring equipment, a Closed Circuit Television System for patient information, a three-channel Electrocardiograph Machine and a four-unit Telemetry System.

The Auxiliary boasts 250 active members with 50 Junior Volunteers. The Junior Volunteers are High School students who spend their afternoons and weekends volunteering in nursing units and in departments, such as medical records, emergency room, central supply and pharmacy.

Previous past Presidents have been: Bess Lavender, Elizabeth Moore, Elizabeth Nolan, Grace Hamrick, Jo Sarazen, Louise Martin, Sara Vincent, Rose Hamrick, Julia Palmer, Maxine Kennedy, Gay Suttle, Jo Bolt, Roseanne Harry, Peggy Bridges, Margaret Hamrick, Anne Short, and President-Elect is Candy Arey. The Auxiliary's first President was Martha Kemper.

Sources: Minutes of organizations.

— Gay Combs Suttle

BENJAMIN CLEVELAND CHAPTER DAUGHTERS of the AMERICAN REVOLUTION

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The Benjamin Cleveland Chapter, National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, was chartered by the National Society in Washington, D.C., on January 25, 1924.

In November 1923, Mrs. Willie Simmons Webb wanted to organize a D.A.R. chapter in Shelby, North Carolina. She worked hard and by her enthusiasm and perseverance, succeeded in getting thirty-six members for the first D.A.R. chapter in Shelby.

These charter members were: Mrs. Emma Hamrick Andrews (S.O.), Mrs. Ollie Gardner Anthony (J.A.), Mrs. Mattie Shuford Blanton (Ceph), Mrs. Della Hamrick Blanton (W.H.), Mrs. Edna Webb Darwin (J.A.), Mrs. Leila Porter Eskridge (C.L.), Mrs. Emily Roberts Eskridge (Herman), Mrs. Fay Webb Gardner (O. Max), Mrs. Ellen Thompson Gidney (Lamar), Mrs. Sallie Anthony Hamrick (G.P.), Miss Ollie Hamrick, Mrs. Bessie Gardner Hoey (C.R.).

Also, Mrs. Delle Wilson Hoey (Frank), Mrs. Dora Hamrick Jennings (W.H.), Miss Mamie Jones, Mrs. Beulah Logan McSwain (Yates), Mrs. Lula Herndon Logan (Hugh), Mrs. Anna Bell Griffin Lemons (Rev. R.L.), Mrs. Elizabeth McBrayer Owens (Penny), Miss Annie F. Miller, Miss Madeline Miller, Mrs. Bertie Brise Mitchell (Dr. W.F.), Mrs. Pallen McBrayer Mull (O.M.), Mrs. Beulah Herndon Parker (J.L.).

Also, Mrs. Pauline Borders Quinn (J.H.), Mrs. Madge Webb Riley (S.R.), Mrs. Ray Putnam Ross (Marion), Mrs. Ollie McBrayer Royster (Dr. S.S.), Miss Rosa Mae Shuford, Miss Kate Summey, Mrs. Elizabeth Webb Veatch (Roy), Mrs. Willie Simmons Webb (E.Y.), Mrs. Kansas Andrews Webb (J.L.), Mrs. Alma McBrayer Webb (Paul), Mrs. Bonnie Lear Wilkins (Moe).

Mrs. Webb invited these ladies to luncheon. Her cook was Ayfield Hoskins. When they arrived, they were invited into lunch by Ayfield, and told that Mrs. Webb and all the family had to leave. Mrs. Webb was ill and died December 23, 1923, and never returned to her home.

Mrs. Fay Gardner, not to be defeated by the death of a dear friend, invited these ladies to her house. She invited Mrs. C.W. Tillet, North

Carolina State D.A.R. Regent. Mrs. Tillet appointed Mrs. Gardner Regent of this new chapter and Mrs. W.H. Blanton, Vice-Regent.

They wanted to name the chapter for a hero in the Battle of Kings Mountain. They chose Colonel Isaac Shelby. When this name was sent to Washington, they were told that there was a Colonel Isaac Shelby Chapter D.A.R. in Tennessee. They decided to name the chapter after Colonel Benjamin Cleveland.

Colonel Cleveland was a colorful character, weighing over two hundred fifty pounds. He was a fearless, rough frontier man who loved hunting, good jokes, lively music and a good time. He organized his mountain men and was outstanding in the defeat of the British at Kings Mountain.

Award of a memorial sword was ordered on January 27, 1781, but was not struck until April 3, 1939. The Cleveland County Historical Museum is now the custodian of this sword.

The Benjamin Cleveland Chapter N.S.D.A.R. is one of the outstanding chapters of the one hundred four chapters in North Carolina.

The National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution was chartered in 1895. One of the first chapters in North Carolina was the Mecklenburg chapter in Charlotte, North Carolina. Among the charter members was Mrs. Stonewall Jackson.

Twenty nine years after the National Society was chartered, the Benjamin Cleveland Chapter was an active chapter.

Sources: Interviews in 1971 with Mrs. J.T. Gardner, Miss Ollie Hamrick, Mrs. Yates McSwain, Mrs. Penny Owen, Mrs. Paul Webb, Mrs. C.L. Eskridge (deceased), Mrs. Ceph Blanton, Mrs. Roy Veatch, Mrs. R.L. Lemons; various D.A.R. Yearbooks.

— Ruth B. Young

DOLL STUDY CLUB OF SHELBY

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Doll collectors are beginning to outnumber those who collect stamps and coins.

A doll collector is one who loves and appreciates the world of dolls and there are a number of Shelbians who fall in this category. In fact, there is a Doll Study Club of Shelby, organized April 1975, sponsored by the Shelby City Park and Recreation Department, with 17 avid members.

The charter reads as follows:

United Federation of Dolls Clubs, Inc. Doll Study Club of Shelby, North Carolina having agreed to be bound by the By-Laws which agreement is evidenced by the acceptance of this charter no. 343, has been duly elected to membership and is entitled to all rights and privileges of membership subject to the terms and provisions of the By-Laws of United Federation of Doll Clubs, Inc. Dated August 16, 1975.

The charter members are: Mrs. Lacy Ballard, Mrs. Tom Baugham, Mrs. O.S. Brown, Mrs. William Campbell, Mrs. Richard Capps, Mrs. Forrest Crowder, Mrs. John Eades, Mrs. Walter H. Gamble, Mrs. J.T. Huntsinger, Mrs. Garland Johnson, Jr., Miss Joan Kale, Mrs. Clancy Locklee, Mrs. J.R. Martin, Mrs. M.L.

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Thomas Moss, Mrs. Oscar Patterson, Mrs. Walter Stephens, Mrs. Gene Wilson.

The concept of a doll club in Shelby began with Mrs. Walter H. Gamble.

The first officers were: Mrs. Richard Capps, President; Mrs. John Eades, Vice-President; Mrs. Walter H. Gamble, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Tom Baugham, Corresponding Secretary; and Mrs. Garland Johnson, Jr., Treasurer.

During the first year the group planned a continual program to promote educational and philanthropic endeavors through dolls. They helped the City Park and Recreation with its annual doll show and dressed dolls for the Salvation Army at Christmas.

The club meets at 10 a.m., the first Monday in each month, at the City Park.

When the doll bug bites you may have trouble finding time for even your normal activities, such as eating and sleeping, and even when you get to sleep your dreams may be about dolls and more dolls . . .

Your first symptoms may come to light when you happen to see one of your childhood dolls that needs a new dress, a new wig, or some new elastic to hold it together. Any one of many needs may pull at your heart strings just enough to set you off.

Source: Club Minutes and Scrapbook.

— Mrs. Randolph Wright

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF KINGS MOUNTAIN TO FIRST UNION NATIONAL BANK

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Satisfied customers is one reason First Union National Bank of North Carolina is the oldest bank in Cleveland County. Many of these satisfied customers began their banking relationship with the First National Bank of Kings Mountain.

Today, First National is a vital part of First Union National Bank, one of the top 50 banks in the country. But, when it began in January of 1900, First National served a few families in a little farming town.

Fortunately, the town of Kings Mountain, chartered in 1874, welcomed the bank as a business citizen. Situated at the foot of Crowders Mountain and Kings Mountain, the town and bank began to grow together.

This growth in business was due to the hard work and pride of bank officers in their work and their community. Community leaders were a large part of the bank's officers and stockholders.

The Kings Mountain bank's first officers were: W.A. Mauney, president; J.S. Mauney, vice-president; and R.L. Mauney, cashier. And, the first stock-holders included: W.A. Mauney, J.S. Mauney, Dr. J.G. Hord, R.S. Plonk, D.M. Baker and C.E. Neisler.

Each of these men actively sought Kings Mountain's growth in the corresponding areas of banking and civic pride. This hard-working attitude was epitomized by the late W.A. Mauney. Mauney, one of the first organizers of the Kings Mountain bank and its first president, was an active town and community lead-

er. A native of Cleveland County, Mauney served as the first mayor, postmaster and editor of the Kings Mountain newspaper. He was also one of the organizers of the first cotton mill.

His successor, D.M. Baker, became president in 1928. Born and raised in Lincoln County, Baker spent the greater part of his life in Cleveland County where he was a leading merchant and successful businessman. Under his direction, the bank continued its growth and expansion in the progress of the territory.

With Baker's guidance through the depression and the difficult years that followed, the Cleveland County bank maintained continuous operation. As did the parent bank that is now First Union, First National Bank opened its doors with no restrictions at the end of the bank holiday.

But, in 1942, Frank R. Summers succeeded Baker. Summers, like Baker, worked to ensure a strong and safe financial institution, as well as the physical expansion of the bank. Under his leadership, the bank's total resources more than tripled by 1950.

Up until this time, only two different buildings had housed the bank. But, due to expanding business, the second building had to be completely modernized and renovated in 1945 and 1950 to better serve the bank's customers.

After Mr. Summers' death, the late B.S. Neill, formerly executive vice president, became First National's president. During the latter part of his term, the First National Bank of Kings Mountain approved a merger with the Charlotte-based First Union.

On Tuesday, March 8, 1960, the directors of First National Bank and First Union Bank of North Carolina approved plans for merging the two banks. In June of 1960, the merger was complete and the consolidated bank became the First Union National Bank of North Carolina.

A year later, in 1961, R.S. Lennon, a member of the First National of Kings Mountain bank's team since December of 1954, succeeded the late Mr. Neill as the chief executive officer. In 1966, after Lennon's transfer to the Charlotte office, Elmore Alexander, who joined First Union in July of 1965, became city executive at the Kings Mountain branch.

Soon afterwards in September of 1966, C.C. Cameron succeeded Carl McCraw Jr., as chief executive officer of First Union National Bank of North Carolina. McCraw served for a year following the retirement of his father, Carl McCraw, Sr., a Kings Mountain native. As chief executive of First Union National Bank, Cameron was present when the new First Union National Bank of Kings Mountain's office opened January 17, 1967. A two-story structure with 6,900 square feet of floor space, the new office was opened with a unique ribbon cutting ceremony of \$100 bills.

Later that year, in April 1967, L.E. Hinnant took over as Kings Mountain's executive officer. Today, Hinnant is still head of that branch which has continued to be a vital link in First Union's more than 200 branches in North Carolina.

Customer satisfaction is the key ingredient

that enabled the First National Bank to survive turbulent times. It was that same commitment to serve the local community well which made First Union National Bank what it is today — a multi-billion dollar financial services institution which has never forgotten its roots in towns such as Kings Mountain, and it never will.

Sources: Bank records.

— Mrs. Polly Phifer

GIRL SCOUTS IN CLEVELAND COUNTY

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Girl Scouts started in Shelby just as World War II was coming to an end. Mrs. Draper Wood, having been local chairman of the United Service Organizations in the war, was in a natural position to get things going. She had worked a lot with church leaders who took girls to Camp Croft in Spartanburg to entertain troops who came up for USO parties there. Her job was to go out and start troops in the community.

Mrs. R.E. Laidlaw said she would take the first troop in 1944. She was a popular teacher at Shelby Junior High and the girls went to her and asked her to be their leader. There were eight girls in the troop at first. They ordered the materials from headquarters and followed the handbook. Neither Mrs. Wood nor Mrs. Laidlaw had daughters but both loved girls. Mrs. Wood gave eighteen years service to girl scouts and Mrs. Laidlaw gave ten to fifteen years.

The first troop, known as the Lone Troop, was first sponsored by the Shelby Kiwanis Club but soon churches became interested and the troop was taken over by Central United Methodist Church. A regular meeting place was needed so Mrs. Wood asked Ralph Gardner to let the girls use a cabin he owned on Horseshoe Bend off Kings Road. The hut was leased for \$1.00 a year and it became known as Camp Merrywood.

The girl scout program grew fast. In 1946 there were three troops in the county with fifty-one girls and in only a year the number of troops grew to twenty with three hundred sixty-nine members.

Mrs. Wood organized a County Board to help with the business part of running the troops. They had a banker, a lawyer, a preacher and two businessmen on the Board. The Board asked the Roysters to give them a piece of land at the City Park to build a new scout hut with community donations. The girls would have regular day camps in the Park.

Eventually the National Headquarters made Cleveland County join with Gaston, Lincoln and Rutherford to form the Pioneer Council. Mrs. Wood is quoted as saying, "we did not want to do it. Things were going too good in Cleveland County". Mrs. Wood said that she liked it as it was in the beginning because it had the personal touch. "The girls were so responsive. To have them to love you is the greatest thing. They gave me more than I gave them."

From these early days we have grown from strength to strength and in the spring of 1981

there are fifty-four troops with six hundred fifty-eight girls.

Sources: personal knowledge.

— Eileen Yates

HOME ARTS CLUB OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

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The Home Arts Club of Kings Mountain was organized in 1917 as "The Wide Awake Housekeepers Club", and has continued to meet monthly since that time.

Early in February 1917, a group of ladies was invited to Mrs. P.D. Herndon's home to discuss the idea of forming a club for young housewives. On the sixteenth day of this same month, these ladies met again in the home of Mrs. M.E. Herndon and organized the club which they called "The Wide Awake Housekeepers Club."

The charter members were Mrs. J.E. Anthony, Mrs. L.P. Baker, Mrs. S.A. Crouse, Mrs. F.E. Finger, Mrs. M.E. Herndon, Mrs. P.D. Herndon, Mrs. G.L. Kerr, Mrs. T.P. McGill, Mrs. E. W. Neal, Mrs. Campbell Phifer, Mrs. J.O. Plonk, Mrs. J.O. Ross and Mrs. Grady Watterson.

The time set for the meeting was the last Wednesday afternoon of the month which has been changed to the first Tuesday. Dues were to be five cents a month. Later they were twenty-five cents a year, and at the present time a nominal fee of \$1.00 is collected.

From its earliest conception, the club's goal was to help members to become better wives and mothers, and more efficient in the art of housekeeping. Secondary to this goal was to provide a social hour. The club supported civic projects whenever possible.

A wide variety of programs indicate the effort made to carry out the goals. These included piano and vocal solos, poems, and readings. Some of the subjects used were: Grounds about the House, Gardens, Flowers, Color in the Home, Lamp and Lampshades, Table Service, Party Favors, Reading and Music in the Home, Parental Authority and Discipline, Understanding Children, Marriage and Divorce, How to Hold Husbands, and the Management of Husbands.

The subject of bread was used at one meeting. Each member was asked to bring a sample of bread she had baked, and a prize was offered for the best bread. It was won by Mrs. Dane Rhyne, and a bag of flour donated by the Kings Mountain Roller Mills, was presented to her.

In 1927, a debate was given for the meeting namely "Homemaking is More Important than Housekeeping."

During World War I, the first Friday of each month was given to working in the Red Cross Room. Mrs. E.W. Neal, Mrs. M.E. Herndon, and Mrs. P.D. Herndon received certificates for completing the required work.

In 1923, the club entered a float in the Kings Mountain October Seventh Celebration, and won the second prize of \$10.00 which was given to the Central High School for the purchase of a bell. The next year at the same

celebration, they won the coveted first prize of \$15.00 which they donated to the Central High School to beautify the grounds.

On one occasion, the club joined with the D.A.R. and the American Legion Auxiliary in planting trees along the highway.

At the present time, the Home Arts Club supports the Mauney Memorial Library by donating memorial books.

In the early history of the Club, the members were urged to bring sewing to the meeting.

By 1930, books were added. They were bought by individual members, voted on by the club, and circulated on a schedule which gave each member two weeks to keep the book. At the present time, a member purchases a book and has a program the same year. On alternate years, she entertains. The membership is limited to twenty-four.

By this same year of 1930, the constitution stated that the name of the club "shall be The Home Arts Club, and that the aim shall be to beautify the home, to promote child training and stimulate the growth of the finer things of life."

Mrs. D.F. Hord is the President of the club.

Many lovely ladies have left indelible marks of beauty and charm on Kings Mountain through the Home Arts Club.

Sources: Club records.

— Elizabeth Gamble

KINGS MOUNTAIN BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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After 130 years of history the Kings Mountain Baptist Association has 70 churches and nearly 30,000 members. Its leaders have been leaders in North Carolina and Southern Baptist Convention affairs.

In summary, follow some of the churches and a representative list of state and southwide leaders they have furnished:

Boiling Springs: Dr. John Roberts, editor of the BAPTIST COURIER, organ of the South Carolina Baptist state convention of which he was also president; Dr. P.L. Elliott, Gardner-Webb president; Dr. Ben C. Fisher, public relations specialist and advisor to the Sunday School Board and a number of Southern colleges, now at Chowan and Campbell University in this state; Dr. R.C. Campbell, vice president of the Southern Baptist Convention and powerful preacher in large churches in Texas, and North and South Carolina; Mrs. Katie Ruth (Hubert) Dixon, leader in women's work and on the Board of Trustees of the *Biblical Recorder*, official organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina.

Shelby First, J.R. Logan, author, historian, surveyor, who wrote the history of the Broad River Association, mother of the Kings Mountain body; Dr. Zeno Wall, pastor of Shelby First Church and president of the Baptist State Convention for four years, a record never equaled in modern times; Horace Eason, music leader and organizer of many groups of churchmen; Thomas Dixon, Jr., author and playwright of national fame; Dr. A.C. Dixon, minister and lecturer of international note; Dr. Delia Dixon

Carroll, first woman physician of North Carolina and attending physician to Meredith College; Addie Dixon Thacker, prominent author.

New Prospect, home church of the Elder Thomas Dixon, Sr., preacher-genius and father of the above named Dixons, and who was moderator when the Association was constituted at Double Springs in 1851.

Beaver Dan, home church of Rev. John W. Suttle, where he was baptised; also of Dr. E.W. Hamrick, Wake Forest University professor of *Bible History* and who is also an archeologist becoming famous for his "digs" in present day Palestine.

Double Shoals, Dr. Leland Royster, specialist in church music and Rev. J.W. Costner, minister to smaller rural churches of western North Carolina and specialist in associational programs in Piedmont Carolina.

Elizabeth, Rev. Cline Borders, present director of Missions in the Kings Mountain Association and consultant and presiding officer for an organization of Baptist Associations covering the Southern Baptist Convention of some 30,000 churches.

Kings Mountain, Dr. C.J. Black, author and organizer of excursions by rail for Baptist leaders to institutions they supported such as colleges and orphanages. Also Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Zeb) Vance, Professor of languages at Mercer University. Now retired and living at Enola, North Carolina.

Waco, Mrs. John Wacaster, pioneer in work and organization of the Woman's Missionary Society.

Sandy Plains, Dr. Bruce Whitaker, president of Chowan College at Murfreesboro, North Carolina.

Dover, Dr. Eugene Poston, former president of Gardner-Webb College at Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

Double Springs, Dr. J.N. Barnette, Dr. A.V. Washburn and Dr. D.P. Brooks, all associated with the educational and editorial department of the Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. Nolan Howington, professor of Preaching at Southern Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky; Dr. Yulan Washburn, Professor of Romance Languages of the University of Tennessee at Knoxville; Rev. C.O. Greene, retired and former minister and pioneer leader in associational work in this part of the south.

Milestones and Landmarks include the following:

1851 — Founded at Double Springs: Thomas Dixon, Sr., Moderator

1860 — Association divided over beverage alcohol. Two associations, Regular and Constitutional

1882 — Founded Shelby Female College with 95 students

1885 — "Evergreen Sunday School" (met every Sunday, not just in summer or on "Preaching days")

1887 — Woman's Missionary Society formed at New Bethel; Mrs. T.J. Ramsauer, President

1889 — G.P. Bostic, First missionary to China; Association paid him \$70.63 that year

1890 — Twelve (12) churches withdrew to form Sandy Run Association

1904-07 — Labor pains for Baptist school.

School opened at Boilings Springs on October 1, 1907, with James Dwyre Huggins, Sr., Principal

1909 — Thomas Dixon, Sr. died

1909-18 — Growth

1919 — Baptist Young Peoples Union (BYPU) formed; O.P. Hamrick first president
1920 — J.N. Barnette presented 6-Point Program for Sunday School

1925 — Kings Mountain led all associations in the Southern Baptist Convention in teaching and training program

1928 — High School became Boiling Springs Junior College

1930-36 — The Depression — Growth limited

1937 — All gifts passed \$100,000 mark

1942 — Dr. P.L. Elliott and Gov. O. Max Gardner on the scene at Gardner-Webb College

1946 — Gardner-Webb admitted to Baptist family of colleges

1948 — Gardner-Webb accredited by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

1950 — Pageant at Double Springs portrayed a century of progress

1952 — End of J.W. Suttle era — Moderator 1913-52

1955 — Started Region Camp for recreation and assembly

1956 — Eleven (11) young men examined and ordained to ministry — a record to that date

1957 — A year of building — 25 major projects in 66 churches

1959 — C.O. Greene became Associational Missionary

1960 — Microfilmed records of the Association and all its churches

1961-70 — Decade of progress second only to "impressive twenties"

1966 — Sponsored Seminary Extension and Radio Programs Total gifts over \$2,000,000

1967 — Dr. Zeno Wall and Rev. J.R. Cantrell died. Many churches put in air-conditioning and audio equipment

1968 — Gardner-Webb College began 7th decade in Christian Education

1969 — Ministers Wives Auxiliary active in church and parsonage beautification

1970 — New industry and "three shifts" challenged churches

1971 — Kings Mountain First carpeted sanctuary; began pioneer work with youth

1972 — Gardner-Webb College accredited as a senior institution by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools

1973 — End of C.O. Greene era — Cline Borders era began

1974 — Lawndale and Double Shoals celebrated 75th anniversaries

1975 — Honored three women: Mrs. Doris Borders, Mrs. Randall Lolley, Mrs. Marian Grant

1976 — Projected Department Christian Social Ministry

1977 — Ordained twelve (12) ministers; passed \$3,500,000 in gifts

1978 — Rev. Bob Davis appointed Director of Department Christian Social Ministry Purchased land for Baptist Center

1980 — Interracial meet with the Ebenezer (Black) Association

1981 — Ross Grove celebrated 100th anniversary and Pleasant Hill 130th anniversary. Open house reception for new \$310,000 Baptist Center on Wyke Road, Shelby. Ended 130 years service with 72 churches and nearly 30,000 members; met in magnificent new facilities of Bethel in Shelby.

Sources: Associational records.

— Dr. Wyan Washburn

KINGS MOUNTAIN GARDEN CLUB

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Founded in 1949, the charter members of this club were: Mrs. John Cheshire, Mrs. Dan Finger, Mrs. Milton Fryer, Mrs. J.E. Herndon, Mrs. Howard Jackson, Mrs. Byron Keeter, Mrs. Carl Mauney, Mrs. H. Carl Mayes, Mrs. George, H. Mauney, Mrs. John L. McGill, Mrs. Hunter Neisler, Mrs. Joseph Neisler, Mrs. P.G. Padgett, Mrs. Drace Peeler, Mrs. William Pressley, Mrs. W.L. Ramseur, Mrs. Moffatt Ware, and Mrs. Clark Broward. Mrs. Broward, originally from Charlotte, was the advisor as to organization of the group and was made an honorary life member. Other life members are Mrs. J.E. Herndon and Mrs. Carl Mauney. Mrs. J.E. Herndon is a nationally accredited Master Judge.

Present officers (1982) are Mrs. L.E. Hinnant, president; Mrs. J.E. Hemdon, vice president; and Mrs. F.J. Sincox, secretary-treasurer.

The club was federated in 1950, and has been enthusiastic in the learning of garden club work and in contributing to the civic beautification of this area. It has won several state and national awards for outstanding service and has assisted in the organization of three other garden clubs and one junior garden club. The club has consistently been on the State Garden Club Honor Roll.

Sources: Club minutes, records.

— Mrs. L.E. Hinnant

FROM KINGS MOUNTAIN SAVINGS and LOAN to FIRST FEDERAL SAVINGS and LOAN ASSOCIATION

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Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association, now First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Kings Mountain, was incorporated on January 31, 1907 and had a humble beginning conducting its affairs in a cubby-hole of the F.L. Carpenter drug store. Quoting the late editor of the Kings Mountain *Herald*, Martin Harmon, "the Association has enjoyed the fair winds of prosperity, the ill winds of war and depression and has come through in greater strength in service to Kings Mountain area citizens."

The first president was J.M. Patterson, one-time Kings Mountain grocer and also associated with Kings Mountain Cotton Oil Company.

(The Patterson family now lives on the corner of West Mountain and Cansler Streets, directly across from the present location of First Federal Savings and Loan.)

Other officers were W.A. Ridenhour, vice-president, C.A. Dilling, second vice-president and the aforementioned F.L. Carpenter, secretary-treasurer. F.L. Carpenter was succeeded by M. Elmer Herndon as secretary-treasurer and Wiley H. McGinnis, one-time mayor of Kings Mountain succeeded Elmer Herndon.

In 1937, J.C. Lackey was elected secretary-treasurer of the association and served until 1953 when he was succeeded by Ben H. Bridges, son of a former director. Ben H. Bridges served until his death in 1966 and was succeeded by Joseph R. Smith, a native of Florida and formerly associated with Security Life and Trust Company of Winston-Salem.

In 1974 Ruby H. Baker became secretary-treasurer succeeding Joseph R. Smith. A native of Kings Mountain, Mrs. Baker had begun work as a teller in 1953 after having worked part-time beginning in 1949 with the detailed task of transferring the accounts from old-fashioned installment shares to the more modern direct reduction system. Mrs. Baker was among twelve women in North Carolina employed by savings and loan associations in key management roles.

In 1978 Gary H. Whitaker of Earl, formerly a loan officer with Cleveland Savings and Loan of Shelby, succeeded Ruby H. Baker and is currently serving as managing officer of the association.

The association has had only five presidents: J.M. Patterson 1907-1914; A.E. Cline 1914-1939; W.K. Mauney 1939-1961; J.R. Davis 1961-1971; Dr. John C. McGill, elected in 1971, now completing his 10th. year as president. Other officers of the association are Gary H. Whitaker, Executive Vice President and Managing Officer; Boyce H. Gault, Vice President; Glee E. Bridges, Vice President; Ronald Franks, Treasurer; Brenda N. Lovelace, Secretary-Treasurer; Kathy B. Butler, Assistant Treasurer.

Numerous citizens have served as directors of the association. Currently serving and directing the affairs of the association are Dr. John C. McGill, physician; C.A. Allison, school principal; Dr. R.N. Baker, dentist; Ruby H. Baker, retired officer; W.S. Fulton, Jr., department store owner; Boyce H. Gault, retired grocer; George E. Lewis, retired dairyman; Carl F. Mauney, textile executive; Glee E. Bridges, hardware store owner and Gary H. Whitaker, managing officer.

In 1954, forty-seven years after its founding, Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association topped its first million in assets. Two years later, in 1956, it passed the two-million mark. Assets now are \$22,977,700.

First Federal Savings and Loan Association has operated in five different locations, beginning with the Carpenter drug store, followed by sharing space with People's Loan and Trust Company, then with First National Bank, subsequently to the building acquired in 1930, now occupied by Cloninger and Neisler, Attorneys at Law, located at 115 West Mountain



First Federal Savings & Loan Association of Kings Mountain.

Street. Finally, in 1970 the association moved to its present location on the corner of West Mountain and Cansler Streets, a modern up-to-date facility constructed under the management of Joseph R. Smith. The site on which the building stands was formerly the location of the homes of E.L. Campbell, attorney of Kings Mountain, and his son, Charles Campbell.

Many changes have taken place in the savings and loan industry and in First Federal Savings and Loan since it was chartered in 1907 but the aim of the association is the same as then, to offer better and more efficient service to the people of Kings Mountain and its surrounding area.

Sources: Records of the Association, *Kings Mountain Herald* — Feb. 14, 1957.

— Ruby Hughes Baker

THE KINGS MOUNTAIN WOMAN'S CLUB

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The Kings Mountain Woman's Club, organized in 1905, is only two years younger than the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs!

According to an ancient historical account, some of the ladies of the town, concerned because the cemetery received only an annual cleaning, formed a committee to rectify the situation. They beautified with plantings. "The Cemetery Committee realized that other civic items needed attention, and this organization was made into a Civic League" in 1905. Mrs. Mattie Neal was an untiring leader in the cemetery project.

In the meantime the town of York had been putting on flower shows that so impressed the ladies of Kings Mountain that the Ladies' Aid Societies of the various churches took over the responsibility of presenting their own Show.

Civic League members followed their example and have been celebrating each fall season since then with an annual Flower Show, now called Community Festival. The income from the Festival, including that from the booklet of advertisements as well as that from the two meals and the bazaar, has been the major source of income for the Club.

During the presidency of Mrs. E.W. Neal in 1923, the Civic League joined the N.C. Federation and became a Woman's Club. Mrs. Neal recalls that Mrs. O.G. Falls invited two Shelby ladies (one, we think, was Mrs. O. Max Gardner) to a club meeting in Kings Mountain. They were so persuasive about the benefits of membership in the State Federation of Clubs that the Civic League members voted thereupon to join.

At that time meetings were held in the Pythian Hall (over Griffin's Drug Store), usually with a good attendance. Monthly dues of five cents were increased to ten cents. If one person voted against accepting a new member, she was blackballed! Even in those days the women were feeding members of a business men's club.

The Floral Fair in those days was held in various places; some years in the Pythian Hall, sometimes in Caveny's Ice Cream Shop, once in a barn where the Chevrolet building still stands on Railroad Avenue.

More and more the need was felt for a permanent home for the Woman's Club. Before his death, Mr. C.E. Neisler had promised the women a lot on which to build. In 1931 the financial struggle began to erect the building. Aid was secured through the Kings Mountain Building and Loan. Many individuals contributed as well as the Mauney and Neisler Mills. Mrs. C.E. Neisler made the final payment. In January 1932 the first meeting was held in the new club building. Since that time the building has been extended and repaired intermittently.

From 1923 to 1982 these women have

served as president of the Kings Mountain Club: Mesdames E.W. Neal, H.C. Dwelle, W.S. Dilling, D.C. Mauney, M.E. Herndon, E.W. Griffin, A.H. Patterson, F.E. Finger, Aubrey Mauney, H.E. Lynch, J.K. Willis, E.A. Shenk, Otto Hehn, Jacob Mauney, I.G. Patterson, George Houser, Jacob Cooper, John Cheshire, D.W. Blanton, W.T. Weir, Jack Arnette, L.P. Baker, Jr., and Edward Heine. The club is now under the able leadership of Mrs. W.D. Werner. The present trustees are Mrs. Grady Patterson, chairman; Mesdames J.A. Cheshire, W.S. Fulton, G.H. Houser and Aubrey Mauney. The club was incorporated in 1950.

In the late '40s a very beautiful and appropriate candlelight installation service was used, written by Mrs. Luther Cansler. Nine living charter members of the original Civic League were honored at this time.

Mrs. Fred Finger, Sr., during her presidency in 1937, organized a Junior Woman's Club which was a very active organization for several years.

Through the years Women's Clubs have carried on a program of work set up by the State and General Federations. The present departments of work are Conservation, Education, Home Life, International Affairs, Public Affairs, The Arts. The Community Improvement Project, handled by Sears Roebuck, has spurred clubs on for several years now to the task of helping to better their towns in some specific way. The Kings Mountain Club has worked with youth programs, recycling, crime watch, etc.

The club has annually entered a worthy High School Senior in competition for the Sally Southall Cotten Scholarship which pays \$2,000 a year for four years on college tuition at a N.C. University.

Probably the most enjoyable aspect of our club life is the Senior Citizens' program, under the wing of the club and handled most effectively and untiringly for the past twenty years by Mrs. Paul Hendricks and Mrs. Paul Mauney.

On the District Four Level these women have served: Mrs. O.C. Falls, Ms. H.E. Lynch and Mrs. Aubrey Mauney as President; Mrs. Jacob Cooper (now Mrs. George Scharf), Secretary; and currently Mrs. W.D. Werner as Vice President. Many awards, too numerous to mention, have been won in the District. Kings Mountain Woman's Club has entertained the District at its fall meeting several times and will do so again in 1982.

On the state level, Mrs. Aubrey Mauney served as North Carolina Federation President, 1956-58; then General Federation Editor of International News Bulletin, 1958-60. During 1956-58 these local women served as Pages at the North Carolina Convention and General Federation Convention in Asheville: Mrs. Helen (Don W.) Blanton, Mrs. Ruby (Charles) Alexander, Mrs. Margaret (Eugene) McCarter, Mrs. Peggy (Winston) Miller, and Mrs. Peggy Mauney Beaver.

The Club was very proud when Mrs. E.W. Griffin, during the '50s, won a First Place national award for her work in Safety. Other awards on the state level were First Place for

our Press Book, 1958; First Place for a musical setting of "The Collect for Club Women" by Mrs. Aubrey Mauney, 1956. In the annual N.C. Fine Arts Contest a First Place in Photography was won recently by Heather Crowley, High School Senior.

Kings Mountain Woman's Club over the years has contributed to various worthy causes in the thousands of dollars. The building has been a central meeting place in the community for groups of all ages. Two men's clubs have met there weekly for meals. We look forward to a life of continued service!

Sources: Club minutes and records.

— Mrs. Aubrey Mauney
and Mrs. Don W. Blanton

KINGS MOUNTAIN LIONS CLUB

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On Tuesday, June 11, 1938 the nineteen charter members of the Kings Mountain Lions Club met with sponsoring members of the Shelby Lions Club for the presentation of their new charter. The club grew in strength and activities and in time sponsored the Grover Lions Club.

The Kings Mountain Lions Club is a unit of Lions International, the world's largest civic organization and is the oldest internationally chartered organization in the city of Kings Mountain. The primary work of the Lions is sight conservation but in the past Lions have cooperated with virtually every community-wide civic effort of worth. The record of service by the Kings Mountain Lions has honored well the Program of Liberty, Intelligence, Our Nation's Safety and the local slogan: "We work for the blind and the up-building of our community."

The Kings Mountain Lions Club meet on the second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn, Kings Mountain. Good food, good fellowship, good programs and good service projects make Lionism come alive in Kings Mountain.

— R. Howard Bryant

MAGNOLIA GARDEN CLUB OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

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The Magnolia Garden Club was organized by the Kings Mountain Garden Club in 1952 as a club for young women.

The first president was Mrs. W.S. Fulton, Jr. and the Charter Members were as follows: Mrs. Martin Harmon, Mrs. Walter D. Harmon, Mrs. Joe C. Hedden, Mrs. D.F. Hord, Mrs. John C. McGill, Mrs. Jean W. Neill, Mrs. Robert Neill, Mrs. William Page, Mrs. M.D. Phifer, Mrs. John B. Plonk and Mrs. Jack H. White.

Two of these ladies are currently members of the Club, Mrs. D. F. Hord and Mrs. John C. McGill.

The Club had always met monthly except during the summer months and the month of December. The projects have included land-

scaping along the railroad in downtown Kings Mountain as well as contributing toward the beautification of the city. Our Club cooperates with the Woman's Club each years by helping with their Fall Festival.

As a money making project for many years our Club decorated for the annual Ladies' Night of the various civic organizations. One of our current projects is making stuffed animals for the Kings Mountain Hospital to give to the children who are patients.

The officers for 1981-1982 are as follows: Mrs. Richard V. Crowley — President, Mrs. Robert N. Baker — Vice-President, Mrs. John C. McGill — Secretary and Mrs. D.F. Hord — Treasurer.

The present membership includes: Mrs. Thomas P. Baker, Mrs. Dorus Bennett, Mrs. William D. Bridges, Mrs. James E. Carroll, Mrs. Edward L. Heine, Mrs. W.L. Mauney and Mrs. George W. Plonk.

The purpose of our Club is to ask Almighty God, the Maker of this world of beauty, to breathe His creative spirit into our wills, that treating with gentleness and love all growing things of the earth we may become co-laborers with Him in opening the eyes of the children of His creation.

M.L. Thomas Moss, O.D.

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Marcus Lee Thomas Moss, O.D., P.A., opened his practice of optometry on October 1, 1954 in Shelby after graduating from the Southern College of Optometry in Memphis, Tennessee. He first located in the Lineberger Building on North Lafayette Street in a small office and later moving into larger quarters in the same building.

He incorporated the practice in 1975 and the same year moved to 108 West Marion Street into the Old Shelby Printing Company Building which he purchased from the Mabry family and renovated.

Mary Louise Moss was her husband's first receptionist. Later receptionists were Mildred (Mrs. John) Elliott, Thelma (Mrs. Wilbur) Glover, Carolyn (Mrs. Jack) Vanderford, Sandie (Mrs. William) Trainor and then Mrs. Glover again.

Source: Personal knowledge.

— Mrs. M.L. Thomas Moss



The family of Dr. M.L. Thomas Moss — L. to R.: M.L. Thomas, Mary Louise, Carol Louise, and Thomas Macklin.

OPEN GATE GARDEN CLUB of KINGS MOUNTAIN

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There was an organizational meeting of the Open Gate Garden Club in April, 1951 at the home of Mrs. C.J. Gault, Jr. with Mrs. W.L. Pressly installing the new officers and presenting rules and regulations for a federated garden club. Mrs. Clyde Kerns, now of Salisbury, served as the first president; Mrs. C.J. Gault, Jr. was vice president, and Mrs. D.E. Tate was secretary-treasurer. Time of the meeting was set for the second Wednesday of the month, September through May at 3:30 p.m.

The charter members of the club were: Mrs. Clyde Kerns, Mrs. C.J. Gault, Jr., Mrs. D.E. Tate, Mrs. A.W. Kincaid, Mrs. W.M. Gantt, Mrs. Baxter Wright, Mrs. Pete Barkley, Mrs. T.L. Cashwell, Mrs. E.H. Crouch, Mrs. T.W. Grayson, Mrs. Tim Hord, Mrs. F.R. McCurdy, Mrs. Wendell Phifer, Mrs. Nathan Reed, Mrs. Tolly Shuford, Mrs. Sam Stallings and Mrs. Charles Cash.

The Open Gate Garden Club of Kings Mountain can take pride in the organization's accomplishments.

All Garden Clubs cooperate with the Woman's Club in having a Standard Flower Show each year in October.

In October, 1974 the Open Gate Garden Club had an Open House Tour at the home of Mrs. D.E. Tate.

In March, 1976 a tour of Homes was sponsored by the Garden Council. Our club decorated the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. John O. Plonk.

Another interesting and beautiful show was held at Dellinger's Jewelry Store on May 3, 1977. Tables were decorated in various periods of history with appropriate settings and centerpieces. Theme of the show was "Welcome Sweet Springtime."

The Open Gate Club had a Standard Flower Show at the home of Mrs. James Dickey on April 19, 1967. "Panorama of Spring" was the theme.

The Kings Mountain and Open Gate Garden Clubs were invited to participate in a Standard Flower Show in Shelby, sponsored by the Three Season's Garden Club of Shelby on April 18-19, 1970. The Open Gate won a blue and red ribbon in the Artistic Division — Class 86 — "Happiness Is An Early Spring Shower." The club arrangement was done by Mrs. C.J. Gault, Jr. and Mrs. Wilson Crawford. In the same class, Mrs. Crawford entered an arrangement which won a red ribbon. Mrs. W.M. Gantt, another member of our club, entered the Judges Class and was also a ribbon winner.

In 1979 the Garden Clubs of Kings Mountain purchased and planted forty-two Fosteria Holly Trees in the downtown area. They were planted on Mountain, Railroad and Gold Streets. Plans are to plant more trees in the fall.

Junior Garden Clubs have been sponsored in the Elementary Schools. Materials, time, programs and talent were shared with the students.

Among interesting programs we have had:

A tour of the lovely garden of Mrs. Bob Lewis in 1977; "The Restoration of Crowders Mountain" — Mrs. W.A. Russell; "The Leopold and Rudolph Blaschka Glass Collection of Flowers at the Botanical Museum at Harvard University." by Mrs. James Wilder.

Paul's Scarlet Climber roses were planted along the railroad through town to help beautify the area.

A tree is planted on Arbor Day at one of the Elementary Schools.

Specimen are brought to each meeting to be judged. The hostess also does an arrangement to be judged.

"Now is the Time Tips" are given at each meeting.

Therapy projects or workshops to make arrangements and work with hospital and nursing home patients is an annual event.

Over the years, the club has contributed to the Daniel Boone, Elizabethan and Fragrance Gardens.

In April, 1969 the Club was delighted to have a Life Membership given by Mrs. Nan Jean Grant, in honor of Mrs. W.M. Gantt, her mother.

Garden therapy projects, litter control, horticulture and beautification projects are proof of our "Service Today Endowing a Better Tomorrow."

Memories of Garden Club work are mostly one of joy and fulfillment. Though there are trials and frustrations and some days, nervous exhaustion — this is what leads to success.

Sources: club records.

PLONK BROTHERS DEPARTMENT STORE

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Plonk Brothers Department Store has been in continuous operation for 82 years. It is the oldest retail establishment in Kings Mountain

and at least among the oldest in Cleveland County.

John Oates Plonk, Sr. in partnership with the Larkin Kiser family in 1899 established Plonk-Kiser Department Store, with an interest also owned by two of John Plonk's uncles, W.A. Ware and Rufus S. Plonk. In 1902 the Kiser interest was bought by William Lafayette Plonk and in 1907 the interest of Rufus S. Plonk was purchased by William Lafayette and John O. Plonk.

In this purchase W.L. Plonk, who was never active in the operation of the business itself, and John Plonk assumed ownership along with the W.A. Ware family of the building and lot which included all the property fronting on Railroad Avenue in that block with the exception of the Mountain View Hotel property. At that time the three one third share owners were W.L. Plonk, J.O. Plonk and W.A. Ware, with J.O. Plonk in charge of the store's operation.

Upon the death of William Lafayette Plonk in 1924 his children "shared and shared alike" in his one third interest in the business. In 1946 John O. Plonk and his brother, William Luther Plonk, who had joined the firm about the time of his father's death, purchased the W.A. Ware interest in the store. As a matter of interest we quote from the *Kings Mountain Herald* of December 12, 1947 which stated: "As an indication of the increase in values during the period from 1907 to 1947, the one third Ware interest brought several times the amount for which the entire business was offered in 1907."

The business remained the property of J.O. Plonk, Sr., the largest minority owner, along with the other heirs of the late W.L. Plonk until J.O. Plonk's death in 1951. John O. Plonk was a merchant who believed whole heartedly in the free enterprise system of business. His business was conducted to reflect his belief that a "man's word is his bond," and he was in all things scrupulously honest.



Plonk-Kiser & Company Department Store, early 1900's. Presently it operates as Plonk Brothers Department Store.

The bills for Plonk Brothers were consistently paid during the "discount period." This continues to be the policy of Plonk Brothers operation. In his work, as in all of his life, he was a kind and compassionate neighbor. The hard times during the depression days he shared with his neighbors and customers, but he also shared what he had and gave credit at the store to those in great need, bearing the brunt of that himself.

In 1957 the store and properties were purchased by the five children of J.O. Plonk: Mrs. Mary Foust Plonk Weaver, Mrs. Douglas Plonk McElwee, Mrs. Dorothy Plonk Lewis, Mrs. Maude Plonk Harper and John O. Plonk, Jr. The business has been solely owned and operated by them since 1957. In 1957 John O. Plonk, Jr. purchased the building and properties and maintains that ownership to the present day.

The Store Speaks

To some of you I'm known as Plonk Brothers,
But perhaps to a good many more
Over the years (and there's been quite a few)
I've simple been known as The Store.
As I look back over my life
Idly letting my thoughts range,
I must affirm the adage we've heard
That nothing is surer than change.
For instance, my neighbors —
Across Gold Street was the Ware's cotton gin
Directly in front, the depot —
Up on the corner was the Mountain View Hotel
And once the warehouse was a picture show.

You may recall there were two sides to me —
One for groceries, one for dry goods, too.
Just about anything you could need in town
Plonk Bros. could supply to you.
There were wagons and buggies and nails
And candy — some soft and some hard —
There were overalls, harnesses, buttons, and hats,
And piece goods sold by the yard.
You could find birdseye diapers and high top shoes
And jewelry and octagon soap;
And as styles in dress changed through the years,
We managed to keep up I hope.

How well I recall that at hog killing time
My ice boxes were loaded down
With Mr. Clarence's sausage and Mr. Rufe's liver mush
And of course always the best beef in town.
You were welcome to warm at our coal burning stoves
Or to weigh on our fertilizer scale.
We'd deliver your groceries by horse drawn wagon,
And we opened by seven without fail.
So — if I seem a bit old fashioned
It should be no mystery;
For, after all, I've been a part
Of a whole lot of history.

And thinking of history — Do you remember that in
1898 our Battleship Maine was torpedoed in the harbor
of Havana, and the Spanish American War ensued? It
was the very next year — 1899 — that my doors were
first opened.
My very first year they celebrated
In a really novel way —
The country went on the gold standard.
(We know now they didn't stay.)
That same year, I saw across the railroad tracks
With great interest, to be very frank,
Another business opening up.
It was the Kings Mountain National Bank.
I was just four years old when those brothers
Wilbur and Orville Wright
Flew their plane at Kitty Hawk.
Oh, what a marvelous flight!

Our lawmakers were busy in Washington,
Their schedules full to the hilt.
The biggest question before them then:
Should the Panama Canal be built?
Now here's a fact you youngsters
May not have realized —
I was already a teenager
(And you'll probably be surprised)
When New Mexico and Arizona
Each became a state.
Yessir — they were number forty seven
And number forty eight.
And I was fourteen when they amended the Constitution
(I think I know the facts)

So we could have the privilege of
Paying federal income tax.
In those same years, times were hard —
A time I've never forgotten.
In place of money to pay their bills,
Many customers paid in cotton.
Eleven cents a pound was the credit we gave
And couldn't sell it for eight.
I had cotton in warehouses all around.
Then the government gave no rebate.

Soon World War 1 was under way, and
Pres. Wilson tried his best
To keep us out of that conflict,
But — well, you know the rest.
I remember watching
As the trainloads of soldiers passed by'
For the old depot was right there
Under my watchful eye.
I was twenty eight years old
When the whole world was elated.
Lindy, the Lone Eagle, landed in Paris —
News we had all awaited.
Another depression, the great one,
That started in 29 —
Some of your recollections
Would be just as painful as mine.
You see my customers were hurting.
It was a terrible time.

Cotton was down to five cents a pound.
A lot of folks had not a dime.
A sixth of the population
Was living on relief.
We all just hoped for survival
It was a time of grief
Then came FDR with his New Deal
And programs like NRA.
Most folks give him the credit
For bringing in a new day.
There are so many things I could recall
Like when Hoover came to town.
Ah! that was a big occasion—
Folks came from all around.

The year that I turned forty eight
I was remodeled — changed throughout —
About that same time Truman beat Dewey
In a surprising political bout.
But that's enough of history —
I've brought you to '48.
And you are all familiar with moon landings
And Camp David and Watergate.
I now notice that gas and inflation
Are going beyond most of our means.
Maybe I should go back to another day
And sell peanuts and jelly beans.

I would like to add one thing —
I've had many good friends
In my long life here.
Just now, I want to mention one —
He stayed with me for 52 years.
I'm speaking of Mr. John.
Through the years our friendship
Was surely first rate.
He would always come early.
He always stayed late.
He gave me his time and his skill, also;
And, I expect but for him, I'd have closed long ago.
He lived by the creed that a
Man's word is his bond.
He'd meet you halfway
And then on beyond.
If you had problems
Then they were his, too,
For as a friend
He was surely true blue.
— by Dorothy Plonk Lewis

Sources: *Kings Mountain Herald*, Personal Papers,
Family Memories

— Douglas Plonk McElwee

SHELBY COMMUNITY LIONS CLUB

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Shelby Community Lions Club was organized on August 27, 1964. The Shelby Lions Club sponsored the Club under the direction of Lions International and District 31 C. Norman Trueblood was International Secretary of North Carolina at that time.

Our Charter Night was held on November

2nd, 1964 at the Moose Lodge. Our charter members were: Larry D. Anthony, Tom Bolick, Douglas Cabiness, L.B. Connor, Thomas B. Branton, Alston Bridges, Don L. Bridges, J. Kent Bridges, Sam J. Edwards, William H. Eskridge, James H. Frazier, Dan R. Hughes, Jap Ledbetter, Elvis B. Lee, E. Frederick McBrayer, William L. Patterson, Norman Patrick, C.G. Poston, R. Earl Propst, O. Max Scism, J. Edwin Spangler, James B. Spears, George B. Steelman, D.B. Tolleson, William (Bill) Weaver, J.L. Wilkie, Edward H. Willis and Louis Gene Yarboro.

Our first officers were, James B. Spears — President, J.L. Wilkie — Secretary, and Edward H. Willis — Treasurer.

The club was organized to be a small club in Shelby to aid the other clubs with the blind in the county. We have had a number of money raising projects during the years, especially the Dump the Lion project at the Cleveland County Fair. We have broom sales, light bulb sales, blind-made products sale and a white elephant sale to raise money for the White Cane Project for which we have met our quota each year. We have special drives for eye wills every year and have averaged over fifty eye wills per year.

In December of each year, we have a Christmas party for the blind in and around Shelby and give them a Christmas present. Our club helps support Camp Dogwood on Lake Norman. This camp is used for the blind for their vacations and general recreation.

Our meetings have been held at the Amvets, Governor's Inn, Hotel Charles, Holiday Inn and at the present time at Jackson's Cafeteria on the second and fourth Monday nights.

The following charter members are still present members, Jap Ledbetter, Louis Gene Yarboro, Kent Bridges and R. Earl Propst. Our current president is Dan Greer. Our motto: We Serve

Sources: Club records and personal knowledge.

— Jap Ledbetter
and R. Earl Propst

THE SHELBY GARDEN CLUB

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Organized in 1953, the Shelby Garden Club is one of the oldest, active garden clubs in Cleveland County, North Carolina. Throughout the years, the club has undertaken many projects and activities to achieve its original objectives of promoting the love of gardening among amateurs, protecting and promoting the growth of the native trees, flowers, and birds and encouraging civic planting and civic beauty.

On March 17, 1953, a group of local women met at the Shelby Community Center to organize the Shelby Garden Club. Present at the meeting were ten of the club's charter members: Mrs. Charles Eskridge, Mrs. Oren Hamrick, Mrs. Colin Hull, Mrs. R.T. LeGrand, Sr., Mrs. Roscoe Lutz, Mrs. Mal Spangler, Jr., Mrs. Rush Stroup, Mrs. M.M. Stuart, Mrs. Z.J. Thompson, and Mrs. E.J. Bennett, who presided at the meeting. Charter members not present at this meeting were Mrs. John

Faison, Mrs. Earl Hamrick, Mrs. George Moore, Mrs. Fred Morehead, and Mrs. Dixon Smith.

Mrs. J.R. Thomas of Orangeburg, South Carolina, secretary of the South Carolina State's Federation of Garden Clubs, advised the group on the organization of the club. At the first regular meeting in April, 1953, the members elected Mrs. E.S. Bennett as the club president.

The newly formed club met the requirements of the North Carolina Federation of Garden Clubs and became a federated club in April of 1953. The Shelby Garden Club continues to be an active member of the Federation, and has received a certificate of honor for outstanding service to The Garden Clubs of North Carolina each year of its existence, and has made the Horticulture Honor Roll every year. The club is also a member of the National Council of Garden Clubs, Inc.

In the mid-fifties, this club began to organize a series of neighborhood garden clubs in Shelby. The members of the Shelby Garden Club directed the organization procedure for the following clubs, many of which still exist today: The Dogwood Garden Club, The Cleveland Springs Garden Club, Phil Acres Garden Club, Hillside Garden Club, Hoe'n' Hope Garden Club, and the Three Seasons Garden Club. On occasions, the Shelby Garden Club has joined with one or more of these clubs in projects to promote better gardening in Shelby and Cleveland County.

Two major projects have earned the Shelby Garden Club statewide recognition. In 1958, the club sponsored a state project in Shelby and received a state award for its contribution. This project, "Save the Bluebird", was an attempt in North Carolina to prevent the blue bird from becoming extinct in the state. Mrs. Elizabeth Dudley Nolan, Club Chairman for the project, carried out a very successful campaign to educate people in Cleveland County concerning the blue bird and to encourage residents to build or buy blue bird boxes. The award was the Kepler Bird Bowl, a silver bowl awarded by the North Carolina Garden Club "to the federated member club judged to have done the most outstanding work of any club in North Carolina on conservation of the blue bird."

The second project for which the club received a state award resulted from its continuing support of the gardens sponsored by the North Carolina Garden Club. In 1962, the federation awarded the Shelby Club a silver bowl for outstanding service to the Daniel Boone Botanical Garden at Boone, North Carolina. Club members undertook to support and promote the Botanical Garden, donating money and plants for the garden, sponsoring a Botanical Garden booth at the Cleveland County Fair in 1961, and visiting the gardens in the spring of 1962.

The Shelby Garden Club has sponsored many activities to encourage civic planting and to enhance the beauty of Shelby. The club has planted many trees on public property throughout Shelby, and currently, the members are aiding in the promotion of a local dogwood festival. The club also maintains two

beautification areas in Shelby. The Shelby Garden Club has always taken a special interest in the Cleveland County Library; contributing memorial books, providing Christmas decorations, planting camellia bushes on the grounds, and supervising the planting and maintenance of a flower garden located near the library.

Presently, the club has twenty-four active and four associate members. These members are dedicated to carrying out the club's original objectives and to continuing its twenty-nine years of service to Shelby and Cleveland County.

Sources: Shelby Garden Club Scrapbook, Mrs. E.S. Bennett.

— Mrs. John Gardner

SHELBY JUNIOR CHARITY LEAGUE

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The Shelby Junior Charity League is probably the most active woman's organization in Cleveland County with its unparalleled record of service in charity and civic activities.

Celebrating its 48th year of existence, the League grew out of the Music and Arts division of the Shelby Woman's Club, when some fifty energetic women banded together in the spring of 1934 to support a program of charity for their needy neighbors during depression years. That program has expanded through the years and today supports a budget of more than \$35,000 annually to aid the indigent and underprivileged, as well as charitable contributions to civic programs.

Nearly every facet of community life has been touched through the years. To name a few of these would be provisions of food, clothing, fuel, medicine, equipment, transportation and other support for the needy; direct aid for equipment and furnishings at Cleveland Memorial Hospital; aid to crippled children and adults through its own administered fund.

Also aid to unwed mothers and wayward children; contributions to the exceptional children's and handicapped children's programs; provision of clothing for hundreds of needy school children through its own clothing room; an initial gift of \$8,000 and other sub-

stantial gifts to the Cleveland County Shelter Home where abandoned, neglected or displaced children are cared for until permanently placed; to the Boys' Club, Salvation Army, City Park, Historical Association, Cleveland Memorial Library, United Fund and other civic endeavors; aid to the Red Cross Bloodmobile; Friendly Contact which keeps in touch with older citizens; and other programs.

Since its first "Sub-Debutante" ball on June 7, 1946, the League has sponsored a Debutante Ball annually, a project which has grown into one of Western North Carolina's most prestigious social events. The elegant ball is held at Malcolm E. Brown auditorium and deb's wear all-white gowns and carry the traditional red roses.

Their fathers are their chief marshals and the annual event is marked with many exciting parties and social functions. Invitations to the ball are extended to many towns and cities to a select group of young women who are members of high school senior classes. The number of debutantes to the 1982 ball reached 129, attesting to the popularity and acceptance of the social event.

Funds for the varied programs of charity have come from projects such as the Debutante Ball that have required many working hours and efforts on the part of each member. Other projects have ranged from the Follies to fashion shows, Christmas workshops and sales, rummage sales, a thrift shop, benefit bridges, the Barter Theatre.

Also, two cookbooks have been published and sold and there have been card sales, a Decorator House, Christmas Homes Tours, Antique shows, flea markets and a number of lesser efforts ... all necessary to provide funds for a growing budget.

It takes the entire membership of the League to plan and execute each project and it remains a remarkable fact that each member is always ready to give of her energies to maintain a reputation of charitable giving and unselfish service to the community.

Sources: club records.

— Grace R. Hamrick



Shelby Negro Woman's Club, 1951.



Shelby Negro Woman's Club, 1960.



Shelby Negro Woman's Club, 1970.

THE SHELBY NEGRO WOMAN'S CLUB

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The club was organized on March 27, 1927 at the Cleveland Training School auditorium by the late Miss Mary Lynch of Salisbury, North Carolina. The purpose of the club was to raise funds to help support the Efland Home for delinquent girls, located at Efland, North Carolina.

Miss Violet Thomas and Mrs. Annie Hairston called interested women of Shelby together for a meeting with Mrs. Lynch. The organization included twenty-four women. Leaders and other key facts:

President: Mrs. Evan Hayden, Vice President: Miss Violet Thomas, Secretary: Mrs. Jennie Enloe, Treasurer: Mrs. Mertha Mills. Club Colors are pink and green, State Motto is Lifting as We Climb, Slogan is Serving Where Called, Day of Meetings are first and third Thursdays, Time of Meetings is three O'clock,

and Place of Meetings at Homes (taken alphabetically).

The club, though newly organized, lost no time in going to the rescue of needy families with food, clothing, fuel, and any other commodities.

Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, State President, was guest speaker at the first Club anniversary held in the Cleveland County Courthouse. In succeeding years, other prominent negro women were invited to speak. These occasions were opened to the public and were largely attended. Other club anniversaries are celebrated by worshipping together in a local church.

The following contributions are made yearly: to the United Fund; Heart Fund, Cancer Fund, Boy's Club, Muscular Dystrophy, March of Dimes, Easter Seals, Operation Santa Claus, UNICEF, and the Department of Social Services. Donations made to other funds: Cleveland County Memorial Library Fund, Shoe Fund, Red Cross Disaster, Vietnam Project,

United Negro College Fund, Miss Black Cleveland County, Miss Shelby Pageant, Exchange Students to Foreign Countries, Elizabeth Peeler Fund, Dale Good Robinson Fund, Adopt a Parent, Girl Scout and Boy Scout, and Douglas Byers Fund.

In the specific area of Shelby, contributions were made to the following: equipped the kitchen at Holly Oak Park Clubhouse, furnished the teacher lounge at Cleveland School, donated to the Carver Library; sponsored a Day Care Center, and gave the first furniture and curtains for the waiting room at Shelby Hospital.

A major project was the purchase of a clubhouse. The club expends much energy and time providing wholesome recreation for its members and friends by sponsoring events in which the general public can share. These include picnics, plays, and trips to shows.

In the year 1975, the club sponsored a tour to Disney World in Orlando, Florida. In 1976 another tour was sponsored to Washington, D.C. and other points of interest. A first in 1976 a Bicentennial Pageant depicting accomplishments of black women was presented by the club.

From 1954 to 1971 the club sponsored Debutant Balls annually, to raise funds for scholarships for high school girls in Cleveland County schools. Fifty-two scholarships have been given up to this time, totaling more than eight thousand dollars. At present scholarships are given annually to Burns, Crest and Shelby High School graduates.

Twenty-three local "Women of the Year" have received the Cora Rippy Memorial Cup, which was donated to the club by Albert Bailey, in honor of his late mother, Mrs. Cora Rippy, who was a charter member of the club.

The first Negro Girl Scout Troop was sponsored by this club, also the first organized Black Girls Club was sponsored by the Shelby Negro Woman's Club. Through the efforts of the club the first black social worker was secured for Cleveland County. During a period when the community was in need of another physician, the club was instrumental in securing the services of a black physician, the Doctor Jasper Jeffries, and supporting him in the establishment of his resident office.

The Shelby Negro Woman's Club holds a Life Membership in the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Contributions made to the North Carolina Federation of Negro Women's Clubs for representation purposes are: Negro Braille Magazine; Dobbs Chapel Fund, Boy's Home at Hoffman, North Carolina and State Scholarship Fund.

The first Junior Club State organizer for girls was Lillie Gibson, a member of the Shelby Negro Woman's Club and a member of the State Executive Board. Jennie Enloe was also a member of the State Executive Board of the Federation of Negro Women's Club. Martha London served as Western District President, State Treasurer and a member of the Executive Board.

The club continues to be active in the Western District and State Federation of Negro Women's Clubs, Incorporated. From 1927 to

1982, the Shelby Negro Woman's Club has given fifty-five years of "Serving Where Called" and "Lifting As We Climb."

Source: Club Records.

— Mary Gleaves
and Elizabeth Webb

THE AUDACIAN CLUB

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The Audacian Club is a social-civic club which originated in Cleveland County in 1965. The name Audacian means, "Daring Deed". This comes from the word audacious which means, bold, daring, adventurous or brave.

The club was organized by 13 young women who had a desire to share wholesome recreation and to promote good fellowship. The charter members were: Rebecca Alexander, Yvonne Beam, Chloe Dockery, Betty Gibbs, Lucille Howell, Ovella Jones, Patsy Martin, Carolyn Pullen, Pearl Webber, Betty Williams, Beatrice Williamson, Madge Wray and Glenell Young.

The club's first president in 1965 was Patsy Martin. The club presently has 17 members of which 5 are charter members and are: *Rebecca Alexander, Helen Barrow, *Yvonne Beam, Bennie Border, *Chloe Dockery, Edith Hopper, Paulette Gardner, Marion Jolly, Chineta Maddox, Pegge McDowell, Portia Morrow, Brenda Phillips, *Carolyn Pullen, Clara Wall, Daisy Withrow, Emily Withrow, *Madge Wray. (*Denotes charter members).

The objectives of the club are threefold: To carry out projects of civic-social improvement; to promote good fellowship among members; to provide wholesome entertainment.

The club contributes yearly to several char-

itable organizations such as: American Cancer Society; United Way; Operation Santa Claus; United Negro College Fund; Needy Children Shoe Fund.

The club holds a life membership with the NAACP. The club presents scholarships to three deserving seniors in each of the three high schools, Crest, Shelby and Burns High. The purpose of these scholarships is to assist these seniors in furthering their education.

Each year the Audacian Club honors its scholarship recipients and their parents at the Scholarship Tea which has been held at the Cleveland County Memorial Library.

The club sponsored several projects through the years for the purpose of raising funds for the scholarships such as: The Little Miss Audacian Contest; The Elizabeth Graham Peeler Concert; The Ebony Group and Company.

Source: Club records.

— Bennie Borders

TODAY'S EBONITES WOMAN'S CLUB

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Mrs. John (Margaret) Hoyle, a former president of the Shelby Negro Woman's Club, saw the need for a young black woman's club in the surrounding community. Since her club was comprised of a less active group of women, she felt it would be beneficial to the community to have a civic group of young women between the ages of 18-35 working for the betterment of our society.

Mrs. Hoyle contacted Ms. Dorethia Miller and Mrs. Anganette Homsley and discussed her idea with them. After long deliberation,

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these two young women began to contact other interested young women. Letters were sent to several women who held their first meeting at the home of Ms. Miller in July, 1972. Mrs. Homsley was elected to serve as temporary chairman and Mrs. Linda Byrd as secretary. Thus was the beginning of the Today's Ebonites Junior Woman's Club with thirteen members.

The first officers of the club were: Mrs. Portia Morrow, president; Mrs. Anganette Homsley, vice-president; Mrs. Linda Byrd, recording secretary; Ms. Sonda Kennedy, corresponding secretary; Ms. Dorethia Miller, treasurer; and Mrs. Lulena London, parliamentarian.

Other club members were Ms. Cheryl Atkinson, Mrs. Gala Brown, Ms. Rita Allison, Mrs. Brenda Marable, Mrs. Laura Jamerson, Mrs. Karen Poston, and Mrs. Jessie Parrish.

The club's purpose is to serve the community through non-profit activities. Their goals consist of the promotion of character building and better citizenship, unbiased feelings toward fellow men and the uplifting of womanhood. Their motto is "Euthenics becomes our necessity in today's existing society."

Today's Ebonites was the first black junior woman's club organized in the Shelby area to receive a charter from the North Carolina Federation of Women's Clubs in 1973.

The club solely operates on donations and contributions from individuals, businesses, churches, and/or other civic groups. All monies are returned to the community in some charitable and purposeful way.

During the past ten years, the club has donated the following: paraphemelia to the Homebound girls at the First Baptist Church; serving utensils to the Mt. Sinai Day Car Center; aid to needy families in the time of death, fire, and cold; contribution to the now defunct Shelby Day Care Center to purchase a dishwasher, color TV and fence; a four-year scholarship to two (2) needy students from Cleveland County; annual contributions to the American Cancer Society, the United Fund, the United Negro College Fund, the National Kidney Foundation, the NAACP, the Cleveland County Needy Shoe Fund, and Operation Santa Claus. The club served as co-sponsors of the Shelby Day Care Center, they donated a piano to the Holly Oak Park Center. Interest from the club proved to be a major factor in the preserving and fencing of the fishing pond at the Holly Oak Park.

Since 1977, the club has crowned five (5)



The 1981 Scholarship Recipients from the Audacian Club. L to R: Veronica Borders, Keith Edwardo Haynes and Sevara Victoria Guest.

Debutante Queens and honored ten (10) runners-up. All these high school seniors have been recipients of scholarships to the school of their choice. The Debutante Ball is the social hi-lite and the most profitable project for the club.

It was decided in 1981 to drop the "junior" from the club's name; therefore, the club is now known as Today's Ebonites Woman's Club.

Source: club records.

— Sonda S. Kennedy

THURSDAY AFTERNOON BOOK CLUB

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The Thursday Afternoon Book Club was organized September 1913 at the home of Mrs. C.Q. Rhyne on Mountain Street. Mrs. C.Q. Rhyne and Mrs. D.C. Mauney were instrumental in the organization of the club. They felt the need for Kings Mountain ladies getting together to share their cultural interests and the club is still recognized as such.

Twenty-two members were asked to join the group at the time. The following were the Charter Members: Mrs. Clarence Cornwell, W.S. Dilling, C.A. Dilling, H.T. Fulton, Fred Finger, Sr., I.B. Goforth, J. Sidney Hood, George F. Lovell, H.N. Moss, D.C. Mauney, R.L. Mauney, Ed McLaughen, J.L. McKay, C.E. Neisler, O.C. O'Farrell, J.C. Patrick, J.M. Patterson, J.O. Plonk, W.A. Ridenhour, Fleming Ramseur and Mrs. C.Q. Rhyne.

At that time two meetings were held each month. The hostess arranged her own program and it would consist of literary work, music, humorous or spiritual reading or contests. Books were exchanged at each meeting. The owner of the book had her name at the end of the list, therefore, she received her book at the end of the year.

The hostess would spend weeks cleaning her house for the forthcoming meeting. Members wore their Sunday best clothes with hats and gloves. Refreshments were quite elaborate. Since there was limited transportation at this early date, members attended the meetings on foot. When the meeting would be held at the home of Mrs. D.C. Mauney, students at Central School would peep out the windows to see the ladies arrive and hope maybe one or two would arrive in a touring car. Meetings are still held once each month with an informative program and a luncheon is always held at the Christmas season.

Members constituting the Thursday Afternoon Book Club are: Mrs. Jim Anthony, J.H. Arthur, Don W. Blanton, Miss Janet Falls, Mrs. Edith Goforth, Mrs. Claude Hambright, Mrs. Tom Harper, Mrs. Lewis Hovis, Mrs. Frank Hoyle, Mrs. Lawrence Logan, Mrs. Paul McGinnis, Mrs. W.M. Moorhead, Mrs. E.W. Neal, Mrs. P.G. Padgett, Miss Eva Plonk, Miss Annie Roberts, Mrs. George Thomasson, Mrs. Tom Trott, Mrs. Harry Warren and Mrs. Robert Wilson.

Sources: Club records and memories.

— Mrs. Fred E. Finger

TOWN and COUNTRY GARDEN CLUB

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The Town and Country Garden Club of Kings Mountain, North Carolina, was organized on December 11, 1952 at the home of Mrs. J.G. Darracott with Mrs. W.M. Moorhead acting as temporary president. Committees were appointed to form a constitution with by-laws and to nominate officers.

The first officers to be elected were Mrs. Jacob Mauney, president; Mrs. W.T. Weir, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Miller, secretary; and Mrs. Charles G. Dilling, treasurer.

The charter members were Mrs. J.H. Arthur, Mrs. W.E. Blakely, Mrs. W.D. Blanton, Mrs. H.L. Campbell, Mrs. J.G. Darracott, Mrs. Fred E. Finger, Sr., Mrs. Manley Fuller, Mrs. E.W. Griffin, Sr., Miss Helen Hay, Mrs. N.F. McGill, Sr., Mrs. Jacob Mauney, Mrs. Robert Miller, Mrs. W.M. Moorhead, Mrs. O.W. Myers, Mrs. Baxter Payseur, Mrs. Charles Thomasson, Mrs. Bruce Thorburn, Mrs. S.S. Weir, Jr., and Mrs. W.T. Weir.

Mrs. Charles G. Dilling joined the club in February, 1953, bringing the membership to twenty. In October, 1953, Mrs. I. Grady Patterson became a member when Mrs. Manley Fuller moved away. The name of the club was suggested by Mrs. O.W. Myers, and annual dues were \$2.00.

Members of other garden clubs of the town aided in starting the organization. Mrs. Halbert Webb of the House and Garden Club was guest speaker at the organizational meeting and flower arrangements were furnished by her club. Mrs. W.L. Pressly helped the club to become federated with the Garden Club of North Carolina in May 1953.

From its beginning, the Town and Country Garden Club has been an active organization. It has worked to fulfill objectives set forth in its constitution: "To increase our knowledge of and our love for growing beautiful and useful things, and to aid in the protection of native trees, plants, and birds." Members have learned much from the excellent programs so planned as to present a balance between horticulture and conservation. Flower arranging has also been studied and emphasized. All members share in the responsibility of presenting programs and making arrangements. Another learning feature at each meeting is "What to Do in the Garden Now."

It has been the privilege of the club to have had many excellent programs given by members and also by guest speakers, each an expert in her field. Some of the outstanding local guest speakers were Mrs. W.M. Gantt, Mrs. W.L. Pressly, Mrs. Moffatt Ware, and Mrs. J.E. Herndon.

The club has proved itself to have a good spirit for competition. In the scrapbook, which has been kept since the club began, are many awards. There are blue and red ribbons for flower arrangements, table settings, and horticulture specimens. On two different occasions our yearbook won an award from the district. Honor certificates from state headquarters show the many years the club attained honor-

ary status, both as a club and also in horticulture.

It is stated in the constitution of the club that a major objective is to participate in civic beautification. Accordingly, various projects have been undertaken and, whenever possible, the work has been done by the members themselves.

Many areas have been improved by carefully selected plantings of trees, shrubs, flowering plants, and bulbs. These areas include highway medians near the city limits; Girl Scout Camp Rotary in Gaston County; downtown parking lots; and the grounds of the Kings Mountain Hospital, the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center, the Kings Mountain Governmental Services Facility Center, as well as several of the local public schools. Recently the club has enjoyed having a part in the planting of holly trees along the sidewalks in the downtown areas.

Projects to finance beautification have been varied and challenging. On two occasions the club sponsored a garden party at the home of Mrs. E.W. Griffin. Plant and bake sales have been held, and two benefit bridge parties were given at the present city hall. Members have sold items for the club including stationery, bird feeders, and garden supplies.

Contributions to state projects include the North Carolina Zoo, the Daniel Boone Native Gardens, and the Elizabethan Gardens.

Although the membership has changed through the years, there has always existed a close bond of friendship among the members. At one time, birthday remembrances of flowers, plants, seeds, and bulbs were given. Another plan was for secret pals to exchange gifts. Flowers are sent in case of illness, and memorials are given when a death occurs.

It has become a tradition for the December meeting to be devoted to the making of tray favors for the patients of the local hospital. Using homegrown greenery, members make approximately seventy-five favors. For many years the club placed a decorated Christmas tree in the lobby of the hospital. Decorations were made by the members from natural materials.

Through the efforts of Mrs. E.W. Griffin, the club learned of the work of the Patients' Garden Club at the leprosarium at Carville, Louisiana. A Christmas gift of money is always sent to this club.

The club has accepted the opportunity to be involved in activities of the town. Participation in the Woman's Club Fall Festival has always been a priority. Members furnish flower arrangements and table settings that are outstanding. The club has also been a contributing member of the Town Council of Garden Clubs.

The installation of new officers each year is observed both as an ordination ceremony and also as a time for a social occasion.

The club has lost four members by death. They are: Mrs. H.L. Campbell, Mrs. J. E. Blakely, Mrs. Robert Miller, and Miss Elizabeth Anthony. Honorary members are Mrs. E.W. Griffin, Mrs. F.E. Finger, and Mrs. N.F. McGill, Sr.

Officers at this time are Mrs. George Moss,

president; Mrs. Harold Crawford, Vice president; Mrs. Harold Crawford, Jr., secretary; Mrs. W.C. Ballew, treasurer.

The present membership is as follows: Mrs. J.C. Arnette; Mrs. J.H. Arthur; Mrs. W.C. Ballew; Mrs. D.W. Blanton; Mrs. Harold Crawford, Sr.; Mrs. Harold Crawford, Jr.; Mrs. Jacob Dixon; Mrs. Mabel Dixon; Mrs. Craig Falls; Mrs. B.D. Herndon; Mrs. W. Lawrence Logan; Mrs. B.F. Maner; Mrs. George W. Moss; Mrs. Richard McGinnis; Mrs. Grady Patterson; Mrs. James T. Potter, Jr.; Mrs. Charles P. Scism; Mrs. Mary Shaw; Mrs. S.S. Weir, Jr.; and Mrs. W.T. Weir.

Source: Club records.

— Mrs. George W. Moss

RADIO STATION WKMT

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WKMT Radio is the first and only radio station in Kings Mountain and was the second for

Cleveland County. Jonas R. Bridges, a native of the county signed WKMT on the air at 6:00 a.m. March 12, 1953 and has operated the station since that time.

WKMT operates on 1220 kilocycles with a power of 1,000 watts covering a population of almost a million people in a seven county area along the N.C.-S.C. border. With nine employees, WKMT programs to the needs of the area with Kings Mountain and Cleveland County its primary target. As example: In the 1960's, Kings Mountain had a baseball team to earn its way to the national finals at Hershey, Pennsylvania and WKMT Radio sent a team to broadcast the final games back to the hometown area.

Several of WKMT's personnel have gone on to major radio and television markets praising the station for the experience gained in order to prepare them for great positions in the broadcasting field.

Source: personal knowledge

— Jonas R. Bridges

WILLIAM WILSON ALLEN CHAPTER, UNITED DAUGHTERS OF THE CONFEDERACY

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The William Wilson Allen Chapter, No 2377, U.D.C. was chartered May 10, 1972 and was named in memory of William Wilson Allen, Confederate veteran. The eleven charter members are his lineal descendants. Margaret A. Bodenhamer organized the chapter and was its first president.

Other charter members are: Libby Allen, Esther A. Beam, Jennie A. Bridges, Pansy Poston Carpenter, Ruth P. Hamrick, Dorothy B. Hamrick, Ruth A. Howe, Melba H. Neal, Jo Lena B. Rabon, Eva A. Ware.

Mrs. Edward Spangler is current president with eighteen members.

Source: club records.

— Mrs. Lee Bodenhamer



This is an old photograph of the Hotel Cleveland, South Washington and East Graham Streets. Shelby. This structure was once the Shelby Women's Seminary and then a hospital. The City Hall is now located on this corner.



Section II~FAMILY HISTORIES

Almost 1000 histories of Cleveland County families as written by family members or their representatives. Surnames indexed by article numbers.

JOHN ADAMS

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John Adams was born in 1797. His wife Margreat was born in 1796. Their children were: Martin, Susan, Emelman. Martin Adams (1828-1863) Married Rhodie Wiley (1830-1924) They were married in 1848. They had five children, which were Anthony Adams (1849-1930) John M. Adams and Mary M. Adams (twins) (1851); Cynthia Adams (1853), Nancy Jane Adams (1855-1883).

Martin Adams was a farmer in what is now the Grover Community. He enlisted October 1st 1861 in Company "H", 34th Regiment, the Confederate Army; under the command of Capt. Samuel Hoey and Capt. John Roberts. In 1863 he was listed as lost in Winchester, Va. We don't know whether he was captured or died, but he never returned home.

His youngest child, Nancy Jane was the first wife of David F.C. Harry. They had three children which were: Plato Durham Harry, Sophie Harry, and Mary Edith Cathrine Harry.

Sources: Family records and interviews, John W. Moore's *Roster of North Carolina Troops*, and the 1850 and 1860 Federal Census of Cleveland County.

— Lamar Owensby

PETER M. and ELIZABETH LOVE ALEXANDER

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Peter M. Alexander was born March 30, 1824, to David and Katherine Mock Alexander. He had a brother who was named Gabriel.

Peter married Elizabeth (Betsy) Love who was born February 11, 1820, to James Love (1796-1878) and Susan Putnam. Betsy and Peter had three children: W. Summey, who married Dora Webb; Jim, who married Sallie Roark; and Thomas Pinkney, who married Sarah McFarland.

Peter died August 12, 1843, at the age of 29 years, five months and 13 days of unknown causes. He is buried at Zoar Cemetery in Cleveland County.

After Peter's death, his wife Betsy married Hosea Hallman. They had five children: Lizzie, who married Jim Erlich; Addie, who married Joe Bostick; Nora; Daniel Shuford (who is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby); and John. John married and lived in Georgia. He had several children: Blanche and Edna married Channell brothers; Maude married Earl Overton.

Betsy (or Sarah Elizabeth Hallman, according to records) died on October 15, 1861, and is buried in Zoar Cemetery.

Sources: family records, grave stones.

— Susan P. Graben
and Ethel A. Propst

THOMAS PINKNEY and SARAH McFARLAND ALEXANDER

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The son of Peter M. and Elizabeth Love Alexander was born May 2, 1843. T.P. (or "Pink" as he was called) was three months old when his father died.

T.P. and his brother, Summey (August 29, 1839 — January 6, 1923), served in the Confederate Army — T.P. in Co. G, 49th Regiment, NC State Troops and Summey in Co. M5, SC Infantry. Upon their return from the war, their grandfather James Love, deeded land in Shelby to each of them.

Pink attended Davidson College and on April 20, 1870, married Sarah Isabella McFarland, daughter of William Samuel and Elizabeth Watson Carson McFarland. Sarah was born April 20, 1847 in upper Cleveland County.

Pink worked as a paint contractor. In all of his pictures, he is seen wearing dark glasses

(blue tinted) due to eye problems. He and Sarah had ten children.

Elizabeth Love, (1871-1897), known as Bessie, died unmarried at age 26. The last 11 years of her life were spent "in an invalid's chair" (wheelchair). Bessie sold magazine and book subscriptions (such as the Ladies Home Journal) and enjoyed needlework, particularly tatting.

William Pinkney (1872-1947) — written up separately.

James Clinton (1873-1928) was also a paint contractor. He never married and lived in Orange, Texas. A veteran of the Spanish-American War, Clint is buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Tilden (1874-1877) died as a young child. The bill for his "child's coffin and cushion" from Bynum & Miller Dry Goods, dated September 20, 1877, was for \$3.50.

Wriston Charles (1878-1969) made a career of the army, retiring as a captain. He married Ann Gaughn of Omaha, Nebraska. They did not have any children and lived in Daytona Beach, Florida. He is buried in Sunset.

Upton Samuel (1880-1944) also joined the Army and attained the rank of sergeant. He and Wriston often passed as twins, and, as young men, had the job of lighting the kerosene street lamps in Shelby. Upton married Christine Soloman and lived in Baltimore with their twelve children.

A newspaper clipping found in a family Bible told that U.S. Alexander had sent his wife a tomato can "pierced by a Hun's bullet" which supposedly saved his life.

Mary Elora (died 1971) was a good seamstress with some literary ability. She enjoyed composing letters and had a large newspaper clipping collection.

Senora Isabella or Nora Belle (died 1965) attended nursing school and worked as a private nurse for many Shelby families. She often helped at the Bloodmobile and for several

years, helped run the Beldo Tea Room with her sisters, Elora and Edwena. During the fifties, she regularly helped at the Lutz-Austell first aid tent at the Cleveland County Fair.

Patricia LaRue (died 1976) attended Boiling Springs College as a young woman before moving to Charlotte. There, she was a hosiery and lingere buyer at J.B. Ivey Co. department store.

Edwena Davis (died 1965) was an excellent cook with a vivid memory for dates from the past. Like her three older sisters, she never married and all lived together in the family homeplace at 422 W. Warren St. in Shelby. She and Elora also worked as salesladies in various stores in town.

Obituary notices from that period were written very differently from those of today. The person's virtues and characteristics were elaborately described. Such items were carefully clipped and saved for posterity. An excerpt from the death notice of Bessie reads:

"Tuesday night at 11 o'clock the sainted spirit of Miss Bessie Alexander took its leave of this world of suffering and sorrow and joined the host of travelers to eternity's untrodden shore and is now dwelling in sweet repose with Heaven's glorified throng . . . A bright mind, willing hands and a fixed purpose enabled her to do much despite her affliction."

Pink Alexander died February 9, 1920 and was buried in Sunset Cemetery. His wife, Sarah, lived until December 25, 1925. Her obituary mentions her many, good qualities:

"She was noted for her tenderness and sympathy in the sick room. During her long life, when health would permit, she braved all sorts of weather and midnight darkness to help her neighbors and friends in time of sickness or trouble.

"She was a sister of the late W.W. McFarland, Mrs. John Bynum Lattimore (Dorcas) and Mrs. J.W. Gidney (Mary).

"She was a cultured, refined character who radiated sweetness and joy in her pathway."

Sources: family records, personal knowledge and memories, newspaper clippings and account ledgers.

— Susan P. Graben
and Ethel A. Propst

W.P. ALEXANDER FAMILY

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Born to Sarah Isabella McFarland and Thomas Pinkney Alexander on October 6, 1872, Will Alexander was a paint contractor like his father. He lived in Rutherford County most of his life. As a young man, Will was known as an excellent ball player. Tall and good-looking, he sported a distinguished handlebar moustache in his youth; in later years, he became bald.

Will (or W.P.) first married Ethel Simmons, daughter of Moses W. and Myra Jane Thorne Simmons of Rutherford County on June 11, 1902. They had five children. Robert William (1904-1937) married Pearl Nichols and lived in Columbia, S.C. They had a daughter, Betty Ruth, who died at age 44 with four children.

Taylor Thorne (1905-1974) married Cora Lee Crosby and lived at Lyman, S.C. Their children were William Edward ("Bill Ed," died

1976) and Pattie Lee (Mrs. Billy Miley of Orlando, Florida).

Jack Simmons married Lamerle Prince (died 1976). He has no children and lives in Cliffside, N.C.

Charles Wriston married Agnes Helm. They live in Vancouver, Washington and have three children: David Charles, Wriston Robert and Ann Lynn (Mrs. Jim Laskey).

Ethel Mae was first named Sarah Elizabeth, but her name was changed after her mother's death when she was five days old. Ethel Simmons is buried in the Thorne family cemetery. Ethel married Robert Earl Propst; they have one daughter, Susan Earle (Mrs. Dave Graben of Decatur, Alabama).

W.P.'s second marriage was to Lillie Mae Whitesides, daughter of Elbert and Sarah Dimsdale Whitesides, on November 17, 1918. They had six children.

Sarah Frances married James Hamrick. They live at Cliffside, N.C. and have two children: Sarah Frances (Mrs. Troy Houser) and James Eugene.

Arnold Upton married Frances Cole and had a daughter, Mary Frances (Mrs. Donald Wall of Georgia). His second marriage was to Virginia Sides of Asheboro, N.C.

Elbert Ray married Virginia Turner. They live in Rutherford County and have five children: Barbara (Mrs. Roy Ramsey), Forrest, Jackie, Kenneth, and Ann (Mrs. Marvin Russ).

Betty Love married Frank Jones. She now lives in Baltimore, Maryland and had three children: Michael (killed in Vietnam), Sharon (Mrs. Jim Roberts) and Kirk.

Max Grayson married Betty Early. He has one daughter, Lisa, and lives in Rutherford County.

Carrie Belle married Baxter Pearson, Jr. and lives in Forest City, N.C. They have five children: Catherine, Hansel (died at age 9), Michele (Mrs. Karl Andres), Camille and Marc.

W.P. died September 24, 1947, and is buried in the Thorne family cemetery in Rutherford County.

Sources: Personal knowledge and interview with family members.

— Susan P. Graben
and Ethel A. Propst

FOUR GENERATIONS OF ALLENS

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Elbert Allen (1822-1886) was married to Nancy Allen (1823-1875). His second marriage was in the late 1870's.

Elbert Allen was the son of David Allen. His brothers were: Perry (Ped) Allen and Champion (Champ) Allen. Perry and Champ moved to Tallapoosa, Georgia after they became upset over North Carolina passing of a stock law which made everyone keep his animals fenced in, tied or in a building. Their plans were to go to Texas, but the railroad line ran out at Tallapoosa in Georgia where they settled.

Elbert's sons were Pinkney Shuford Allen (1857-1936), Frank (Shat) Allen, James (Jim) Allen, David Allen, Larkin Allen, Andrew Allen, Summie Allen, and another son who died at an

early age. Andrew Allen moved to Wheeler, Mississippi, where he reared his family; and Summie Allen moved to San Marcos and near San Antonio, Texas, where he reared his family, and where his offspring married into the Adair family.

Elbert's second marriage produced two more sons. Pinkney Shuford Allen (1857-1936).

The first marriage of Pinkney Shuford Allen (1857-1936) was to Elizabeth Allen (Allen) and it produced four children, Plato Allen, Vinnie Allen (Mrs. David Lee) Owensby, Wylie Allen and Benjamin Franklin Allen (1884-1957).

The first marriage of Sallie E. Whisnant to Hugh Dillingham produced four children, Ernest Dillingham, Hugh Dillingham, Nora Dillingham (Mrs. Clifford) Lowery, Lela Dillingham (Mrs. Fuller) Borders.

The second marriage of Pinkney Shuford Allen (1857-1936) was to Sallie Whisnant Dillingham (1865-19). This marriage produced four children, Andrell Dover Allen (1899), Baster Lee Allen (1902), Hershal Hall Allen (1904), and Iva Lou Ella Allen (Mrs. Oliver) Atkinson (1907-1965).

Benjamin Franklin Allen (1884-1957)

Benjamin Franklin Allen (1884-1957) was the fourth child born to Pinkney Shuford Allen (1857-1936) and Elizabeth Allen Allen. The other three children were Plato Allen, Vinnie Allen (Mrs. David Lee) Owensby and Wylie Allen.

Ben was born in York County, South Carolina on February 14, 1884. The family moved to Cleveland County, North Carolina soon thereafter. He died on October 5, 1957 in Shelby, North Carolina.

Ben was married to Martha Ellen (Mattie) McSwain, (1895-1949), on December 21, 1912. They had seven children: five boys and two girls. Mattie died on July 16, 1949, in Shelby, North Carolina.

The children were: Claude Evans Allen, (1913-1951), (Major, U.S. Army, battalion commander killed in the Korean War), Carson Shuford Allen (1916-1936), Blanche Elizabeth Allen, (Mrs. Donald Edmonson), (1921), J.D. Allen (1924), Irene Mae Allen (Mrs. William Fortenberry), (1927), and Eugene Flay Allen, (1927).

Claude Allen married Gertrude Roberts and they had three children, Marjorie Ann Allen, (Mrs. Kenneth) Vaugh (1936-1969), Sonnie Allen (Mrs. Mark) Shanker, and Betty Jo Allen (Mrs. Berry) Mauney.

Blanche Allen married Donald Edmonson and they had three children: Donald Edmonson, Rodney Edmonson and Evans Edmonson.

J.D. married Chieko Okumura of Japan. They had two children: Claude and James. Residence: San Antonio, Texas.

Irene Allen married William Fortenberry and they had two children: Nancy Ellen Fortenberry and Billy Fortenberry.

Eugene Allen married Loretta Hamrick and they had one son, John Edgar, who was deceased at birth, and two daughters by adoption: Susan Marie Allen, and Sharon Kay Allen.

Sources: family records, personal knowledge.

— Eugene F. Allen

THE GEORGE JONES and JESSIE SHUFORD ALLEN FAMILY

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George Jones Allen was the first child of Daniel C. Allen and Sara Jones. He was born in Henderson County, North Carolina on Feb. 20, 1862. His grandfather was also named George Allen.

The grandfather, George Allen, settled in Henderson County, North Carolina and was one of the men who selected the town site for Hendersonville, North Carolina. He gave two and one half acres of his land to establish the Ebenezer Baptist Church, which is still in the same location and in whose cemetery he and his sixth child, Daniel C. Allen, father of George Jones Allen is buried. Their tombstones are easily read.

George Jones Allen grew up in Henderson County and attended the public schools there. He studied at Judson College for two years and later taught school. He married Jessie Rhyne Shuford in Dec., 1881 in Rutherfordton, North Carolina. Born on Feb. 6, 1866, she was the daughter of Jacob Shuford and Malinda Webb, one of the leading families of that town. George was described as a quiet, honest, industrious man and also an efficient farmer.

Around the year 1892, George and his family moved to Cleveland County. They bought a farm east of Hickory Creek near Shelby. Later, he traded for a farm in the Sharon Community, located in the vicinity where Crest High School now stands.

The Highlander, the Shelby newspaper, dated May 11, 1912 presented a biographical sketch and a picture of George Jones Allen as a candidate for Sheriff of Cleveland County. He had served as a Deputy Sheriff under Durbro D. Wilkins for two years and had made a splendid record as an officer, as stated by the newspaper. However, he was defeated. This experience is note worthy, as he was to have two sons, three grandsons and a great-grandson who were to pursue law enforcement in the years to come in Cleveland County.

George Jones Allen and Jessie Shuford Allen were the parents of thirteen children. They lost an infant, Thomas Daniel Allen, who died in 1884. The other children were:

Tinnie Myra Allen (1882-1959) married John M. Tucker. She was associated with her husband in Cleveland County institutions for many years. Their children, Ralph, Selma and Katherine contributed much to their communities. Ralph Tucker served as Register of Deeds for Cleveland County from 1964 to 1976. Tinnie and her husband are buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church Cemetery near Shelby, North Carolina.

Sallie Allen (1885-1957) married Clemmie Sylvester Royster on Mar. 11, 1906. In early life, she was a school teacher. There were three children, Forrest, Ruth and Wyndolyn. She and her husband are buried in Forest City, North Carolina.

Irvin Marion Allen (1888-1966) married Maude S. Weathers of Shelby. He was a County Commissioner from 1938 to 1940 and



The George Jones Allen Family. 1st row L to R: Robert, Jessie Shuford (Mother), George Jones (Father), Louise Hamrick, Essie Culbreth. 2nd row L to R: Dora Hamrick, Ed, Sally Royster, George, Tinnie Tucker, Will, Johnie Gardner, Nancy Berry.

served as Sheriff of Cleveland County from 1929 to 1933. They were the parents of eleven children. (See Family of Irvin Marion Allen and Maude Weathers Allen)

George William (1890-) married Ocie Ethel Moore in 1913. She died in 1938. They were the parents of seven children, including twins. George was Chief of Police in Kings Mountain, Cleveland County and owned an antique shop. He later was married to Olive Lynch Grist of York, South Carolina. He now resides in Palm Harbor, Florida.

Dora Blanche Allen (1892-) married Guthrie Hamrick. Three of their five children, Frank, Fred and Sara are residents of Cleveland County. Dora resides in Kings Mountain and Ormand Beach, Florida with daughter Mary. A son George lives in Camden, South Carolina.

Nancy Elizabeth Allen (1894-1974) married Robert Saye Berry. They are buried in Laurelwood Cemetery, Rock Hill, South Carolina. Nancy was employed by Winthrop College as a Dormitory Hostess. They had three children, Robert, William and Dorothy.

Hester Malinda Allen (Essie) (1897-) married Fred Culbreth. They were parents of four children, Doris, Betty, Fred, Jr. and Joe. She now resides at Hawthorne Nursing Center, Charlotte, North Carolina.

Johnie James Allen (1899-1974) married Virgil G. Gardner. They are buried in Elizabeth Church Cemetery, Cleveland County. They had two sons, Harry and Charles Gardner. Johnie had later marriages.

William Tillman Allen (1901-) married Margaret Susan Allison of York County, South Carolina. Before he retired, he was in retail furniture business and antiques. They now reside in Rock Hill, South Carolina. Their one daughter is Margaret Ann Tice, who has compiled so much family history, and incorporated it into "The George Allen Family 1786-1980".

James Edwin Allen (1904-1980) is buried at Forest Hills Cemetery Rock Hill, South Carolina. He married Laura Graham Oates in 1925, who survives. Their one daughter is Edwina

Oates Allen Hutto. Ed served twenty-four years in York County government as County Supervisor.

Robert Clyde Allen (1906-1970) was a barber and lived in Shelby, North Carolina. He married Meridith Carpenter. They were parents of twins, Robert Harold and Meredith Carol. He was later married to Cleo Hendrix. He is buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church Cemetery.

Katherine Louise Allen (1908-1975) married D.J. Hamrick in 1930. They had one son, Joseph E. Hamrick, who is a retired Colonel after twenty-seven years of service in the U.S. Air Force. Louise worked as a computer operator for the city of Charlotte, North Carolina. She is buried in Sharon Memorial Park, Charlotte, North Carolina.

It is interesting to note that this family had a keen interest for politics and county government, where ever they lived.

George Jones Allen died September 24, 1924.

Jessie Shuford Allen died December 24, 1924.

They are buried at Elizabeth Church Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Old newspapers, conversations with relatives, old family Bible.

— Majel Stewart Allen

IRVIN MARION and MAUDE WEATHERS ALLEN FAMILY

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Irvin Marion Allen, the fourth child of George Jones Allen and Jessie Shuford Allen, was born in Henderson County, Jan. 12, 1888. He died June 17, 1966.

On Dec. 30, 1912, he married Maude Weathers, an operator at the Boiling Springs telephone exchange. She was born Feb. 10, 1894, daughter of John Francis Weathers and Annie Wall. She died July 17, 1973.

For the key years of his life, Irvin was di-



The Irvin Marion Allen Family. 1st row L to R: Adelaide Hamrick, Maude Weathers (Mother), Irvin Marion (Father), Haywood. 2nd row L to R: Barbara Bridges, Virginia Drake, Betty DeVenny, Nancy Danielson, Freida Hawkins, Wiley, Aaron, George, Irvin, Jr.

rectly in the center of Cleveland political and governmental life. Spending seven years as chief of police in Kings Mountain, four years as Sheriff of Cleveland County (1929-1933) and one term as a Cleveland County Commissioner (1939-1940), there were probably few people who did not know him by sight.

He always clowning during political seasons but those who jousting with him in both victory and defeat would attest that he was never a clown. He was a personable man who is remembered as a good law enforcement officer.

Irvin and Maude raised eleven children. All were born in Cleveland County except one:

Adelaide Marion Allen was born May 17, 1914. She married Samuel Elphus Hamrick on Dec. 25, 1938. He died Jan. 20, 1980. Adelaide is a buyer and supervisor in the Shoe Department for A.V. Wrays in Shelby.

John Haywood Allen was born April 23, 1916, in Rutherford County. Haywood was born and bred into a life of law enforcement. At age 23, he went to work with the Kings Mountain Police force. He didn't know much law, but every chance he would study the General Statutes to educate himself. He built a reputation quickly and earned his share of respect as an officer.

In 1950, at age 34 he ran for Sheriff. In this election he defeated the man who had defeated his father 18 years before. He was then re-elected for eight consecutive, four-year terms, two of which he had no opposition.

In 1960 he served as President of the North Carolina Sheriff's Association. He served on the Board of Directors for 21 years. He received national recognition for his investigative skills. In Dec., 1969 he was named National Police Officer of the month. His tenure of service was the longest in the history of Cleveland County from April, 1951 to December, 1980, with two prior years as a Deputy Sheriff (1947-49).

Haywood and his wife Majel Stewart Allen have three children, Kathryn Jonanna and Haywood, Jr., a third generation of the Allen family joining the ranks of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, Feb. 1981, as a Deputy Sheriff.

George Houston Allen, born April 10, 1918 followed his brother in police work in Kings Mountain and as Chief Deputy in the Sheriff's Department, where he served 24 years. He was killed in a wreck when transporting a prisoner on Sept. 4, 1974. He was married to Beatrice Williams. They had one daughter, Joyce.

Jessie Virginia Allen was born May 21, 1919. She and her husband Stanley Joseph Drake have three daughters, Alice and twins, Janet and Jane. Virginia taught at the Fort Lauderdale University where her husband was president. They were recognized for three consecutive years for their outstanding achievements in education in the city of Fort Lauderdale.

Irvin Marion Allen, Jr. was born Jan. 19, 1921. He is self-employed in excavating work and resides with his wife, Shirley Houser Allen in Kings Mountain, N.C.

Irvin, Jr. entered service in 1942 and was assigned to the 8th Air Force based in England. He was a radio operator and bombardier on

B-24 Liberators and B-17 Fortresses. He was the recipient of two Oak Leaf Clusters to the Distinguished Flying Cross, One Air Medal and Two Presidential Citations. After flying 62 missions over Europe, he was discharged in 1945.

Aaron Marcus Allen, born Oct. 18, 1922 is owner of Allen Automotive Chemicals and Warren Auto Parts in Warrenton, North Carolina. Aaron was the third son who was a policeman in Kings Mountain. In 1945, he served in the Pacific theater with the Navy Seabees, 25th Naval Construction Battalion attached to the 5th Brigade of the 3rd Marine Division. He was discharged July, 1946.

He married Harriett Juanita Owens. They have three sons, Irvin Marion, Aaron Marcus and Cecil Craig Allen.

Betty Wall Allen was born Dec. 24, 1924. She married John Clarence Deveney. Their children are Gary Neal, Charles Allen and Constance Elizabeth Deveney. They reside in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

Wiley Herndon Allen, born March 6, 1928, married Sue Deveney in Oct., 1947. Wiley is a Vocational Instructor at Shelby High School. Their children are Linda Ann, Phyllis Jean and Joseph Wiley Allen.

Nancy Malinda Allen, born April 1, 1930, was married to William Miles Hord. They had a daughter, Marion. Nancy worked for Southern Bell Telephone Company for many years. Her second marriage was to Harry Felix Danielson. They live in Orlando, Florida.

Barbara Ann Allen, born Dec. 7, 1933 is married to Bobby Charles Bridges. They are parents of three children, Eddie, Dianne and Kevin and grandparents of twin girls.

Frieda Maude Allen, the eleventh child was born July 27, 1935. She married Robert Keith Hawkins in June, 1957. Frieda was employed with Fiber Industries, Inc. as a Programmer Analyst for 17 years. They have two sons, Brian Keith and Gregory Alan Hawkins.

Irvin Marion Allen and Maude Weathers were members of First Baptist Church in Shelby. They are buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Source: Family records, conversations with relatives.

— Majel Stewart Allen



J. Haywood Allen

JOHN LANDRUM and EVALENA ALLEN

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My father, John Landrum Allen, was born Oct. 8, 1863, on a 240 acre farm four miles east of Shelby in the Elizabeth community. He was the youngest son of William Wilson Allen and Catherine Wilkins Allen. At the time of his father's death he was a year old. He grew up during the trying days of the reconstruction period. At an early age he was doing his share of the chores on the farm to help his mother support the family.

After the war, schools were few and far between, Dad was determined to take advantage of all the education available. I remember his telling me the miles he walked to school to complete his education. After he graduated, he taught in a local school. How many years I do not know. His main occupation was farming.

Dad was such a patient teacher and so much help to all us children when we brought home our lesson assignments. He only helped when we had a problem that we couldn't solve. I remember so well how he would show me how easily my arithmetic problems could be solved. Thereafter, throughout my school days, mathematics was my easiest subject.

My father, his brother "B" and wife Margaret, lived with grandmother Catherine Allen in the old homplace until her death in 1893. His portion of his father's farm was forty acres on Post Road — twenty acres of which is now part of Cleveland Technical College Campus.

He continued to live in the old homplace with Uncle "B" and Aunt Mag while he was building a house on his farm. Before he had finished building his home, he first saw my mother Evalena Allen at Elizabeth Baptist Church. He told his brother "B" that he had seen the girl he was going to marry. Uncle "B" was shocked; Dad had been courting Carrie Hamrick whom everyone thought would be his wife and the house he was building was for her.

My mother Evalena Allen was born Nov. 28, 1872 on a farm near Grover N.C. She was the daughter of David Jackson Allen and Elizabeth Ellis. She was eleven years old when her mother died with dysentery at age 35. Her father's second wife was Elizabeth Harry Bell, a widow with two children; added to his six children the family overran the house. As soon as my mother was of age, she went to live and work for Philip and Jane Wilson for ten cents a day. They were members of Elizabeth Church. It was one Sunday at church, with them, when dad saw her.

Dad was thirty and mother twenty-one when they met. Their courtship was rather short. When Dad proposed to Mother, because she had known him for such a short time, she was hesitant in giving him an answer. The following week he wrote her a letter — one of two letters — pressing her for an early answer. Sept. 13, 1894 they were married by Rev. Thomas Dixon. They moved in the house he had built and lived there until their deaths. Dad

died Feb. 22, 1942; Mother March 3, 1942.

Their first child, a boy, died in six days with yellow jaundice. Other children were: Mildred Edith married John Thomas Humphries; Jennie Dean married Carver Spurgeon Bridges; Lucy Cora married Miles Garrett Williams; Eva Kate married J.D. Ware; Ruth married Clyde Fulton Howe; Margaret Leana married Lee Ray Bodenhamer; Landrum Jackson married Violet Louise Boheler; Lizzie Lena (Libby) married J.Y. Patterson; Addie Ophelia married Edward Hugh Spangler.

Having eight girls and only one boy made it hard for dad to do farming. Mother understood farming better than Dad; with her advice and the help of the children, he managed to make above average income off the farm. I remember one year after all debts were paid; bought enough cotton seeds and fertilizer for the next year, he had one thousand dollars left. This was good for a one horse farm. Fifteen cents bought a lunch in those days.

One dream my dad had was for all his children to have a good education; especially for his eight daughters to be school teachers. Only three were teachers; four chose to be housewives and one chose nursing.

Lucy, Margaret, Ruth and Libby retired from work in other states. All the children are now living in Cleveland County, except Mildred who died Feb. 2, 1964.

Source: family records and memories.

— Margaret Bodenhamer

WILLIAM WILSON ALLEN and CATHERINE WILKINS

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My grandfather, William Wilson Allen, son of William C. Allen was born May 2, 1826, died Oct. 7, 1864. He married Catherine Wilkins, born Dec. 13, 1827, died July 22, 1893. They made their home on a 240 acre farm in Cleveland County located east of Shelby on Post Road.

Their children were Sebastian Ezel, died June 27, 1852 age two years; Mary Magdeline

and James Anna, twin girls; Sarah Elizabeth, William Thomas, Ingram Beauergard, and John Landrum.

Grandfather William W. Allen, a farmer enlisted in the Confederate Army by Captain B.F. Grigg at Wilmington, N.C. March 2, 1863, for three years. He left a wife with six small children to manage the farm, without anyone to do the plowing. In spite of all her hardships she managed to provide for her children.

In a letter to his wife dated March 27, 1863, he wrote about his having a cold and a cough like the children, but was thankful that he could keep up. He was unhappy about not getting as many letters as the other men were receiving. He asked her to write once a week about herself and the children. The food they were getting in the army was a few crackers and a little meat. It didn't bother him; he had not been hungry and hoped he would never be. His advice to her about the crops was to do the best she could, to make all the corn she could, because it would be greatly needed. He told the children to mind their mother and to love one another. He sent a message to his aunt Sally for her to pray for him, that he would not fear them that could kill the body, but fear them that could kill body and soul. Also he sent his respects to James Poston family and all the neighbors. He closed his letter with, "I will remain your loving husband till death" from W.W. Allen to Catherine Allen.

During his service in the Confederate Army he contracted typhoid fever. He was on furlough at home recuperating. At a picnic, with more food than he had seen for a long time, he ate too much. Later he hemorrhaged, a complication of the fever and died Oct. 7, 1864.

The reconstruction period was a difficult time for my grandmother Catherine, with six small children, three girls and three boys. All too young to work the farm. With very little money, she was forced to trade potatoes for corn and other farm produce to have a variety of food. I remember my dad telling about his mother frying a chicken for a traveling salesman in exchange for apples.

Grandmother lived twenty nine years after her husband died. Long enough to see all her children marry except the youngest John Landrum, my father. Her grave is in the Elizabeth Church Cemetery. Her husbands is in the Wilson family grave yard on Peach Street.

Sources: Family Bible, letters, and memories.

— Mrs. Lee Bodenhamer

ARTHUR AUSTIN and ADDIE RIPPY ANTHONY

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Arthur Austin Anthony (b. Oct. 16, 1878 d. Jan. 12, 1966) was the son of Watts Pinkney and Harriett Lenore Roberts Anthony and the grandson of Stanhope and Margaret Anthony and Martin Hugh Roberts, Postmaster at Pleasant Hill.

He had three sisters: Delia Anthony Parker; Mary Elizabeth Anthony Houser; and Sallie L. Anthony, who married Kee Harmon.

He married Addie Rippy (b. May 26, 1882 — d. Nov. 26, 1932) daughter of Can Rippy the first time. They had the following children:



The John Landrum Allen Family

1. Dewitt Anthony (b. Oct. 16, 1901 d. Sept. 14, 1970) m. Alma Bell.

2. Arthur Pinkney Anthony (b. May 24, 1903 d. May 1958) m. Katie Neal.

3. Faye Anthony (b. May 30, 1904) m. Kipley.

4. Jack Anthony (b. Jan. 13, 1906) m. Lela Harmon m. Margaret Murphy.

5. Geneva Anthony (b. July 31, 1907) m. Vils Bobbitt.

6. Howard Anthony (b. Feb. 14, 1909) m. Elvia Stroupe m. Belle Crawford.

7. Doc Anthony (b. Oct. 24, 1911 d.) m. Agnes Wilson.

8. Aster Anthony (b. Aug. 22, 1915) m. James C. Keith.

9. Toise Anthony (b. May 4, 1917 d. Feb. 2, 1966) m. Arlie Siple.

10. Virgil Anthony (b. May 21, 1919) m. Harry Galloway.

11. Delmar Anthony (b. Mar. 8, 1920) m. Thelma Clark.

12. Melita Anthony (b. April 4, 1922) m. W.B. Shalhand.

Addie died early and Arthur remarried a widow, Mrs. Philbeck. They were the parents of twin girls:

13. Betty Jeanette Anthony (b. Dec. 13, 1936) m. Garvis Joe Ross

14. Mattie Jeanelle Anthony (b. Dec. 13, 1936) m. Hugh Spurling

Mr. Anthony lived a long life. His second wife preceeded him in death. I remember he always went to Cleveland County Fair to visit with his friends and he would love to sit around and talk. He will long be remembered as a Southern Gentleman of the old school. He was buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church near Shelby, N.C.

Sources: family records, personal knowledge.

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony

ARTHUR PINKNEY and KATIE NEAL ANTHONY

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Arthur Pinkney Anthony (b. May 24, 1903 d. 1958) was the son of Arthur A. Anthony and Addie Rippy Anthony. He was born in Cleveland County, one of fourteen children (see other article). He married Katie Naomi Neal, daughter of Monseieur and Dovie Bowen Neal. (see additional article.) Katie was born June 7, 1911 and died July 21, 1965. Both are buried at El Bethel Methodist Church.

They attended El Bethel Methodist Church where Pink served as Secretary-Treasurer for many years. After his death, Katie served in this office until her death. One rule of this household was that as long as their children lived in their house, they would attend church regularly.

Pink Anthony is remembered as devoted to his family. He played with his children, teased and worked with them on their farm. They had pigs and cows. He worked at Margrace Mill for twenty-seven years, until his early death in 1958 of a heart attack.

Katie was a very reserved person, devoted to her family and church. After her husband's early death she learned to drive. She worked at Bethware School in the lunchroom the last few



Arthur Pinkney and Katie Neal Anthony

years of her life. She too died at an early age in 1965 of heart failure. Their life was short, but meaningful.

Their children are:

1. Marjorie married Kenneth Gates and live in Maryland.

Children: Vonnie and Jerome Gates.

2. Cornelia "Neely" married Jack Eaker — Kings Mountain, N.C.

3. William Pinkney Anthony married Elizabeth Camp — Kings Mountain, N.C.

Child: Neal Ross Anthony.

4. Robert Neal Anthony married Joann — lives in Texas — retired from Air Force.

Children: Scott, Wade, and Terry Anthony.

5. Tony Reid Anthony married Charlotte Martin in Air Force stationed Okinawa

Children: Bobbie Jo; Katie; twins — Tonia and Tonie.

Sources: personal knowledge.

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony

OLIVER STANHOPE ANTHONY FAMILY

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Oliver Stanhope Anthony was born January 13, 1894 in Shelby, N.C. He was the second of six children born to John A. Anthony (1854-1927) and Ollie Gardner Anthony (1869-1930).

Oliver grew up in Shelby, attended public schools and later graduated from N.C. A & M College now known as N.C. State University. While in college he was a member of the football team and graduated with the class of 1916.

In 1917 he joined the U.S. Marines and was commissioned a 2nd Lt. in the 1st Marine Airwing.

On January 1, 1919 Oliver returned to Shelby and joined his father in the real estate business. He has always been interested in community affairs, having been a charter member of the Shelby Kiwanis Club and one of the founders of the local United Fund Organization. He helped organize and was the first president of the local Real Estate Board. He also is a charter director of the Cleveland Federal Savings & Loan Association and at this date (1982) is still active. He is also a former Board Chairman at Central United Methodist Church where he has held membership since 1906.

On November 10, 1923 he married Harriett Holton (1899-1978) of Winston Salem. Harriett was a very energetic and resourceful person who first came to Shelby as the Home Economics teacher. She was active in club and church work.

Oliver and Harriett built their home at 805 Hawthorne Ave. in Shelby where they reared three children, two boys and one girl.

Oliver Jr. (1925-) lives in Shelby and works in the family real estate business, Anthony & Anthony. He graduated from UNC in 1948 and in 1950 married Nancy Elam of Belwood. They have two children, Elizabeth Elam (Beth) married to James O. Gant III (Jim) and lives in Charlotte with their two daughters, Laura and Hope. Oliver Stanhope Anthony, III (Stan) lives in Atlanta, Georgia where he is an architect.

Gene Holton Anthony (1927-) , lives in Knightdale, N.C. with his wife Doris Robertson. Gene graduated from N.C. State University in 1950 and worked in the State Special Education Department for thirty years. Gene and Doris have three daughters. The oldest, Susan, is married to Mark Williams of Raleigh and they have three children Marty, Tracy and Erik. Mary Beth is married to Eddie Satterfield also of Raleigh and they have two children, Catherine and Mandy. Kathy lives in Knightdale with the family.

Harriett Holton (1931-), a devoted wife and mother lives in Greensboro, N.C. with her husband Robert F. Carlson and they have two children Fredrick (Freddy) and Betsy.

At this writing (1982) Oliver Stanhope Anthony is confined to a nursing home in Cherryville, N.C. but still retains a strong interest in his family, friends and community.

Sources: personal knowledge, family records.

— Oliver S. Anthony Jr.

RICHARD EVERETT AREY

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Richard Everett Arey, son of William Griffin Arey and Catherine Roberts Arey, was born June 4, 1927 in Shelby, North Carolina. He received his education at Shelby Public Schools, Davidson College and United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, Long Island, New York.

After serving in the Merchant Marines during World War II, he returned to Shelby and he and Dick Palmer opened and operated Shelby's first diaper service. Later he owned and operated the Royal Dry Cleaners.

In 1949 he went to work at the Robert E. Lee Hotel in Winston Salem, North Carolina, as Management Trainee. From 1949 to 1958 he held department head positions in all departments at the Hotel, including four years of food preparation, purchasing and control.

On September 2, 1950, he married Anice Graham Miller, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. Andrew C. Miller, Jr., of Shelby, North Carolina.

In 1958 Mr. Arey was appointed general manager of the Washington-Duke Hotel in Durham, North Carolina, and from 1960 to 1970 held the position of vice-president and general manager of the Jack Tar Hotel & Motor

Lodge in Durham. On April 1, 1970, he was appointed general manager of the Plaza Inn, Kansas City, Missouri, and on January 15, 1974, was appointed vice-president and general manager of both the Hilton Plaza Inn and the Hilton Airport Plaza Inn.

During Mr. Arey's hotel career he served as president of N.C. Hotel and Motel Assoc., N.C. Restaurant Assoc., and Durham Merchants Assoc., Southern Innkeepers Assoc., Hotel & Motel Assoc., of Greater Kansas City, and the Kansas City chapter of Missouri Restaurant Assoc., and secretary and treasurer of N.C. Travel Council.

Mr. Arey also served on the Board of the American Hotel and Motel Assoc. for 10 years. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Missouri Restaurant Assoc., and the Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma Hotel Assoc. and the Country Club Plaza Assoc. He also serves as commissioner of the Planned Industrial Expansive Authority, Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Arey has always been very active in civic and social organizations and is a member of numerous civic and social clubs.

Mr. Arey was the recipient of the 13th Annual Rocamora Award as North Carolina's Outstanding Restaurateur of the Year, and recipient of the Annual Salut Au Restaurateur Award from Florida State University.

Mr. & Mrs. Arey have one daughter, Ann Rochelle Arey Mason of Richmond, Virginia, born October 23, 1952 in Winston Salem, North Carolina.

Mr. & Mrs. Arey live in Kansas City, Missouri.

Sources: Personal records.

Loraine Clay Arey

ROBERT JACKSON AREY

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Robert Jackson Arey, son of William Griffin Arey and Catherine Roberts Arey, was born April 14, 1921 in Shelby, N.C. He graduated from Shelby High School and Oak Ridge Military Academy. He joined the Army in August of 1942 and served 3 years. Twenty-seven months were spent in the South Pacific. New Guinea, Biak and Australia. After the war he joined his father in business as office manager of Arey Oil Company.

On March 5, 1948, he married Kathleen Loraine Clay, daughter of Rev. & Mrs. George Willis Clay Sr. They have two children. Robert Jackson Arey, Jr. born April 7, 1952 and Katherine Kimberly Arey Bridges, born May 22, 1957.

When Mr. Arey's father, W.G. Arey retired in 1956, he purchased all of Arey Oil Company's stock, and became President of the company. On the night of August 24, 1959, fire caused extensive damage to the company, but they continued operating the next morning from a near-by building.

In 1960 Mr. Arey changed from a Commission Agent to a Jobbership and under his direction the company realized a very rapid growth. Expanding into Rutherford, Polk and Lincoln counties and South Carolina. During

this period, 32 pieces of property were purchased and more delivery trucks, transports and employees were added to the company.

In 1966, Mr. Arey and F. Gene Blanton formed Blanton's Oil Co. and bought an Atlantic-Richfield Jobbership in Gastonia, N.C. Mr. Blanton served as President and Mr. Arey as Vice-President.

In 1973 his son, Robert J. Arey, Jr. joined him in business and in 1975 they bought Stone Oil Company, and formed Robert Arey Oil Co., an Exxon Jobbership. In 1977 they bought the Mustang Oil Co., building and warehouse on Hwy. 74 by-pass and moved all operations to these new facilities.

Since a young man, Mr. Arey has been actively involved in church and civic affairs. In the past he has served as Vice-President and on the board of directors of the Jaycees, Chairman of the Jaycees fund-raising drive which purchased and presented to the Health Dept., Cleveland County's first Mobile X-Ray Unit, Chairman of Cleveland County T.B. Assoc., Director of Downtown Improvement Corp, Chairman of Shelby Parks & Recreation Commission, President of Shelby Swim Club, Director of United Fund, served on the Board of the Boy Scouts and also served as Scoutmaster. Director of Cleveland Country Club, President of North Lake Country Club, Director of N.C. Oil Jobbers Assoc., President of Cleveland County Oil Jobbers Assoc. and director of the Lions Club.

Presently Mr. Arey serves as President of Arey Oil Co. and Arey Realty, Inc. He is on the Board of Directors of Shelby Federal Savings & Loan Assoc., and a member of the Executive Committee, he is on the board of Advisors of Branch Bank & Trust Company, Director of Cleveland County Fair Assoc., and Director & Vice-President of Clay-Barnette Funeral Home.

A charter member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, he has served as Chairman of the Administrative Board and was church Treasurer for 17 years. He is presently serving on the Board of Managers of the Methodist Home and Wesley Nursing Center in Charlotte, N.C.

Mr. & Mrs. Arey live at 316 Country Club Acres, Shelby, N.C.

Sources: personal records.

Loraine Clay Arey

ROBERT JACKSON AREY, JUNIOR

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Robert Jackson Arey, Jr., son of Robert J. Arey and Loraine Clay Arey, was born April 7, 1952 in Shelby, N.C. He received his education at Shelby public schools; Miami Military Academy, Miami, Florida; Woodward Academy, Atlanta, Georgia; and Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, N.C.

He joined the U.S. Army Reserves in 1972 and after basic training was sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indianapolis, Indiana, to the U.S. Army Information and Public Relations Journalist School. He served as editor and photographer of the Reserve newspaper until his discharge in 1978.

In 1973, he joined his father in the oil business, thus becoming the only fourth generation Oil Jobber in North Carolina.

In December of 1973, he married Nancy Candance Johnson, daughter of Lt. Col. and Mrs. L.H. Johnson, Jr. of Raleigh, N.C.

In October, 1980, he formed One Stop Stores, a chain of convenience stores and has six in operation to date.

Like great-grandfather, grandfather and father, he has taken an active part in business, church and civic affairs. In business, he is president of Robert Arey Oil Co.; Exxon Jobber; president and treasurer of One Stop Stores, Inc.; vice-president of Arey Oil Co.; Amoco Jobber; vice-president of Arey Realty, Inc., Assoc.; on the board of the N.C. Oil Jobbers Association; and chairman of the first N.C. Oil Jobbers Trade Show to be held in Charlotte, N.C. this summer.

Mr. Arey is a member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church where he serves on the Administrative Board. He is chairman of the finance committee, and was chairman of the 1981 financial commitment campaign and was Educational Counselor for the United Methodist Youth Fellowship.

Active in civic affairs, he is a board member and allocations and special liaison chairman of Cleveland County United Way, chairman of Shelby's Boy Scouts of America Special Campaign, a member of Greater Shelby Chamber of Commerce, and serves on Public Relations and Free Enterprise education committees. He is a member of the Board of Advisors of Gardner-Webb College and a sustaining member of their P.H.d. Club. He is a Director of Woodbridge Social, Swim and Racket Club, and vice-president of Buffalo Ski Bee's. He is a member of Cleveland Country Club and Shelby Rotary Club.

He and wife live at Woodbridge on John Moss Lake and have two sons, Robert Jackson Arey, III, born February 7, 1979; and Matthew Johnson Arey, born March 2, 1981.

Sources: personal records.

— Loraine Clay Arey

WARD HUNTER AREY

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Ward Hunter Arey was born in Bridgewater, Virginia, October 16, 1891. He moved to Shelby with his parents, William Jackson and Lula Ward Arey, when he was seventeen years old.

During his early years, Ward was associated with his brother, Will, and his father in the wholesale and general mercantile business. Later the Areys held several automobile dealerships including Chevrolet, Monroe, Dodge, Crow and Chalmers having a large territory in both Carolinas. They also sold Texas oils, gasoline and other products and operated a big tank wagon for local and distant deliveries. He and his brother, Will, operated Arey Oil Company for twenty years. Poor health caused Mr. Arey to retire at an early age.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and was a charter member of the Shelby Kiwanis Club. He was an active member of Central Methodist Church where he served as a stew-

ard and treasurer for several years. He also served as a director of the Shelby Savings and Loan Association and was on the original board of directors of the Cleveland Savings and Loan Association.

On December 27, 1910, Mr. Arey was married to Maude Adelaide Doggett (b. July 17, 1891). They had two children:

Lula Agnes Arey, born December 4, 1911. She attended Shelby City Schools and Queens College in Charlotte, North Carolina. She married Sidney Graham Chappell October 3, 1930. They have one son, Jerry Hunter Chappell, born June 17, 1943. They live in Wilson, North Carolina.

Ward Hunter Arey, Jr., born February 11, 1914. He attended Shelby City Schools and Christ School in Arden, North Carolina. He was in the oil and automobile business until his death on February 5, 1960. He was married to the former Mildred Rebecca Cline on June 14, 1935. They had three children: Rebecca Carol Arey, born June 24, 1938; an infant daughter died at birth January 9, 1941; William Jackson Arey, born September 7, 1942. This marriage ended in divorce and Ward Hunter Arey, Jr. later remarried and moved to Charlotte, North Carolina.

Ward Hunter Arey died April 12, 1962 following a long illness. Mrs. Arey died February 19, 1976. They are buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Sources: Family records, Grave stones, Newspaper articles.

— Carole Suttle Arey

WILLIAM GRIFFIN AREY

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William Griffin Arey, son of William Jackson Arey and Lula Alice Ward Arey, was born November 27, 1893 in Bridgewater, Virginia. He moved to Shelby, N.C. from Front Royal, Va. when he was 14 years old. After finishing school in Shelby, Mr. Arey joined his father, W.J. Arey in operating a feed and general merchandise store. In 1908 they established the first automobile agency in this section.

On December 25, 1917, he married Catherine Roberts, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. William Joshua Roberts of Shelby N.C. They had four children. William Griffin Arey, Jr. born Feb. 18, 1918, Robert Jackson Arey, born April 14, 1921, Richard Everett Arey, born June 4, 1927, and Mary Alice Arey Dorton, born March 17, 1932.

In 1916, Mr. Arey, his father W.J. Arey, and his brother Ward H. Arey, built a large brick garage on South Washington St. Known as Arey Brothers, they sold cars and became the first oil distributors in Cleveland County, selling Texaco products. Later Mr. Arey left Arey Brothers and formed Arey Motor Service at the corner of Washington and Marion Streets, selling Hudsons, Packards, LaSalles, and Terraplanes.

In 1932 Mr. Arey took over the Nat Bowman agency for American Oil Company products, and in June 1936 formed Arey Oil Company. Ten modern retail stations were built and all former Shell stations in Shelby were taken over by Mr. Arey for the American Oil Co.

products. A complete line of gasoline and lubricating products were handled.

Throughout his business career he was actively interested and identified with progressive civic enterprises. He was a member of Central Methodist Church where he served as Trustee for many years. At the time of his death, Mr. Arey was owner and operator of Arey Realty Exchange, President of Shelby Savings and Loan Association, a member of N.C. Association of Real Estate Boards, Inc., a member of Cleveland Masonic Lodge 202, BPOE Lodge 1709, Shelby Chamber of Commerce, Retail Merchants Association, and the Cleveland and North Lake Country Clubs.

Mr. Arey died April 17, 1958. He is buried at Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, N.C.

Sources: personal knowledge and newspaper.

— Loraine Clay Arey

WILLIAM GRIFFIN AREY, JR.

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The eldest child, William Griffin Arey, Jr. was born on February 18, 1918, in Shelby where he attended public schools, graduating from Shelby High School in 1935, (recipient of the Boys' Citizenship Award). For the next four years he attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Journalism in 1939.

After working two years on the *Shelby Daily Star*, Will Arey, Jr., joined with Rush Hamrick, Jr., to organize the Cleveland Times Publishing Company and become co-founder and co-publisher of *The Cleveland Times* which in its first year was awarded a North Carolina Press Association trophy for excellence. As a businessman in Shelby, he was active in civic affairs, served as President of the Rotary Club, and was presented the Junior Chamber of Commerce "Young Man of the Year" award.

On March 7, 1942, he was married to Louise Turner Craft of Anderson, South Carolina, and Blowing Rock. A native of Hartwell, Georgia, and graduate of Gunston Hall, Washington, D.C., and the University of Georgia where she was a member of Phi Mu Sorority, Louise Craft was the Western North Carolina representative for the 1939 Debutante Ball at Raleigh. They made their home in Shelby until 1948 and were members of Central Methodist Church.

Louise and Will Arey have two sons. William Griffin Arey, III, born at Walterboro, South Carolina, April 28, 1945, graduated from Oglethorpe College, Atlanta, Georgia. In 1980 he was appointed Manager of Public Affairs for the Greater Los Angeles (California) Visitors and Convention Bureau. John Gordon Craft Arey was born at Bogota, Colombia, June 16, 1950. He graduated from Rollins College, Orlando, Florida, and in 1981 was appointed Manager of Training and Development, Walt Disney World.

During World War II, Will Arey served in the U.S. Army Air Corps. Inducted as a private, he was discharged from military service as a First Lieutenant.

In 1948 Will Arey joined the U.S. Government Foreign Service and the Areys moved to

Bogota, Colombia, where he served as Public Affairs Officer at the United States Embassy. In April, 1951, he was reassigned to the United States Embassy at Panama, Republic of Panama, where he earned a commendation from the Department of State for making an outstanding contribution to the nation's foreign policy in that country. He resigned from the Foreign Service in January, 1954, to accept an appointment as Assistant to the President of the Panama Canal Company and the Governor of the Canal Zone as Assistant for Public Affairs.

The Areys were active in the community life of the Isthmus of Panama. Mr. Arey founded and served as President of the Public Relations Society of Panama and served as Vice President of the Panama Rotary Club. In 1956, he was presented with the Eloy Alfaro International Foundation Bar for "personal contribution to the promotion of inter-American solidarity."

The Areys returned to the United States, making their home in Washington, D.C., when he was invited by the U.S. Department of Commerce to become Media Services Director for the United States Travel Service, a new government agency established to promote business and pleasure travel to this country from other countries of the world. Over the next 13 years, he served successively as the Service's Travel Promotion Director, Deputy Director, and then Executive Director.

In 1974, the Department of Commerce awarded its Silver Medal to him for "distinguished performance and achievement in the promotion of travel to the United States and for internationally-recognized professional leadership." He became an internationally-recognized spokesman on tourism, a distinction recognized by his election as Vice President of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Area Travel Association.

Will Arey resigned from his Department of Commerce position in 1975 to become Assistant Executive Vice President of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, a private organization chartered by Congress in 1949 to lead the private sector in preserving the buildings, districts, sites, and objects that are significant in the nation's history and culture.

The Areys are members of Foundry Methodist Church in Washington, D.C. He is a member of the National Press Club and the Cosmos Club.

Sources: personal knowledge and records.

— William Griffin Arey, Jr.

WILLIAM JACKSON AREY

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William Jackson Arey was born October 2, 1862 in Milnesville, Virginia. He was the son of William Sylvester Arey and Elizabeth Ann Hunter Arey. At the age of six he was left with one brother, Ves, to support himself and his mother when his father Lieutenant Arey was killed in the Civil War at Fisher's Hill, Virginia. He was able to attend school only a short time



William Jackson Arey, Oct. 2, 1862 — Oct. 19, 1939

during his life, but successfully gained an education for himself through reading and studying at home. Several years of his younger life were spent in Florida where he was a contractor when that state entered its' initial building stage.

He later returned to Bridgewater, Virginia and on September 24, 1890 married Lulu Alice Ward. They had two sons, Ward Hunter Arey, born October 16, 1891 and William Griffin Arey, born November 27, 1893. Mr. Arey moved to Front Royal, Virginia and operated a store there until he moved his family to Shelby, N.C. in 1907.

Mr. Arey brought the third automobile for Shelby with him, and in 1908 established the

first automobile agency in this section. He bought a lot from Orlando C. Bostic on South Washington Street and built a house in 1908. A most valuable citizen, he had much to do with the growth of Shelby, and while the Commercial Club existed, took an active part in its management especially in the things pertaining to the city's growth and development.

He was on the board of directors of the Shelby National Bank, and the Shelby and Cleveland County Building and Loan Association; and on the original board of directors of the Cleveland Building and Loan Association formed in 1922. All three institutions having much to do with the development of the town and country.

Ward and Will, his sons, were associated with him in business. For a while they ran a feed and general merchandise store. In 1908 Mr. Arey started selling Ford automobiles. (Model T Touring Car \$780.00 — Model T. Roadster \$680.00) In 1916 he sold his store to McKnight and built a large brick garage on South Washington Street. Mr. Arey and Sons then devoted their time exclusively to the sale of cars and oil products. They sold Chevrolet, Monroe, Dodge, Crow and Chalmers automobiles, having a large territory in both Carolinas. They also sold Texaco gasoline, kerosene and oil, and the fuel was shipped here in barrels. A big tank wagon was used for local and distant deliveries.

Mr. Arey was a member of Central Methodist Church, and for many years a faithful and popular Sunday School Teacher. He died in his home at 615 East Marion Street of a heart attack on October 19, 1939. Lula Ward Arey died June 9, 1957. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery.

The street beside Mr. Arey's business was named in his honor.

Sources: personal records & newspaper articles.

— Loraine Clay Arey

WILLIAM JACKSON AREY

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William Jackson Arey was born in Shelby on September 7, 1942. He was the only son of Ward Hunter Arey, Jr. and Mildred Cline Arey. His parents named him after his great grandfather, William Jackson Arey, who came to Shelby in 1907. His mother and father were divorced when he was a young boy and Jack, as he was called, was raised by his mother and stepfather, Paul L. Vaughn.

William Jackson, a 1960 graduate of Shelby High School, graduated from Gardner-Webb College in 1962, and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1964.

After graduation, he was associated with Fiber Industries, Incorporated of Shelby, as Purchasing Agent. In 1968, he joined Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and is a senior sales representative for Metropolitan. Mr. Arey achieved the Chartered Life Underwriter designation of the American College of Life Underwriters in 1974. He is a graduate of the Life Underwriting Training Council and was an instructor for the local Life Underwriting courses. He has served as president and director of the Shelby Chapter of the National Association of Life Underwriters and is a Qualifying and Life Member of the Million Dollar Round Table.

In the community, Mr. Arey has served as secretary and director of the Cleveland County United Fund and is a former member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce. He served as director of the Cleveland Country Club and is a member of the Shelby Rotary Club. He also raises Polled Hereford Cattle with his brother-in-law, Vance Suttle and father-in-law, J.L. Suttle, Jr. at Twin Chimneys Farm.

Mr. Arey and his family are members of Central United Methodist Church. He is a charter member and past president of the Saints and Sinners Sunday School Class, and has served on the Administrative Board and the Finance Committee. He served on the Building Committee of the church which was involved in the 1981-82 restoration program.

On February 7, 1965, William Jackson Arey married Sarah Carole Suttle, daughter of Joseph Linton Suttle, Jr. and Sara McFarland Suttle. She was born November 5, 1943. Carole graduated from Shelby High School in 1962 and attended Brenau College in Gainesville, Georgia and the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Carole is a licensed real estate broker, a member of Shelby Junior Charity League and the Shelby Garden Club. She is a charter member of the Saints and Sinners Sunday School Class at the Central Methodist Church and a member of the Inspirational Books Study Group.

Mr. and Mrs. Arey have two children: William Jackson Arey, Jr., born December 30, 1966 and Mildred Carole Arey, born January 11, 1969. All of the Arey family enjoy horseback riding, skiing and tennis.

Sources: newspaper articles, personal records.

— Carole Suttle Arey



Arey Bros Auto Accessories. L to R: Catherine R., Ward Hunter, William G. and W.J. Arey

AMELIA JANE McBRAYER CHAMPION AUSTELL

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I shall always remember my paternal grandmother, Amelia Jane McBrayer Austell. In her quiet, but interesting manner, she told us stories and read to us. Once I asked her how she had met my Grandfather, Amos Petty Austell. She said, "at a reception-dance at McBrayer Springs Hotel." I have in my possession the silk fan she used. Grandfather saw her in dignity, fanning calmly, as she shyly looked over the fan. He thought she was timid. She later smiled and said, "Oh timid, why I was flirting!"

She lived near Stice Shoals, and yearly held a family picnic in the yard under the two large oak trees. She told us a story about Sherman's men, on their way to Charleston, S.C., who came by that old road. The ladies hid under a bed, and one servant took a lady to a ditch in the field back yard. The meats, corn and horses were stolen.

In later years my father, James Petty Austell, built them a small four room house behind our home on 301 West Warren Street where she expected and wanted visitors, and would serve tea cookies or gingerbread, also lemonade or hot chocolate. We were happy to see the pink china chocolate set she brought out from the cupboard.

We often sat around the long table to hear stories of old, or hear poems read that Grandmother had cut out and pasted over printed pages in books. Once she mispronounced a word and Grandfather kindly corrected her, and she proudly said, "your Grandfather has had a good education in Tennessee." (I have letters to prove this.)

Grandmother Austell was afraid of storms, could readily predict one coming, and would rush up to "Jim's big house", gather all the children around her in a back downstairs bedroom on a feather-bed, and tell us stories or read to us. So to me "storm time" was "fun time." My mother, Cora Ann Magness Austell, (Mrs. James Petty Austell) would assure us that lightning, if not too close, was beautiful. However, my oldest sister, Mary Jane Austell (Mrs. Roscoe Lutz) always held Grandmother's storm fear.

My sister, Sarah Magness Austell (Mrs. Lee Nolan) and I loved to spend the weekend with our grandparents, but on Fridays we had to wash our hair in rain water, to make it "soft and shining," then we were taught to roll our hair in clean white rags to make it curly.

Nightly, Grandmother wore a fancy, tatted edged night cap to bed and insisted I wear dainty night clothes, tatted cuffed sleeves and embroidered yoke she had made. She said, "you are supposed to dress as pretty at night time as day time." "Always feel like a lady." However, my brother, Charles B. Austell, thought I shouldn't dress up in tatted for horse or pony back riding. When I had a stage recitation, a lovely teacher, Mrs. Laura Cornwell, admired a smocked dress, which my grandmother had made.

One night, after a session of reading, Grandmother looked up to Grandfather and

said, "I wouldn't want to live three months after you are gone," and Grandfather said, "I wouldn't want to live three days." She died a month and four days after he was deceased. The dates on the tombstone at Zoar Baptist Church reads:

AUSTELL
A. P. AUSTELL
December 14, 1833
September 16, 1919
JANE McBRAYER CHAMPION
his wife
December 21, 1833
October 20, 1919

Because Grandmother read to me, I enjoyed teaching expression in the Shelby City Schools, and in Pennsylvania to the twenty or more clubs to which I belong. I encourage children's programs, and their participation.

I am grateful my Grandmother read to me.

Sources: personal interviews, church & cemetery records.

— Elizabeth Austell Porter

THE AMOS PETTY AUSTELL FAMILY

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Amos Petty Austell was born December 14, 1833 in Cherokee County, S.C. His father was Captain William Austell and his Mother was Jane Petty. Amos was first married to Mary Clanton Petty and after her death he was married to Jane McBrayer Champion. Children by his first marriage were John Ellis b. April 1, 1858, Mary Jane and Martha (twins born December 16, 1859) and William A. Austell b. June 18, 1862.

His children by Jane McBrayer Champion were Charles E. Austell b. 1866, Samuel Austell b. 1869, Belle Austell b. 1873, James Petty Austell b. September 29, 1874 and Claude Love Austell b. October 15, 1877. His two step-children were Mattie Champion and Clifton Champion.

Mr. Austell spent a number of his early years in Tennessee where he served valiantly with the Tennessee troops in the Western Army of the Confederacy. He served as a first Sargeant with Companies K and F of the 32nd Regiment of the Tennessee Regiment. It is said that his "recollections of what happened in those trying days were very clear in his mind" to the time of his death.

Mr. Austell was a man of strong personality, strong body and mind until his death September 16, 1919. He owned a home and land in the Sticey Shoal area of Cleveland County where he farmed. During his retirement years he rang the bell at the courthouse to announce the opening of court sessions.

Amos Petty Austell and Jane McBrayer Austell were both buried in the Zoar Baptist Church Cemetery in Shelby, N.C.

Amos died September 16, 1919. Jane died one month later on October 20, 1919.

Sources: personal knowledge.

— Mrs. L.W. Short

CHARLES BENJAMIN AUSTELL

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Charles Benjamin Austell was born April 17, 1904, the son of Cora Magness and James Petty Austell. He was a native of Shelby and was named for his uncle, Dr. Charles E. Austell, who died in 1892 at the age of twenty-five, after contracting Typhoid Fever from a patient, and also for his great grandfather, Captain Benjamin Magness, a Revolutionary War hero.

He was brought up as a member of a big family in a rambling house on West Warren Street in sight of the court square. He had one brother, James Petty Austell, Jr., and four sisters, Mary Austell Lutz, Sarah Austell Nolan, Elizabeth Austell Porter and Ann Austell Singleton.

He graduated from Shelby High School and attended North Carolina State University in Raleigh. An editorial written at the time of his death says that his contemporaries remember him as a young, star athlete. He played four years of varsity football, and baseball at Shelby High and as quarterback for Shelby High, where he won a reputation that followed him to State. As a freshman, he won honors as "right end," and remained a "right end" stalwart for four years on the varsity team. The writer adds that for his family and friends, it was a thrill in those mid-twenty days to make the long trip to Raleigh to watch a native son win glory on the football field.

He and his brother-in-law, Roscoe Lutz, founded Lutz-Austell Funeral Home in 1932, and the business continues today, being owned by their children.

He married Mary Adelaide Roberts in 1933 and they had one daughter, Mary Adelaide, born July 1, 1942. They made their home in Shelby on West Marion Street. Their daughter and her family are living today in the house he and his wife built in 1954 at 522 West Marion Street.

Mary Adelaide is married to Richard David-



Charles Benjamin Austell





1920 Shelby High School Football Team: Front row L to R: Miner McSwain, Ivy Morvan, Edwin Webb, Fred Logan, Harry Grigg, Ray Lutz, Bobby Rudisell. 2nd row L to R: Brevard Lattimore, Esly Pendleton, Alton Hopper, Julian Hord, Charles Austell, Hubbard Hamrick. Back row: J. Horace Grigg, Bill Osborne.

son Craver, born in Shelby, August 19, 1942, and has two children, Joseph Newton Craver, II; born January 12, 1975, and Adelaide Austell Craver, born July 16, 1976. Both Mary Adelaide and Richard Craver are lawyers, having received their professional degrees from the School of Law of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She is also a graduate of Duke University and he of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He is practicing law in Shelby and Charlotte and she is Vice President and Cashier of the First National Bank of Shelby.

Charles was a member of the Rotary Club for 34 years, serving it as secretary for 19 of those years. He was long active as a Mason, a member of Cleveland Lodge 202. He was also a Shriner, a member of the Oasis Temple and the Piedmont Shrine Club.

He served on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Funeral Directors Association, and on the Agriculture Committee of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce. He participated in community affairs, and as someone wrote, influenced the shape of the future of the country he loved, most of whose residents he knew on a first-name basis.

He belonged to the First Baptist Church and was a faithful member of the Morgan Bible Class — his church and civic interests being keystones in his life.

He was a devoted family man, taking pride in his wife's talents, and in his daughter, who at the time of his death was soon to become the first woman lawyer in Cleveland County.

He was an outdoors man, loving flowers and the land. His hobbies were hunting and bird dogs, and the rolling hills of Cleveland County were a constant source of pride and pleasure to him.

His wife and daughter have presented annually a Sportsmanship Trophy to a Shelby High School athlete selected for his sportsmanship and his team play before self-

performance. This is known as the "Charles B. Austell Trophy", and was first presented in 1967.

In 1974, the "Charles Benjamin Austell Memorial" gates at Sunset Cemetery were presented to the City of Shelby in his memory by his wife and daughter. He died January 27, 1967, and is buried at Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: Family Bible, newspaper clippings, and personal knowledge.

— Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter

THE FAMILY OF CLAUDE LOVE AUSTELL

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Claude Love Austell (b. October 15, 1877), son of Amos Petty Austell and Amelia Jane McBrayer, was married to Susan Elizabeth Borders (b. April 26, 1885), daughter of Clarence Augustus Borders and Mary Elizabeth Cabaniss on December 26, 1900. The bride and groom, as well as their parents, were natives of Cleveland County in the High Shoals area.

Two of their children, Gertrude Elizabeth (Mrs. William E. Crowder) and Harry Love were born in Cleveland County. The Austells moved to Charlotte, North Carolina and five other children were born there: Max Borders, Claude Love, Jr., James Everette, Betty Louise (Mrs. L.W. Short), and Dorothy Bell.

Mr. Austell owned and operated a successful 21 chair barber shop in Charlotte located at 201½ Trade Street until his death on March 1, 1922, at the age of 45. Mrs. Austell moved back to Shelby in 1934, where she lived until her death, March 30, 1970.

Mrs. Austell was a professional seamstress. She taught the T.E.L. class at the First Baptist Church in Shelby for a number of years and was active in other phases of church life.

Gertrude Elizabeth (b. September 20, 1901)

married William Evans Crowder. She was the owner and operator of Crowder's Restaurant for a number of years.

Harry Love (b. September 2, 1904) died July 30, 1906.

Max Borders was born August 28, 1910. He moved to Washington, D.C. in 1935 where he was first married to Regina Haines and then to Irene Byrd.

Claude Love, Jr. was born October 20, 1913. His first wife was Crowline Doster and Elizabeth Padgett was his second wife.

C.L. Austell II was by his first marriage. James Everette was born May 26, 1916, and was married to Rae Turner of Gaffney, S.C.

Betty Louise (b. May 11, 1918) was married to Lester Wilson Short, formerly of Hickory, N.C. Their children were Dale Albert and Jerry Allen (by Mr. Short's first wife).

Dorothy Bell was born November 17, 1920.

Sources: personal knowledge.

— Mrs. L.W. Short

JAMES PETTY AUSTELL SR. FAMILY

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James Petty Austell Sr. born 21 September 1874 died 21 April 1955, was the son of Amos Petty Austell, who came from Tennessee, (14 December 1833 — 16 September 1919), and Amelia Jane McBrayer Austell (21 December 1833 — 20 October 1919). Both parents are buried at Zoar Church Cemetery, Cleveland County.

James Petty Austell, proprietor of the largest (nine chairs) Barber Shop in Shelby, N.C. and Cleveland County, at an early age (26) was a barber first at the Commercial Hotel. And continued to own and operate a successful business for more than forty-six years. During these years of barbering, his shop was facing the south side of the Court House, now the County Museum.



James Petty Austell

From the early barbers who worked for him, many opened their own shops. Quite advanced for the times, his shop was equipped with running hot water and four bath shower stalls for the public use, and electric fans hanging from the ceiling was something in its day. Some of the family have large mirrors that once hung on the walls of the shop. In the early days, regular customers had individual shaving mugs left in the barber shop for each day's shave. All this made it convenient and modern in early 1900.

He married 4 October 1899 Cora Ann Magness (24 September 1879, 18 June 1945), daughter of Robert Magness (22 August 1817, 5 October 1894), and Mary Whisnant Magness (20 January 1838, 22 January 1907). Mr. and Mrs. Austell's children — Mary Jane (Roscoe) Lutz, Charles Benjamin Austell, Sarah Magness (Lee) Nolan, Elizabeth Bright (John) Portor, James Petty Austell Jr., Cora Ann (Erwin) Singleton, were all born in Shelby, N.C.

Mr. Austell was elected to the Board of Alderman July 1933 and served as mayor Pro Tem. He was a member of the First Baptist Church, Cleveland Masonic Lodge 202, and a member of the Woodman of the World.

He and his wife are buried at Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, N.C.

Sources: personal knowledge and newspaper clipping.

— Ann Austell Singleton

JESSE LOWERY AUSTELL

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J. Lowery Austell, born July 4, 1905, was the third child in a family of ten born to Oscar Forrest and Mamie Lowery Austell. His brothers and sisters were Aileen A. Harrill, Agnes A. Patterson, Samuel Heyward Austell, William Arey Austell, Rebecca A. Lutz, Mary Sue Blanton, Joseph Forrest Austell, Violet A. Cline, and Thomas Maynard "Bud" Austell.

At the Austell homeplace in Earl, North Carolina, Lowery's father, being a time merchant and farmer, gave Lowery plenty of work at an early age. At the age of 11, he was doing man-size farming.

After attending grade school in Earl, Lowery graduated from Boarding School at Boiling Springs (now Gardner-Webb College) where he was very active in athletics.

His first job (outside the farm and family store) was at First National Bank as a book-keeper for \$50.00 a month. During his years at the bank, 1925-1933, Lowery experienced the well-known Central Hotel fire and later the famous bank crash of 1928.

In 1929 Lowery married Madge Josephine Irvin, daughter of Elizabeth Simmons and G. Pink Irvin. From this union a daughter, Gailya Elizabeth Logan and a son, Ronald Lowery Austell were born, giving Lowery five grandchildren; namely, Sandra Logan Vanderploegh, Laura Logan Chapman, Teresa A. Smith, Todd Lowery Austell, and Tracy Judith Austell. Mrs. Madge Austell died in 1967.

In 1933 Lowery joined the Federal Land Bank in Columbia, South Carolina as an appraiser, leaving in 1936 to return to Shelby where he began working as Secretary-

Treasurer at Shelby Federal Savings and Loan Association, then known as the Shelby Building and Loan Association with assets of \$800,000. Lowery was elected President and Managing Officer in 1956, a title he has held since that time. In 1972 he received the "Boss of the Year" award.

Lowery was past director of the N.C. Savings and Loan League, past director of the U.S. League Southeastern Conference, Director of the Council of Mutual Associations, member of Board of Directors of First Mortgage Insurance Corporation and many others too numerous to mention.

Lowery became interested in Lionism in 1936 and joined the Shelby Lions Club where he has served as the Club's Secretary for 35 years. He was past president of the Lions Club and has had 100% attendance in the Club for 45 years. In 1979, he received the Melvin Jones Fellowship Award, which is the highest award given by the Lions International for dedicated humanitarian service. Always interested in civic affairs, Lowery has served as Chairman of Shelby's First Zoning Committee, President and Treasurer of the United Fund of Cleveland County and President of the Chamber of Commerce.

Always active in church work, Lowery was Superintendent of the Sunday School at New Hope Baptist Church in Earl at age 17. Later, the First Baptist Church in Shelby became his home church where he served on the Board of Deacons, was President of the Brotherhood, President of his Sunday School class, and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

In 1970, Lowery married Mary Dellinger Crowder, better known as "Pinki", daughter of Gresham Otto and Nellie Summer Dellinger. Mrs. Austell has one son, William Evans Crowder, III and two grandchildren, William Evans Crowder, IV and Michael Gresham Crowder.

Coming from a close-knit family, proud of their heritage, Lowery Austell is a very family oriented man. A man of conspicuous simple taste, Lowery displays high principals in his social, business and religious life. His work, his church, his community, his family — these are the joys in Lowery's life.

Sources: family records, personal knowledge.

— Mrs. Lowery Austell

MARY ADELAIDE ROBERTS AUSTELL

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Mary Adelaide Roberts Austell was the daughter of Frances Eskridge and William Joshua Roberts, Jr. She was born August 16, 1905, in Shelby and lived her life here. She was named for her grandmother, Mary Judith Blanton Eskridge, and her great-grandmother, Adelaide Alice Williams Eddins McAfee. She had one sister, Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter. She was born in the home of her grandparents, Mary Judith Blanton and Richard Eskridge, on West Marion Street, living most of her life on the same street, as her parents' home was built just across the street from her birthplace. After her marriage she lived one block west, then returned to the same spot



Mary Adelaide Roberts Austell

where she was born when she and her husband built their home which is presently occupied by their daughter.

She attended Shelby schools and graduated from Shelby High School in 1922. She was a graduate of the class of 1926 of Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina with a Bachelor of Music Degree and was a talented pianist and vocalist. She was one of fifteen charter members of the Converse College chapter of Pi Kappa Lambda, national honorary music fraternity. In college she composed piano selections and later wrote the Shelby High School song.

After graduation, she taught music in the Shelby Public Schools for fifteen years, giving private voice and piano lessons. On July 26, 1933 she married Charles Benjamin Austell. One daughter was born to this couple, Mary Adelaide Austell on July 1, 1942. In 1972 she married Richard Davidson Craver of Shelby, born August 19, 1942, and has children, Joseph Newton Craver II, born January 12, 1975 and Adelaide Austell Craver, born July 16, 1976.

She was listed in "Who's Who of America Women" and took an active part in the cultural, civic and musical activities of the community. One of her interests was the history and heritage of Cleveland County. She worked with William Powell, librarian at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, in compiling a history of Cleveland County which she presented as a program to various clubs and to Cleveland County school children.

She was a member of First Baptist Church where she was a choir member and pianist for Sunday School and Woman's Missionary Union. She was an active member of the North Carolina Music Society, Contemporary Book Club, Twentieth Century Club, Cecilia Music Club, the American Assoc. of University Women, the NC Society for the Preservation of Antiquities, and a charter member of the Shelby Junior Charity League.

She died on November 24, 1975, and is



Mary Adelaide Roberts Austell and Daughter Adelaide in 1946

buried in Sunset Cemetery. Her daughter, Mary Adelaide Austell Craver, first woman lawyer in Cleveland County and Vice President of First National Bank, presented the bells, which ring out from the First Baptist Church steeple each day, to the church in memory of her mother, Mary Adelaide Roberts Austell.

Sources: personal knowledge, newspaper clippings and family Bible.

— Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter

THE OSCAR FORREST AUSTELL FAMILY

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Oscar Forrest Austell (September 20, 1872 — September 9, 1941) was a native of Earl, North Carolina. He was the sixth child of Joseph Hopson Austell and Mary Jane Borders Austell. Forrest was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. He attended Boiling Springs Boarding School. He supported his family by being a farmer, cotton buyer and an owner and operator of a general store. He was a strong supporter in his community, as he proved by working for better highways and schools. He served on the County Board of Education for four years, two of those as chairman.

Forrest Austell chose Mamie Lowery Austell (February 18, 1882 — April 28, 1965) to be his wife. She was the daughter of Thomas Hill Lowery and Rebecca Hogue Lowery. They were wed December 5, 1900 in Patterson Springs, North Carolina. The family began. To this union would be born ten children.

A. Aileen Austell (November 3, 1901 — November 27, 1979) was their first child. She married Lawson Herbert Harrill December 26, 1921. He died April 24, 1948. They were blessed with three children: (1.) Sarah Aileen Harrill (August 19, 1925) married Curtis David Baysinger on December 17, 1955. They have three children: Curtis David, Jr. (November 18, 1957); Karen Leigh (November 30, 1959) and Bruce Malcolm (September 21, 1961). (2.) Robert Austell Harrill (October 8, 1927) married Mary Anne Byers February 28, 1954.

(3.) Thomas Lawson Harrill (May 24, 1939) married Olivia Anne Conway on February 20, 1966. They have three children: Thomas Lawson, Jr. (April 18, 1969); Paula Anne (December 7, 1972) and Joshua Austell (April 19, 1980).

B. Agnes Austell (November 18, 1903) was their second daughter. She married William Hayne Patterson, Jr. on August 4, 1924. They had four children: (1.) Jeraldine Austell Patterson (July 16, 1925 — August 28, 1925), (2.) Mary Agnes Patterson (October 20, 1926 — October 25, 1926), (3.) William Hayne Patterson, III (November 25, 1927), (4.) Betty Lewis Patterson (December 17, 1933) married Bennett John Masters on September 30, 1956. They have three children: Bennett John, Jr. (March 15, 1959); Robin Lewis (December 31, 1963); and Mary Lee Ann (August 15, 1972).

C. Jesse Lowery Austell (July 4, 1905) was their first-born son. He married Madge Josephine Irvin on August 5, 1929. Madge died September 17, 1967. To this union were born two children, Gailya Elizabeth and Ronald Lowery. Jesse Lowery Austell married Mary Crowder on January 18, 1970. (1.) Gaila Elizabeth Austell (March 11, 1931) married J. Robert Logan, Jr. on April 15, 1952. They have two daughters: Sandra Gail (July 31, 1953) who married Rodney Dirk Vanderploeg on August 22, 1981 and Laura Lynn (March 19, 1957) who married Gregory Chapman on August 23, 1980. (2.) Ronald Lowery Austell (March 22, 1936) married Juanita Horton on August 25, 1957. They have three children: Teresa Jean (July 18, 1959) who married Charles Smith on August 30, 1981; Todd Lowery, (September 21, 1963) and Traci (August 4, 1966).

D. Samuel Heyward Austell (July 13, 1907 — January 30, 1973) was their fourth child. He married Ruth Roberson Tate on June 8, 1935. Five children were born. (1.) Samuel Heyward, Jr. (May 16, 1936) married Pat Curr in October, 1960. Their two sons are Steven Austell and Chris Austell. (2.) Ruth Justine Austell (November 6, 1937) married Captain Frank R. Schluntz on May 22, 1959. They have three children: Jason, Jeromy, and Jessie. (3.) Daryall Emogene Austell (March 7, 1939 — October, 1973). She was married to Bill Fordham on February 6, 1961. They had two children, Randi and Scott. (4.) Rebecca Sue Austell (June 23, 1940) married Joe Stoddard. They had one child, Eunice Stoddard (born 1963). "Becky" and Joe separated. Becky married Richard Sutherland in 1970. They had a child, Pam, (born 1973). They now reside in Spendor, Texas. (5.) Mamie Elizabeth Austell (born 1942).

E. William Arey Austell (September 25, 1909 — May 14, 1911).

F. Rebecca Jane Austell (October 31, 1911) married Earl Hubert Lutz on December 19, 1943. They were blessed with two children: (1.) Mary Alice Lutz (December 30, 1944) married Hubert Carlton Nobles on November 10, 1973. Their two children are Jason Kyle (August 12, 1975) and Caron Rebecca (April 24, 1977). (2.) Earl Hubert Lutz, Jr. (January 14, 1949) married Mary Bea Alexander on

August 25, 1973. They have two daughters, Courtney Leigh (September 10, 1975) and Kendalyn Paige (June 27, 1978).

G. Mary Sue Austell (September 30, 1914) married Albert Batie Blanton on October 23, 1940. Albert Blanton, called A.B., died December 8, 1972. They had two children. (1.) Their first child was a girl who died at birth on July 24, 1942. (2.) Albert Batie Blanton, II (April 27, 1944) married Debra Ann Beaty on June 4, 1966. They have three daughters: Hunter Lynn (June 16, 1973); Mary Louise (June 18, 1976) and Amanda Leigh (October 2, 1979).



Oscar Forrest Austell

H. Joseph Forrest Austell (October 19, 1916) married Katherine Louise Baily on June 30, 1950. They have three daughters. (1.) Kathy Ann Austell (September 22, 1952) married Jimmy Grigg on January 20, 1977. (2.) Mary Jo Austell (December 12, 1954). (3.) Madge Baily Austell (October 4, 1961).

I. Violet Austell (March 28, 1922 — October 3, 1970) married John Dixon Cline on January 11, 1942. To this union were born four daughters. (1.) Linda Austell Cline (December 5, 1943) married Toby Lee Thrift on August 16, 1964. They have two daughters, Raquel Lee (May 30, 1968) and Amanda Cline (May 15, 1973). (2.) Peggy Lou Cline (January 19, 1949) married Dennis Goode Goforth on September 14, 1968. Their two children are Jessica Denise (June 19, 1973) and Dennis Goode, Jr. (December 31, 1974). (3.) Martha Sue Cline (July 12, 1952) married J.L. Hamrick on October 28, 1973. They have two sons, John Edmond (March 9, 1977) and Lindsay Lamar (February 24, 1979). (4.) Johnnie Dixon Cline (December 28, 1955) married Doug Ingle on September 11, 1976. They have a daughter, Lacey Jean who was born January 24, 1980.

J. Thomas Maynard Austell (June 27, 1925) married Anita Owens on June 28, 1952. To this union were born three children: (1.) Forrest Maynard Austell (May 12, 1955). (2.)

Carey Lynn Austell (October 30, 1957) married Steve Marley on August 29, 1981. (3.) A twin sister to Carey was still-born.

Sources: personal records and research.

— Rebecca Austell Lutz
and Mary Sue Austell Blanton

SAMUEL HUGH and MARY BOSTICK AUSTELL FAMILY

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Samuel Hugh Austell (February 18, 1864 — April 15, 1958) was born in York County, South Carolina, the son of Joseph Hopson Austell (August 4, 1832 — August 8, 1910), a gallant Confederate soldier, and Mary Jane Borders Austell (February 17, 1838 — May 28, 1928), the fifth child of Major Hugh Borders.



Samuel Hugh Austell

Samuel Hugh Austell was a farmer and a deacon in New Hope Baptist Church, Earl, North Carolina. On March 28, 1888, he married Mary Jane Bostick (February 18, 1868 — May 15, 1927), the daughter of Samuel Evans (July 10, 1830 — January 11, 1910) and Jane Price Suttle Bostick (January 21, 1835 — October 23, 1921), and the sister of Attie, George Pleasant, and Wade Bostick, missionaries to China.

To Samuel Hugh and Mary Bostick Austell five children were born: Lillie Lois (March 3, 1889 —) who married John Welborn Byers, Ruby (July 10, 1890 — October 16, 1955), Joseph Hopson (April 28, 1901 — March 24, 1959) who married Mary Carson Hamrick, Samuel Wade (May 5, 1903 — October 22, 1978) who married Ruby Mangum Williams, and Bostick (June 9, 1895 — October 31, 1958).

On September 4, 1921, Bostick married Gertrude Amanda Goode Rhyne (August 28, 1895 — August 23, 1981), the daughter of Thomas Franklin Goode (April 25, 1842 — November 27, 1927), a Civil War soldier who fought at Gettysburg and was a prisoner from December 1864 until the war's end, and

Amanda Eaker Hambright Goode (May 13, 1851 — January 27, 1921), a descendant of Colonel Frederick Hambright who was a hero at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

Bostick Austell was a farmer, and one of the first poultrymen and hatcherymen in Cleveland County, operating B. Austell Hatchery from 1924 until his death in 1958. He was a deacon in New Hope Baptist Church in Earl, North Carolina for many years, and was on the building committee when the church was rebuilt in 1953-54. A member of the Cleveland County Board of Education from 1941 to 1958, he served as chairman for the last seven of those years.

To Bostick and Gertrude Austell four children were born: Samuel Harold (July 15, 1922 —), Mary Louise (July 15, 1924 —), Thomas Bostick (January 10, 1927 —), and Bobby Goode (January 14, 1932 —).

Harold, a graduate of Mars Hills College and UNC-CH, served in the Quartermaster Corps from 1943 until 1946 when he was discharged with the rank of captain. In Richland, Georgia, on October 20, 1946, he married Patricia Ruth Richardson (March 3, 1925 —), a graduate of Mars Hill College, and the granddaughter of Dr. Benjamin Franklin Falls of Cleveland County. They live in Greenville, South Carolina where Harold is a realtor.

Mary Louise, who graduated from Mars Hill College and attended UNC-G and Bowling Green University, married William Ray Moss (June 25, 1921 —) of Blacksburg, South Carolina on February 22, 1947. Ray was in the army from 1944 until 1946, and is now a welding engineering technician at the Charleston Shipyard in Charleston, South Carolina.

Bobby served in the U.S. Navy for four years, and has been a member of the Cleveland County Board of Education and the Board of Directors of Charlotte Motor Speedway. He is now a commodity inspector for the state of North Carolina, and lives in Charlotte.

Harold and Patricia Austell are the parents of



Bostick Austell, 1895-1958



Gertrude Goode Austell

three children: Samuel Harold, Jr. (November 14, 1948 —), a graduate of UNC-CH who on November 13, 1971 married Mary Emily Stuart (July 2, 1949 —) and lives in Baltimore, Maryland where he is a potter; James Michael (March 10, 1951 —) who received a master's degree from Georgia Tech and is a power engineer with J.E. Sirrine Company in Greenville, South Carolina; and Susan Ruth (September 26, 1953 —), a graduate of Mars Hill College, who on May 31, 1975 married Roger Eugene Holdway and lives in Laurens, South Carolina. Sam and Mary have a son, Andrew Stuart, born December 30, 1979, and Gene and Susan have a daughter, Kelly Elizabeth, born September 8, 1980.

Mary and Ray Moss have a daughter, Mary Eugenia (December 18, 1952 —), a graduate of the Medical University of South Carolina, who on August 28, 1976 married Richard Howard Reeves and lives in Beaufort, South Carolina. Eugenia and Rick have a son, Eric David, born May 8, 1980.

Sources: Family Bibles, History of the Goode Family, History of Borders Family, Newspaper clippings, Gravestones, and Conversation with family members.

— Thomas and Doris Austell

THOMAS BOSTICK and DORIS NICHOLS AUSTELL FAMILY

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Thomas Bostick Austell January 10, 1927 —) is the son of Bostick and Gertrude Goode Austell. He attended Mars Hill College, and was in the Navy for 18 months during World War II. Since 1946 he has been a partner in B. Austell Hatchery in Earl, North Carolina.

He is a member of the Number Three Volunteer Fire Department, a director of the Cleveland County Farm Bureau, a member of the Earl Town Council, a member of the County ASC Committee, and a deacon in New Hope Baptist Church in Earl.

On July 24, 1948 he married Doris Jean Nichols (August 19, 1927 —), daughter of Robert Landrum and Pinkie Jones Nichols. She is a graduate of Meredith College and received a master's degree from Winthrop College. Since 1965 she has been a librarian at Graham School in Shelby, and is director of the Preschool Department at New Hope Baptist Church.

Thomas and Doris have three sons: Thomas Bostick, Jr. (January 17, 1951 —), Robert Nichols (October 9, 1952 —), and Hugh Franklin (May 26, 1958 —).

Tom, a graduate of North Carolina State University, on June 30, 1973 married Mary Emily Thompson (November 16, 1950 —), a graduate of Meredith College, and the daughter of the Reverend Horace Graham and Mary Elizabeth Midyette Thompson of Winterville, North Carolina. Tom is chief industrial engineer with a division of Campus Sweater and Sportswear and Mary Emily is a kindergarten teacher. They live in Henderson, North Carolina. Their daughter, Jennifer Ann, was born March 30, 1976, and their son, Thomas Jason, was born February 9, 1979.

Nick, a graduate of Chowan College, on March 31, 1973 married Janet Faye Whitaker (August 23, 1954 —), the daughter of John B. and Patsy Brooks Whitaker of New House, North Carolina. Nick is a working supervisor at Dennison Manufacturing Company in Gastonia, North Carolina. He and Janet live in Earl with their daughter, Melissa Faye, born October 19, 1980.

Hugh, a graduate of Nashville Diesel College, on August 12, 1978 married Anita Christine Blanton (March 4, 1960 —), a graduate of Gardner Webb College and the daughter of Andrew and Martha Hester Blanton of Earl. Hugh is a diesel mechanic with PPG Industries in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, and Anita is a secretary at Boiling Springs Manufacturing Company in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. They live in Earl.

Sources: family records, personal knowledge.

— Thomas and Doris Austell

BABINGTON — A FOUNDRY FAMILY

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Babington bears the unique distinction of having had every Babington come from one common ancestor who dates from the Norman conquest of England. This man (given name unknown) was the ancestor of John de Babington, who in the reign of Henry III was owner of the district around Mickle and Little Babington of Northumberland.

Thomas, fifth in descent from John in the Fifteenth Century married the heiress of Robert of Dethick and became identified with Derbyshire, and by a series of intermarriages acquired additional property, and branches settled in Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire and Oxfordshire. Lord Thomas Babington McCauley was named for Thomas Babington. ("The Babington Family" — Robert Benjamin Babington).

The first known record in America is that

John Babington sailed to Virginia on the *Globe* in 1635 and William Babington was a "free-man" in Massachusetts in 1678. There are no further records of either of them. In 1865 Randall Patterson Babington participated in the Mammouth Rebellion, in support of the Protestant cause in England and was transported to Barbadoes by James II. Later research shows him executed because of his relationship to the Roman Catholic Church.

This brings us to Thomas Babington, born about 1775, died 1845. His father, born in England about 1751, was disinherited for marrying an Irish seamstress, and so emigrated to America. Thomas was said to have been associated with five other men in the operation of a New Jersey foundry. Their specialty was the casting of bells. It's very probable that he worked with McShane, most noted bell founder in America.

Benjamin Boyer Babington (son of Thomas) was born in New Jersey in 1806, and died in 1876. He married Catherine Sweet of Kentucky, who lost her parents at an early age and lived with uncles who were Masons. They attended Lodge in a hall over a school-room where Catherine attended school. Led by her curiosity, she hid in the Lodge Hall on numerous occasions and became very proficient in the secrets of the work. When it became known, and after long and anxious discussions, she was permitted to take the obligations of secrecy, but naturally she was not made a full member. She always remembered and esteemed the order and was faithful to its obligations — the only woman ever to come to full knowledge of Blue Lodge Masonry in the United States.

The above Benjamin Boyer Babington was a foundryman and builder. His son, Elisha Johnson Babington, married Margaret Isabelle Haynes from Rutherford County. Elisha owned and operated a foundry in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Benjamin Boyer Babington, Jr. (born August 22, 1837 — died October 18, 1906), married Elizabeth Jane Coker from Hartsville, South Carolina. She was born November 7, 1837 and died November 11, 1929. They were married February 16, 1859 and lived in Alabama before moving to North Carolina. To this union was born: Thomas Joseph; William Davis; Benjamin, who died at eleven years of age; and three daughters, Belle (Mrs. Sam M. Evans Atlanta Ga.); Eva (Mrs. Lee Sullivan); and Launa (Mrs. Philip Hill Kendrick, Shelby, N.C.).

The above mentioned son, William Davis Babington (born Sept. 19 1864 — died September 3, 1946), married Elizabeth Lela Leak (born April 27, 1867 — died October 1, 1940). To this union was born James Fell Babington (born 1887 in Shelby — died in Washington D.C. August 1, 1951); Eula Mae Babington (born 1889 — died September 1970), married Julian Carr Bundy; Benjamin Bernard Babington (born 1893 — died 1980). Carolyn Jane "Miss Carrie" (born Sept. 15, 1895 — now living in Shelby; Mary Lucille (born 1898, married Landon Holland McSwain, now living in Texas); Fred Leak Babington (born 1902, married Julia Ross White, Kings Mountain, now

living in South Port); William Davis Babington Jr. (W.D.) (born May, 1905 — died 1968 in Jackson Mississippi).

William Davis Babington and his brother, Thomas, worked with their father in the foundry which he began operating in Shelby in 1872. The business was known as Shelby Foundry and Machine Works, and consisted of all kinds of foundry and repair work, but catered especially to cotton mill castings with 95% of the mill castings shipped out of North Carolina. They became associated with a Massachusetts inventor and established the Carolina Sewing Machine Company. The machines were made in the Babington foundry, along with stoves, flour and cane mills, wagons, buggies, stamping mills, plows and other things. The foundry was torn down in 1923.

The Babingtons were kind, faithful robust men of pleasing personality, keen business ability and great energy. They were well read in all matters relating to the moral and material growth of their community.

Sources: Family Bible; "Our Heritage" by Lee B. Weather; Obituaries; "The Babington Family" by Robert Babington.

— Caroline Jane Babington

DR. LUTHER PHILIP BAKER

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Dr. Luther Philip Baker was born April 21, 1884 in Kings Mountain, one of six children born to Philip Sylvanus and Selena Ellen Patterson Baker. Brothers and sisters were: Rufus Crowder, Lillian Leola, Jessie Pearle, Fred Allen and Sarah Selena. One half-brother, Henry Sylvanus Summit Baker born to Philip Sylvanus and Sarah Jane Summitt Baker.

Philip Sylvanus Baker (1848-1907), father of Dr. Baker, born in Cherryville, North Carolina. He later moved to Kings Mountain and was founder of the Crowders Mountain Mill which is still in operation. The mill is located in the foothills of Crowders Mountain and at the time it was founded, produced cotton yarn. Philip Sylvanus Baker was married March 12, 1870 to Sarah Jane Summitt. To this union one child was born, Henry Sylvanus Summitt, February 18, 1871 who died September 26, 1898. Sarah Jane Summitt died March 6, 1871 and on October 31, 1872, Philip Sylvanus Baker was married to Selena Ellen Patterson, (1850-1912).

In 1896 the family moved from their home near the Mauney Memorial Library to a three-story Victorian style home on North Piedmont Avenue. Built by Sylvanus Baker with hand-picked lumber, it is reported that he sent back to the mill more lumber than he used in the home. The Baker family lived in the house until 1980 when it was razed to make room for the Number 74 by-pass around Kings Mountain.

Dr. Luther Philip Baker graduated from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in 1907 and returned to Kings Mountain to practice. He was the second dentist to practice in Kings Mountain, beginning his practice in 1907 and continuing until his retirement in 1964. His affable personality made his practice a pleasure and he had patients from North and South Carolina, some traveling by train to see



The Dr. Luther Phillip Baker Family: L to R: Dr. Baker, Richard Gilbert, Luther Phillip, Jr., Thomas Poleyette (seated front), Mary Tipton Baker, Mary Tipton (Fulford), Robert Nelson.



Dr. Luther Philip Baker's Home on North Piedmont Ave., Kings Mountain, NC. Built in 1896 and razed in 1980 for the new U.S. 74 by-pass.

him. His gift of conversation kept his patients so interested in his story telling that they forgot the pain.

A life-member of the American Dental Association, Dr. Baker was also a member of the North Carolina Dental Society. He was a director and vice-president of the Kings Mountain Savings and Loan Association for thirty years. He was a director of First Union National Bank and also a member of the Cleveland County Board of Health. He served as chairman of Kings Mountain Board of Education for twenty years, was also a Mason and a Shriner. He was active in St. Matthews Lutheran Church of which he was a member and his father, Philip Sylvanus Baker was a charter member.

On November 14, 1912, he was married to Mary Tipton Poleyette of Crisfield, Maryland. Although he had attended the University of Maryland, it was not until Miss Poleyette came to Cleveland County that the two met. Mr. Larken Kiser had brought Miss Poleyette and two other young ladies from Maryland to work as milliners in his hat shop on Battleground Avenue. Miss Poleyette enjoyed swimming, ice skating, horseback riding and boating and continued active in swimming for most of her 84 years.

Five children were born of this marriage. Luther Philip, Jr. was born December 12, 1913, died June 11, 1981 and is buried at Kings Mountain. He was married November 14, 1936 to Ruby Hughes of Kings Mountain. Two children, a girl and a boy, were born of this marriage.

Robert Nelson, born May 20, 1916, married Mary Louise Gerhing, a native of Louisiana, March 10, 1979. They reside in Kings Mountain where he is practicing dentistry.

Richard Gilbert, born March 22, 1920, married Nancy Oates of Terzah, South Carolina Jan. 14, 1956. They have two sons and live in Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Mary Tipton, born October 18, 1923, married Leonard Fulford of Knoxville, Tennessee July 18, 1952. Two boys and one girl were born of this marriage and the family resides in Knoxville.

Thomas Poleyette, born August 6, 1928, married July 10, 1951, Mary Beth Hord of Kings Mountain. Five boys were born of this union and the family resides in Kings Mountain where he practices dentistry.

Dr. Luther Philip Baker died October 18, 1967 and his wife, Mary Tipton Poleyette Baker died March 14, 1976. Both are buried at Kings Mountain.

Sources: Family records, family Bible.

— Luther Philip Baker, III

LEWIS JOSIAH and LOUISE RAY SUTTLE BALEY

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Lewis Josiah Baley was the second child born to William W. Baley and Lucinda Sams Baley, May 23, 1878, Flag Pond, Unicoi County, Tennessee and died in Atlanta, Georgia, April 4, 1936 buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, Cleveland County, N.C.



Louise Ray Suttle Baley

at Shelby until he was transferred to Atlanta, Ga. July 1909. Ray stayed in Shelby to have their first child, Mary Louise Baley, born August 19, 1909. Ray and Louise went to Atlanta to set up housekeeping with Lewis when they were able to travel.

After moving to Atlanta they set up housekeeping in one of Atlanta's fashionable apartments until they could move into their first home. The family moved a number of times while in Atlanta until Lewis was promoted head of the Southern Division of the FBI in Atlanta in 1913. He was called to investigate all over the United States and some foreign countries. During the year the family lived in Atlanta nine months during school, then spent the three summers in Shelby while Lewis was traveling.

Ray went back to Shelby with Louise for Ray's second child, Lewis Josiah Baley, Jr. born November 5, 1915. Lewis Senior was in Washington at the time and Ray had to give their son a name so she named him Lewis Junior. When Lewis Senior returned from Washington he wanted to name his son after his father, William W. Baley, so he said he would call his son "Bill" from then on. This name stuck.

During World War I, Lewis was investigating German spies and other aliens, hoarders, white slavers, draft dodgers, Klu-Klux Klan and working with the American Protective League involved in protecting the citizens at home. After the War the APL honored Lewis for his work during the War.

August 1, 1920 Lewis served for one year as Chief of the FBI in Washington until a democrat was appointed. Then he was transferred back to Atlanta until 1924 when he ran for the appointment as Director and Chief of the FBI and lost to J. Edgar Hoover, a democrat. He remained in Atlanta with the Bureau until he resigned in 1927.

During the years in Atlanta from 1909 to 1927 the Baley family was members of the

First Baptist and Druid Hills Baptist Churches. Lewis was one of the few third-third degree masons, exalted ruler twice of the B.P.O. Elks Lodge. Ray was a charter member of the KLE Club Auxiliary of the Elks and President. Her occupation was housewife and was very active with their children in church and school work.

In 1927 Lewis bought stock in and was vice-president of the National Bank of West Palm Beach, Florida, during the boom in 1927 until the "bust" in 1929. The family "busted" financially and moved back to Atlanta and lived in East Point, Ga. Lewis practiced law until 1930 when the depression hit the Baley family again. Lewis was not making enough in the law practice and moved his family to Shelby to live with Ray's family until he could find a better job in Atlanta. Ray and Bill lived with the Suttle family while Lewis was in College. Louise married in 1931 to Norris Dixon Lackey of Shelby. The year 1935 Lewis found a good steady job in Atlanta, called for Ray to come to Atlanta, which she did and came back to Shelby to move her things to Atlanta. In October 1935 Lewis became ill, Ray went back to Atlanta to take care of him. Lewis Josiah Baley, Jr. married January 19, 1936 to Mildred Juanita Grigg of Cherryville, N.C. Lewis Senior became quite ill and died with cancer in Atlanta April 4, 1936. He was brought back to Shelby to be buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Following Lewis' death Ray continued to live with the Suttle Family in Shelby. Louise and Norris had their home in Shelby, Lewis Junior and Mildred had their home in Shelby. Louise Ray Suttle Baley born June 25, 1887, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Charles Beaty Suttle a prominent family of Shelby, attended public and private schools in Shelby through high school before meeting Lewis. She was a member of DAR, Daughters of the Confederate, Chicora Club, TEL Class and superintendent of the Nursery Department until 1952 at the First Baptist Church. She lived as a single parent for over twenty years helping to raise her children and grand children and trying to instill in them the proper values of life until she died of unknown cancer September 17, 1957 and was buried next to Lewis in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

Sources: Family records; family Bible; newspaper clippings; personal letters; personal knowledge and memories.

— L.J. "Bill" Baley, Jr.

LEWIS JOSIAH BAILEY, JR. and MILDRED JUANITA GRIGG BALEY

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Lewis Josiah "Bill" Baley, Jr., the second child born to Lewis Josiah Baley, Sr., and Louise Ray Suttle Baley, November 5, 1914, Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

Mildred Juanita Grigg the fifth child born to Solon Leon Grigg and Lou Rebecca Grigg, June 12, 1916, Cherryville, Gaston County, North Carolina.

"Bill" had all the advantages in growing up that a child could ask for. A loving family who taught him the best things in life. His father



Lewis Josiah Baley, Sr.

traveled a lot with the FBI, but was very close to him. "Bill" attended Atlanta public schools where he participated in all activities, taking piano for five years, trumpet from the fifth grade to the twelfth. Played in a number of orchestras and bands, performed in a teenage band over Radio WSB, Atlanta, for two years. He worked in a grocery store, filling station, sold Liberty magazines, had the Atlanta Journal and Atlanta Constitution paper routes, also swimming pool life guard.

The Baley family lived in Atlanta until Lewis Baley, Sr. resigned from the FBI in 1927 when he became Vice-President of the National Bank of West Palm Beach, Fla. The family lived in West Palm Beach until all the banks went broke and the Baleys did too and they moved back to Atlanta. "Bill" attended Atlanta schools through the tenth grade, during which time he became a charter member of "The Antlers", Junior Order of Elks, holding a number of offices and playing trumpet in the Antlers Band. He was in the Intermediate Department of Druid Hills Baptist Church working with the young people and did not leave the Intermediate Department as a pupil.

The Big Depression hit in 1930 and 1931 after the Florida "Bust" and in the summer of 1931 his father moved the family to Shelby to live with the Suttle family until he could find a steady job in Atlanta.

"Bill" attended Shelby High School where he was the first drum major and organizer of the marching band. He organized the Good Sports Club, was in the debating and drama clubs. He and three other students formed a singing quartet, "The Aces of Harmony", singing all over North Carolina and had an hour show over WOHS, Radio station, Gastonia. He was chorister, teacher and superintendent of the Intermediate Department in the First Baptist Church, also a choir member for a number of years. During this time he was working close with the Pastor and was called to go into Christian Education work, but did not heed the call. He heeded this call sometime later in 1951.

He graduated from Shelby High School in 1933 had to decide whether to go to school or work. He was pulled between working and making money and living with his mother, or going to school studying Christian Education. He picked work. He worked with J.C. Penney Company from 1931 to 1937.

In 1935 Bill met his future wife, Mildred Juanita Grigg, of Cherryville, the fifth child of Mr. & Mrs. Solon Leon Grigg, who was living with her sister Mae at the time, since her mother and father died. They dated until they were married on January 19, 1936 in York, S.C. by Magistrate E. Gettys Nunn. They set up house-keeping in small apartments until they built their first home on Suttle St. in 1938.

In 1937 Bill started to work with M. & J. Finance Corp, as Adjuster and Manager in Shelby until he was called in service during World War II. During the six years at M. & J. he continued his church work, was a charter member of the Shelby Jaycees in 1941. He held every office in the Club except president until he was aged out. In 1942 he was chosen Young Man of the Year in Shelby for his youth

work, bond sales. During this year he volunteered for the U.S. Army.

He was called in the Army January 1943, served in the Ranger Casualty Unit until his honorable discharge in May 1943, waited until he was drafted and went into the U.S. Navy attached to the Sea-bees as a physical instructor until his honorable discharge in October 1945. During this time his wife, Mildred, was working at Suttle Drug Store in Shelby as a bookkeeper and attending to the house by herself, until she moved to Rhode Island to join Bill where she worked in Civil Service for the Navy until October 1945, when they returned to Shelby to open up their home.

After being discharged, Bill worked for M. & J. until January 1946 when he went with Union Trust Company where he remained until January 1963. During this seventeen years a lot of things happened. The Baleys had gone almost ten years without a baby. On April 25, 1947 their first and only child, a boy, named Lewis Josiah Baley, III was born in Shelby. The Baley family worked in the First Baptist Church for a number of years. Bill was President of the First Baptist Church Brotherhood, President of the Kings Mountain Baptist Brotherhood Association. He was made a deacon for a three year term. They continued to work with the Shelby Jaycees until Bill aged out. In 1951 he was approached to take the Shelby city parks youth program. As a deacon and father of a four year old son he had to do a lot of praying until he was directed to heed the call he had when in high school, working with young people. So September 1, 1951 he was made director of the Shelby Teen Club and is still director as of April 1, 1982, going on thirty years serving the youth of Shelby and Cleveland County.

During the next thirty one years Bill helped charter the Shelby Optimist Club where he served as the first full term President, then Lt. Governor for two terms, was boys work director for a number of years organizing three Junior Optimist Clubs, the Kadets, and other youth clubs trying to give his son and the youth

of Shelby a wholesome place to live and grow up in. All the time Mildred was helping out until 1963.

In 1963 Bill went into the insurance business for himself and for the second time Mildred had to go to work and has been working since. Son Lewis graduated From Carolina in Chapel Hill in 1969 and is married and now with DuPont in Wilmington, N.C.

Bill, over the years, has been honored a number of times, too numerous to mention here, but one of the highest honors he received that can be mentioned is one after twenty-nine years working as director of the Shelby Teen Club. The Rotary Club of Shelby with some two hundred Teen Club members held a "Bill Baley Day" in December 1978, at their regular luncheon meeting, without "Bill" knowing about it until at the meeting. The Mayor presented him with a plaque and the key to the City of Shelby. Ten of the Teen Club members presented him with \$100.00 each, and a sterling silver engraved platter, a number of remarks. Mildred was presented a sterling silver Christmas cross for her work with Bill during these years. To top it all WBTV, Charlotte, N.C. "Carolina Camera" made movies of the Rotary meeting then came out to the Teen Club Saturday night meeting and made more movies and aired the film over WBTV, Charlotte, N.C. December 29, 1978. Their son and his wife and children were present at the Rotary meeting. Neither Bill or Mildred knew they were in Shelby.

Over the many years of youth work, Bill has worked with some twenty thousand teenagers and pre-teenagers through various organizations. Some twelve hundred of these through the Shelby Teen Club, hoping to make Shelby and Cleveland County a better place to live and work. To plant a seed in young people that might grow into a large strong personality.

At this writing, April 1, 1981, Bill and Mildred are members of the First Baptist Church, Mildred a PBX operator at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby for the past fifteen years. Bill is executive secretary of the Shelby Merchants Association and has been for fourteen years; an Insurance Agent for the past thirty-six years and still Director of the Shelby Teen Club going on thirty-one years.

Their son, Lewis Josiah Baley, III is living with his family in Wilmington, N.C. working as fourth man with DuPont. September 27, 1969 he married his wife Sandra Kay Emory, the third child of Woodrow John Emory and Flossie Webb Emory born at Weaverville, North Carolina November 6, 1947. They have two children, Jennefer Gray Baley born in Wilmington, Hanover County, North Carolina, June 17, 1975 and Lewis Josiah Baley, IV, born in Wilmington, N.C. September 20, 1977

Sources: Family records: family bible: newspaper clipping: personal letters: personal knowledge and memories.

— Lewis Josiah "Bill" Baley, Jr.



L. J. "Bill" and Mildred Grigg Baley



THE ROBERT BARBER FAMILY OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

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Robert (called Robin) Barber was born in 1855, York County, South Carolina and Sophronia Loutisha Elvira (called Fronie) Crawford, born 1856, Catawba County, North Carolina, were married in Bethany community in 1874 and lived in Robin's homeplace which is now Park lands.

They had nine living children before losing home and all possessions in a fire about 1893, after which they moved to Kings Mountain. Robin's mother was a Mauney whose family were leaders and pioneers of the town and the Barbers were given much help to make a new start. Two more children were born after the move.

The Barbers built a home on corner lot of Piedmont Avenue and Parker Street and lived there until their deaths (Fronie in 1918; Robin in 1928) and burial at Mountain Rest. Shortly before Robin died, he sold the property to Henry Jones with the premise that he be allowed to live there during his natural life.

Robin operated a meat market next to the Dilling Mill store. He became a leading Elder of the Presbyterian Church and was leader of the Men's Bible Class until his death. A member of the family has in her possession a commendation of love and respect to him, signed by his class, which included many then and future leaders of the town of Kings Mountain.

Their family, listed below, married and had large families in and around Kings Mountain and their grandchildren spreading out over the country. All tried to be decent law-abiding citizens, contributing to their communities in various ways, all trying to make their world a better place in which to live.

Barber's sons and daughters:

Thomas I., born 1875, married Alice Simpson, lived Rock Hill, S.C.

Eliza Laura, born 1876, married Ben Huffstetter, lived Gastonia, N.C.

Sarah Ann, born 1879, married William Turner, lived Gaffney, S.C.

Barbara Alice, born 1881, married William Howard Jenkins, lived Kings Mountain (K.M.)

William Banks, born 1883, married Elizabeth Ashby, lived K.M.

Emma Jane, born 1884, married Decator Norman and James T. Hord, lived K.M.

Lela Frances, born 1887, married Dock Henry Houser, lived K.M.

George Caldwell, born 1888, married Bess Eaker and Amanda Jane Rhea, lived K.M.

Thomas Lee, born 1891, married Jennie Knox and Doris Sims, lived Atlanta.

Jessie Augustus, born 1894, married Bryte Carpenter, lived Shelby, N.C.

Jettie Mae, born 1896, married William Rhodes, lived Tampa, Fla.

Both Robin and Fronie were descendants of early pioneers who settled on both sides of the borderline of North Carolina and South Carolina, Old Tryon County and York County.

Among Robin's ancestors were:

John Barber (c1748-1843) who landed Charleston in December of 1772, passenger of ship "*Pennsylvania Farmer*", one of the five

ships chartered by the party of Ulster-Scots headed by the Covenanter Presbyterian minister William Martin . . . a veteran of American Revolution . . . lived in Fairfield District, S.C., location of his first land grant. He later settled on Clark's Fork, Bullocks Creek, York County, S.C.

Christian Mauney, Sr. (1741-1815) first land grant in what is now Lincoln County, N.C., whose home was used as the first courthouse and jail for the community . . . a Revolutionary War Patriot.

Jacob Rein (Rhyne) who died 1794, Old Tryon County.

Pieter Heyl (Peter Hoyle) (1710-1761) settler, Old Tryon. Hoyle, along with Mauney and Rhyne were of German ancestry.

Among Fronie's ancestors were:

William Crawford (1747-1813) another member of the Martin Party from Northern Ireland, who brought the trade of "stone-cutter" to the area and passed it down to his descendants, among them Fronie's father. Settled on Crowder's Creek below the North/South Line, York County.

David McCarter (c1757-1818) Veteran of Revolution, S.C. Militia, settled on Crowder's Creek below the line . . . blacksmith and planter.

Andrew Falls (c1735-1798) and Robert Ferguson (died 1794) both early settlers in area of Pisgah community, now Gaston County, North Carolina.

Col. Frederick Hambright, Sr. (1727-1817), a well documented hero and public figure of the area, and for whom the DAR Chapter of Kings Mountain is named.

The author remembers her grandfather Robin as a tall distinguished elderly man who walked with a cane and sat in his seat of the church sideways, watching to see that each member of his large family attended. Each absentee would be contacted soon after. If one of them whispered or giggled during services they would hear the gentle tap of his cane as though he had accidentally moved it.

Several years ago the author was in Kings Mountain visiting an old friend and had decided, because of a heavy travel schedule, not to attend services as she always does when there. She slept late, awaking with a start, thinking someone was rapping at the door. No one was there and suddenly she remembered her grandfather's cane. She quickly dressed and made the service as the first hymn was being sung.

Sources: Courthouse records, family *Bibles*, a manuscript *John Barber, Pioneer*, Kings Mountain Library.

— Ruth Jenkins Curley
(Mrs. E. Patrick)

THE JOHN FRANK BARNER FAMILY

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My father, John Frank Barner, was born June 25, 1907 in Mooresboro, North Carolina. His parents were Simpson Daniel Barner and Elizabeth Horne Logan Barner.

Daddy attended school in Lattimore, North Carolina where at age ten or twelve he entered

as a primer grade student. It was not until that time that a school for blacks was established in the area where he lived. He walked about three miles to a one teacher school which was a room in an old "dwelling" house. His teacher, who had a minimum of a seventh grade education, taught reading, writing, spelling, geography, and arithmetic to students in grades primer through six. The students had to buy the books they used in school.

In those days school terms lasted only three months out of a year. Classes began at eight in the morning and were dismissed for the day at four in the afternoon. There was a one hour lunch period, and because he seldom carried anything for lunch, Daddy usually spent his lunch break playing baseball.

Daddy's schooling ended when he completed the fourth grade. At that time the school was moved from the Lattimore area to the Rehobeth area, and the distance from Daddy's home to the new school site was too far for him to walk.

Over the years Daddy has worked at a variety of jobs. He has farmed (seventy-five cents a day/twenty dollars a month and board), done construction work (two dollars and fifty cents a day), worked on a railroad section force (about twenty-eight dollars every two weeks), dug holes and set posts for Southern Bell (thirty dollars a week), cleared area for steel towers and cut right-of-ways for Duke Power (sixty-six dollars every two weeks), dug ditches for sewage lines, picked peaches in South Carolina, and worked in a dairy.

On November 8, 1930, Daddy married Jewell Withrow (born May 5, 1912), daughter of John Calvin Withrow and Caroline Elliott Withrow (see related article on "The John Calvin Withrow Family"). To this union was born five sons: (1) John Virgil born August 5, 1931, (2) Albert Daniel born March 11, 1940, (3) Frank Calvin born February 22, 1946; (4) Theodore Samuel born February 16, 1949 — died September 18, 1977; (5) Robert Eugene born December 18, 1951; and five daughters: (1) Carolyn Elizabeth born July 21, 1932; (2) Lucinda born July 20, 1933 — died August, 1933; (3) Clara Mae born September 9, 1935; (4) Donnis Maxine born September 10, 1937; (5) Linda Ann born September 30, 1943.

Daddy is an active member of Brooks Chapel United Methodist Church located near Hollis, North Carolina. He has served there as a member of both the finance committee and the building committee, Sunday School secretary, choir treasurer, a trustee, a member of the church choir, and chairman of the trustee board.

My parents are a conscientious, generous, loving, and hardworking couple. They have always been there for us when we needed their encouragement and support. Because of their own limited schooling and the "lean" years through which they have come, Mama and Daddy have tried to instill in us a love for learning and an understanding of the value of an education.

Sources: Family memories; the family *Bible*, and personal knowledge.

— Linda A. Barner

CARL AUSTIN BAXTER FAMILY 237

Carl Austin Baxter (2-26-1891 — 5-13-1963) was the grandson of Captain Peter Frank Baxter (Confederate Army — Civil War) and Sarah Bess Boggs Baxter, and son of Peter Frank Baxter, Jr. and Lucinda Carpenter Baxter of Lincoln County. He was one of six children. He was a farmer and a salesman.

Carl Baxter was married January 14, 1913 in a home ceremony in Fallston, N.C., to Emma Jane Grigg, granddaughter of Burl Grigg and Malinda Baker Grigg and William Bingham and Isabella Wilson Bingham, and the only child of Henry Sidney Grigg and Samantha Ellen Bingham Grigg. Emma attended Fallston Boarding School and later Rutherford College. She taught in Cleveland and Lincoln County schools.

Seven children were born to Carl and Emma Baxter: three sons, Carl Nixon, Grady Blaine and Frank Herman; and four daughters, Jessie Irene, Laura Ellen, Madeline Elizabeth and Blanche Alice.

All graduated from Fallston High School, Fallston, N.C. Carl Nixon died in an accident the summer after graduating from high school. Jessie, Ellen, Madeline and Herman graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, N.C. Blaine and Blanche graduated from Boiling Springs Junior College, Boiling Springs, N.C. and High Point College, High Point, N.C. All graduated with a major in Education. Jessie, Ellen, Blaine, Madeline and Blanche pursued a career in teaching. Herman majored in Physical Education. After graduation he joined the staff of Cannon Memorial Y.M.C.A., Kannapolis, N.C.

Jessie and Madeline received the M.A. degree from the U.N.C. at Chapel Hill, N.C., Jessie also did doctoral work at the University of Michigan Ann Harbor and Columbia University, New York, New York, and Ellen the M.A. degree from Columbia University, New York, N.Y.

During her career Jessie worked as a teacher, supervisor, and consultant in Caldwell, Cleveland, Columbus and Gaston Counties and in Gastonia and Charlotte Schools. She

later became a member of the staff of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro in the School of Education. She held numerous places of leadership in local and state education organizations and honorary societies.

Ellen taught in Rowan and Cleveland Counties and Shelby City Schools.

Blaine served during World War II in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as an x-ray technician station at Gorgas General Hospital, Panama Canal Zone. Following discharge, he taught and coached in Mecklenburg County for a short time and then returned to Cleveland County where he became an outstanding basketball coach, winning 475 games and losing only 58 during his entire career. Weller R. Gary, his principal at Fallston High School, a native Kentuckian who was a friend of Adolph Rupp, renowned basketball coach at the University of Kentucky, encouraged Blaine to attend some of the clinics for coaches which he directed. Blaine felt privileged to have sat at the feet of so great a teacher. After 22 years of teaching and coaching, he joined B.P. Sherer as a partner in the firm of Sherer-Baxter Oldsmobile, Shelby, N.C.

Madeline's teaching experience has been in Mecklenburg, Gaston and Lincoln County schools and Calvary Country Day School, Charlotte, N.C.

Blanche taught in Greensboro, Durham, and Charlotte City Schools.

Herman graduated from Pfeiffer Junior College, Misenheimer, N.C. and entered Lenoir Rhyne College in the Enlistment Reserve Corps during World War II. He was sent from there to Fort Bragg, N.C., where he served for a short time before being honorably discharged due to a service incurred injury. He then returned to Lenoir Rhyne College. Upon graduation he joined Cannon Memorial Y.M.C.A., Kannapolis, N.C. as a Physical Education Program Director for Youth. He later joined New Holland Farm Machinery Company, a subsidiary of Sperry-Rand, Inc., as an area representative in Florida and later in North Carolina.

Laura Ellen Baxter and Herman Alexander Beam of Fallston, N.C., were married January 4, 1958 in the First Baptist Church in Harrisonburg, Va. Herman was manager of Union Trust Company Branch Bank in Fallston. Upon retirement from the bank, he opened and operated Security Insurance and Service Corporation in Fallston until his death March 3, 1978.

Grady Blaine Baxter and Sarah Roberta Hamrick were married in a home ceremony in Shelby, N.C. October 25, 1948. They have one child, Susan Emmalyn Baxter, R.N., graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College with a degree in nursing.

Frank Herman Baxter and Bonnie Bell James were married in the First Baptist Church, Clearwater, Florida, July 13, 1947. They have two children, Timothy Carl and Patricia Carol. Timothy attended Gardner Webb College and the U.N.C. at Charlotte, concentrating in courses leading to a degree in architecture. Patricia majored in business education at Mitchell College, Statesville, N.C.

Madeline Elizabeth Baxter and Russell Mincy were married September 25, 1965 in Char-



Carl Austin Baxter



Emma Jane Grigg Baxter

lotte, N.C. Russell was a supervisor with the Department of Transportation, N.C. Division of Highways. Russell attended Lenoir Rhyne College.

Blanche Alice Baxter and Charles Raymond Duval of New Bedford, Mass., were married April 21, 1946, in Friendship United Methodist Church, Fallston, N.C. Charles, a Certified Public Accountant in Shelby, N.C., was Phi Beta Kappa graduate of U.N.C. at Chapel Hill and a member of the University Varsity tennis team. They have two sons, Maurice Charles and Mark Baxter Duval. Maurice graduated from U.N.C. Chapel Hill, N.C. with a degree in psychology, and from U.N.C. at Charlotte with a degree in Education. Mark graduated from the U.N.C. at Charlotte, N.C. with a degree in Criminal Justice. Maurice was married to Barbara Carpenter, October 19, 1974 in Aldersgate United Methodist Church, Shelby, N.C. Barbara graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She received a Master of Arts degree from the School

of Library Science, U.N.C. at Chapel Hill.

Our homestead and land are presently owned by the Baxter children. This land is part of a grant given to Samuel Bingham, father of William Bingham grandfather of Emma Brigg Baxter, following the Revolutionary War.

Sources: Family records, personal knowledge and memories, Church records and interviews with relatives.

— The Baxter Children

THE FAMILY OF CHRISTOPHER BEAM

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Christopher Beam born August 3, 1784 was the son of Johann Deitrich Biehm, whom the English called John Teter Beam, and Elizabeth Rudolph.

John Teter Beam was born in Hamburg, Germany. He was the son of Michael Beam and Sarah Rudolph whose father had been Emperor of Germany.

After finishing his education, and serving in the army he decided to follow the weaver's trade. To finish his training he went to Geneva, Switzerland. There he married Rebecca Reynolds. He intended to go back to Germany but in 1767 he and his wife, with two small children, John and David, came to America. In 1779 Rebecca died leaving six children, four of them having been born in America.

John Teter Beam married his second wife, Elizabeth Rudolph, in 1781. She was of German descent and a distant cousin of John Teter Beam's mother.

Christopher was the second child of his father and Elizabeth Rudolph. Christopher Beam lived with his parents on Buffalo Creek until he married Margaret Gordon of Lincoln County from another pioneer family.

Christopher Beam and Margaret Gordon Beam built a home and settled on Brushy Creek in Cleveland County, North Carolina where they owned a large estate.

A.R. Beam who wrote *The Life of J. T. Beam and His Fifteen Children* said of Christopher Beam: "He was a man of good judgement and gifted with business capacity".

The children of Christopher Beam and Margaret Gordon Beam were: (1) John Beam born December 2, 1809 and married Julia Ann Bennet. To this union there were born six children who were as follows; Moriah Beam m. J.J. Gardner, Martha Beam m. Rev. Monroe Bridges. To this union was born two children; Joe B. and Novella Bridges; Roxanna Beam never married. Sarah Beam m. Johnny Pruett. To this union was born one daughter, Maggie Pruett. Claudia Beam never married. (2) Lucy Beam b. December 19, 1811 m. Abe Irvin. There was one daughter, Roxanna m. Albert Blanton. (3) Abel C. Beam b. June 23, 1814 m. Lucy Camp. To this union were born one son, William Beam, and two daughters. (4) Elizabeth Carson Beam b. March 13, 1817 m. Ancil C. Irvin. To this union were born eight children: John Irvin, A.C. Irvin, James Irvin, Roxanna Irvin, Margaret Irvin, Ellen Irvin,



Marquis Lafayette Beam, October 30, 1835-June 23, 1864



Oliver P. Beam, January 21, 1832-June 23, 1864

THE DAVID ANDERSON BEAM FAMILY

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The roots of the Beam family in Cleveland County are older than the county itself. David Anderson Beam (8 Apr. 1861 — 10 Jan 1937) was the son of Martin Beam, Jr. (1819-1886) and Susan Margaret Petty (b. c. 1837), and a grandson of Martin Beam Sr. (b. 1771), who was the first child of John Teeter Beam (1732-1807) of Hamburg, Germany, and his first wife, Rebecca Ranyolds (1744-1779) of Geneva, Switzerland, to be born in the New World. (John T. Beam, or Baum, as the name was originally in German, the prolific patriarch of the clan, was the father of 15 children, nine of them by his second wife, Elizabeth Rudolph. His first wife was the niece of the eminent philosopher and writer, Jean Jacques Rousseau. They came to America in November, 1767, arriving in Charleston, S.C., and came to what was then Lincoln County, where he spent the next seven years working to pay off the cost of passage.)

A man of firm principles and a staunch Baptist, David A. Beam was born, raised, and lived out his life as a farmer in northern Cleveland County, on land crossed by Philadelphia-New Bethel Road and Magness Creek, southwest of Fallston and north of Shelby. Of medium stature, he wore a large "soup-strainer" moustache in the style of the times. He tended to be reserved in manner, and his German heritage was reflected in his devotion to the land and his respect for honest labor. His older brother, John Alexander Beam (1853-1928), a Baptist preacher, married Mary S. Elizabeth ("Molly") Lucas, a music teacher; an older sister, Nancy Elizabeth (1856-1929), married Millard A. Grigg, a prominent Mason of Shelby; a twin sister, Charlotte Louisa (1861-1926), became Mrs. Jerome Cline; and a younger brother, Martin Gaither (1868-1874), died at the age of

6 years — he lies buried in the Nineteenth Century Beam Family cemetery which lies on a knoll overlooking Magness Creek, and which is being restored.

On 26 December 1901, David A. Beam married Elizabeth Lee Elliott (24 July 1874 — 19 May 1948) of the Polkville area. She was a daughter of James Carson Elliott (1845-1936), a Cleveland County Confederate veteran (Co. F, 56th Regiment, N.C. Troops), well known in the area as a teacher, writer, and rural raconteur, who was the first mayor of Cherryville, and Biddy Gettys Elliott (1853-1897), of Rutherford County. As faithful to the Methodist persuasion as her husband to the Baptist, she came to live on the "Beam place," and they made their home on a hill above Magness Creek. Over time, what had originally been a log house was enlarged and covered in siding — the resultant two-storied Victorian farmhouse was painted yellow, and for a long time boasted the only coat of house paint in that area of the county. Their union was blessed by seven children, six girls and a boy, who have maintained their forebearers' interest in both religion and civic affairs, and who have found their occupations in education, nursing, and housekeeping, as well as farming, poultry breeding, and local politics.

Charlotte Susan Beam, a retired school teacher, taught for 45 years in the public schools of Cleveland, Rutherford, and Stanly counties, returning in retirement to her home on a part of the Beam farm. Lillian Biddy Beam married Nicus A. Hicks; they made their home in Norris, Tennessee, where they raised two children, Mayron and Doris. She, too, taught in Cleveland County, then worked for a number of years for T.V.A. in Knoxville. Delia Elizabeth Beam, a registered nurse, married Edwin Smiley and lived in Tennessee. They had two children, Barbara and Edwin Douglas. Esther Barbara Beam who was also a teacher, married Joseph Winfred Gaddy of Albemarle, N.C.

Rachel Irvin, and Claudia Irvin. (5) Jordon Beam b. August 2, 1819 never married. (6) Ann Long Beam b. July 14, 1822 m. Walton W. Green. To this union was born one son, Sam Green. (7) Sarah Beam b. June 22, 1825 m. John Paxton Elliott. To this union were born ten children: Christopher Beam Elliott, Mary Donoho Elliott, Margaret Gordon Elliott, Thomas Forbis Elliott, Oliver Beam Elliott, Ann Elizabeth Elliott, Sarah Susan Elliott, John Daniel Elliott, Andrew Jackson Elliott, and Robert Lafayette Elliott. (8) Esther Beam b. July 21, 1828 never married. (9) Oliver P. Beam b. January 21, 1832 m. Dicy Tucker. To this union were born two children; Margaret Beam and Lafayette Beam who lived in Texas. (10) Marquis Lafayette b. October 30, 1835 never married.

Oliver P. Beam and Marquis Lafayette were killed at Petersburg, Virginia on June 23, 1864. This was a very sad time for Margaret Gordon Beam. Her two youngest sons were killed. Marquis Lafayette had written her many letters during the war years and then a letter came on June 25, 1864 from H.H. Green saying he and his brother had been shot down on June 23, 1864. She wore a black armband many days in their memory.

Christopher Beam died May 27, 1849 and is buried at Zion Baptist Church. His wife survived him many years. After the sale of the Christopher Beam estate, Margaret Beam lived with her daughter, Sarah, who married John Paxton Elliott. She died May 7, 1873 and was buried beside her husband Christopher Beam at the Zion Baptist Church cemetery.

Sources: The information on the family of Christopher Beam and Margaret Gordon Beam was taken from a *Book of Sermons* owned by James Gordon. This book was printed by Gil Martin and Jo Wotherspoon Edinburgh. MDCCCLXII Sold at their printing office: Gil Martin and Jo Wotherspoon, Advocate's — close, Luckenbooths, and by the booksellers in Town and Country. Other information from *The Life Of J.T. Beam and His Fifteen Children* by A.R. Beam — 1898.

— Mary Gordon Elliott



David Anderson and Elizabeth Beam, Wedding picture December 26, 1901

There they raised two sons, David Winfred and Charles Elliott, and, after her husband's death in 1968, she moved back to Shelby. Meredith Mae Beam a registered nurse, married Willie Coleman Doggett, and raised two boys in Shelby, Coleman Anderson and George. David Elliott Beam, only son of David A., married Ruth Azelia Spurling — their three children are Conrad, Frederick, and Selvia Elizabeth. A successful poultry breeder and hatcheryman from 1948 until his retirement in 1979, he converted "the old home place" into Beamsdale Poultry Farm and Hatchery, and built a lovely, modern brick home on the site of the old Victorian farmhouse. He was a County Commissioner, 1960-1966, and Chairman, 1964-'66. Nancy Leona Beam married John Harrell McBrayer, who served in the army during World War II as an officer in chemical warfare. They make their home in Shelby, where they have raised three children, Elizabeth, John, and James.

Today the grandchildren and great grandchildren of David A. Beam are scattered about the nation, but family roots remain deep in the soil of Cleveland County, where the Beam family continues to hold its reunion each fall.

Sources: Beam family history, census, directly obtained information.

— David Winfred Gaddy

THE DAVID ELLIOTT BEAM FAMILY

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David Elliott Beam of "Beamsdale" at Lawndale was born May 15, 1912, the only son of David Anderson Beam (q.v.) and Elizabeth Lee Elliott, both of old Cleveland County families. Inheriting the tall, lanky frame of his mother's family, David towered above his father, and came to earn the nick-name, "Big David". As a youth he had the urge to join the army, so he journeyed to Fort Bragg, where he was disappointed at being rejected by the examining doctor because of a skipping heart, which was not known before. The doctor said, "The army needs men of slow mule disposition. A high spirited race horse will break down in no time." To help overcome his dejected feeling, David continued east to the beach before hitchhiking home. During the Great Depression years he hitch-hiked through the States and to see the Chicago World's Fair.

After attending North Carolina State University in Raleigh, Beam returned to his home and farmed alongside his father. On January 10, 1936, he married Ruth Azelia Spurling (born April 10, 1914) and they made their home with his parents. Upon the death of his father the following year, David took over the running of the farm. He experimented with poultry and beef cattle breeding, and in 1948 established his business as Beamsdale Poultry Farm and Hatchery. He retired from the poultry business in 1979 and continues to find contentment with the cattle. Through these endeavors, he was ably assisted by his wife, Ruth. Both have been active in their New Bethel Baptist Church and have maintained a keen interest in civic and political affairs as staunch Democrats.

As a community leader, Mr. Beam served as

a County Commissioner from 1960-'66, holding the position of Chairmen 1964-'66. He was among the organizers of the Cleveland County Historical Association and served as its first vice-president. He aided in the creation of the Historical Museum and served as chairman of the committee to set up the Founders Room. In 1972-'74 he was chairman of the Cleveland County Democratic Party, and in 1977 he and his wife attended the inauguration of President Carter as part of the North Carolina delegation.

Upper Cleveland County is about to realize in 1982 one of its greatest accomplishments — that of a rural water system including a filtering plant on First Broad River. David Beam has strived diligently for many years to help bring this about. He is serving as chairman of this Upper Cleveland County Sanitary District.

Three children were born to David and Ruth Beam. David Conrad (born March 1, 1938) was graduated from North Carolina State University and commissioned 2nd Lieutenant of US Army Chemical Corps. In March 1961 Conrad was assigned to the 7th Chemical Company at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. He completed jungle warfare training at Fort Sherman, Panama, Canal Zone as first in his class. He served a two year tour, spending most of this time in Europe, stationed in Hanau, Germany. Conrad joined the active reserve and in 1966 was promoted to Captain, US Army Reserve. On June 30, 1963, he married Rebecca Warlick Putnam (born April 13, 1941). They have three children, Susan Rebecca born July 1, 1966; Barbara Ann born May 23, 1969; and David Jonathan born December 8, 1970. They make their home in Charlotte, where Conrad is employed with Celanese.

James Frederick (March 10, 1940) attended Nashville (Tennessee) Auto Diesel College and is employed by the N.C. Department of Transportation, Highway Division, as a master mechanic. On December 22, 1963, he married Margaret Louise Owens (March 1, 1942). They have built a lovely home on a portion of "Beamsdale", where they live with their three children: Julie Ann born January 20, 1966, Nancy Elizabeth born May 17, 1970; and James Frederick, II born March 23, 1972. Selvia Elizabeth Beam (born October 9, 1946) attended Saint Andrews Presbyterian College at Laurinburg, North Carolina and was employed by Eastern Airlines before marriage. She was married on April 5, 1980, to James Willis Brown, Jr. of Sumter, South Carolina. They have two daughters — Caroline Elizabeth was born February 20, 1981 in Sumter, SC. Laura Ashley was born March 28, 1982 in Charlotte, North Carolina where the family now resides.

Sources: family records.

— David Gaddy

THE HERMAN ALEXANDER BEAM FAMILY

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Herman Alexander Beam (b. May 26, 1894, d. Mar. 3, 1978) was one of nine children born to David Columbus and Josephine Alexander Beam of Fallston, North Carolina.

Herman was first married to Lura Gardner Beam. Child: Rebecca Beam graduated from Fallston High School, Converse College, and the Julliard School of Music, New York, New York, with a degree in church music. She married Donald Kirby of Detroit, Michigan. Two sons: Kevin Kirby and Alexander "Alex" Kirby.

Herman and Ellen Baxter Beam of Fallston were later married in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Ellen graduated from Fallston High School; Lenoir Rhyne College; M.A. degree Columbia University, New York, New York.

Herman completed school in Fallston and later had an intensive electrical course at Clemson College. He volunteered for military service during World War I serving in the Army in France. He and his sister, Cera Beam, Registered Nurse with American Red Cross, met by accident, at the home of Joan of Arc. Happy meeting! Later, he wrote a letter home while sitting at the table in the Hall of Mirrors in the Palace of Versailles where the peace treaty was signed two weeks earlier.

Herman returned home to enter Piedmont Boarding School in Lawndale for a course in business. Upon completion of the course, he accepted a job offer with First National Bank in Shelby, North Carolina, remaining there for about three years. When the bank officials decided to open a branch bank in Fallston in 1923, Herman was asked to become its manager, and remained in that position for about 40 years. On retiring from the bank, he opened and operated Security Insurance and Service Corporation in Fallston until his death.

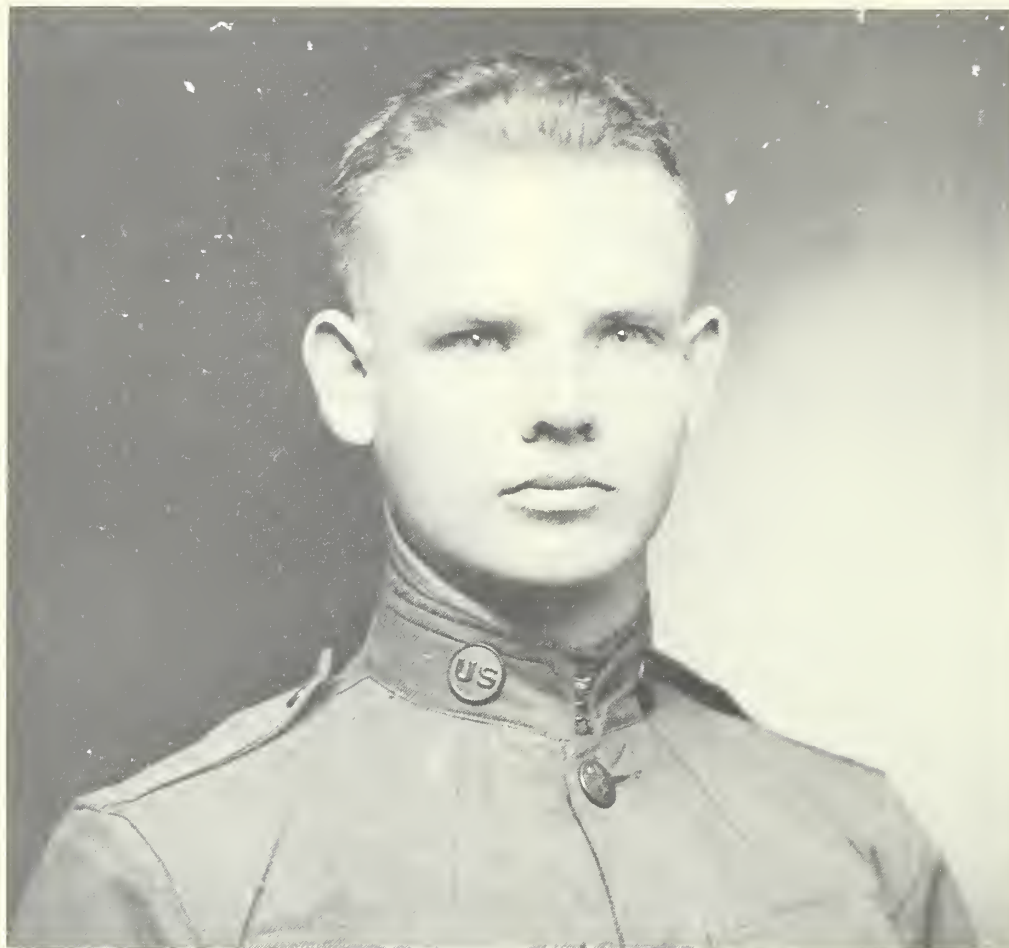
Herman was a doer. After leaving the bank he often spent as much time on community and church projects as he did in his own business. At one point in time his faithful secretary Joan Harmon said, "Mr. Beam, I'm going to have to put a 'for sale' sign in front of this office if it can't have more of your time."

Herman was a community promoter and was at his happiest when trying to make things he envisioned become realities for the betterment of all. He liked excellence in all things and put forth tremendous effort in all his undertakings.

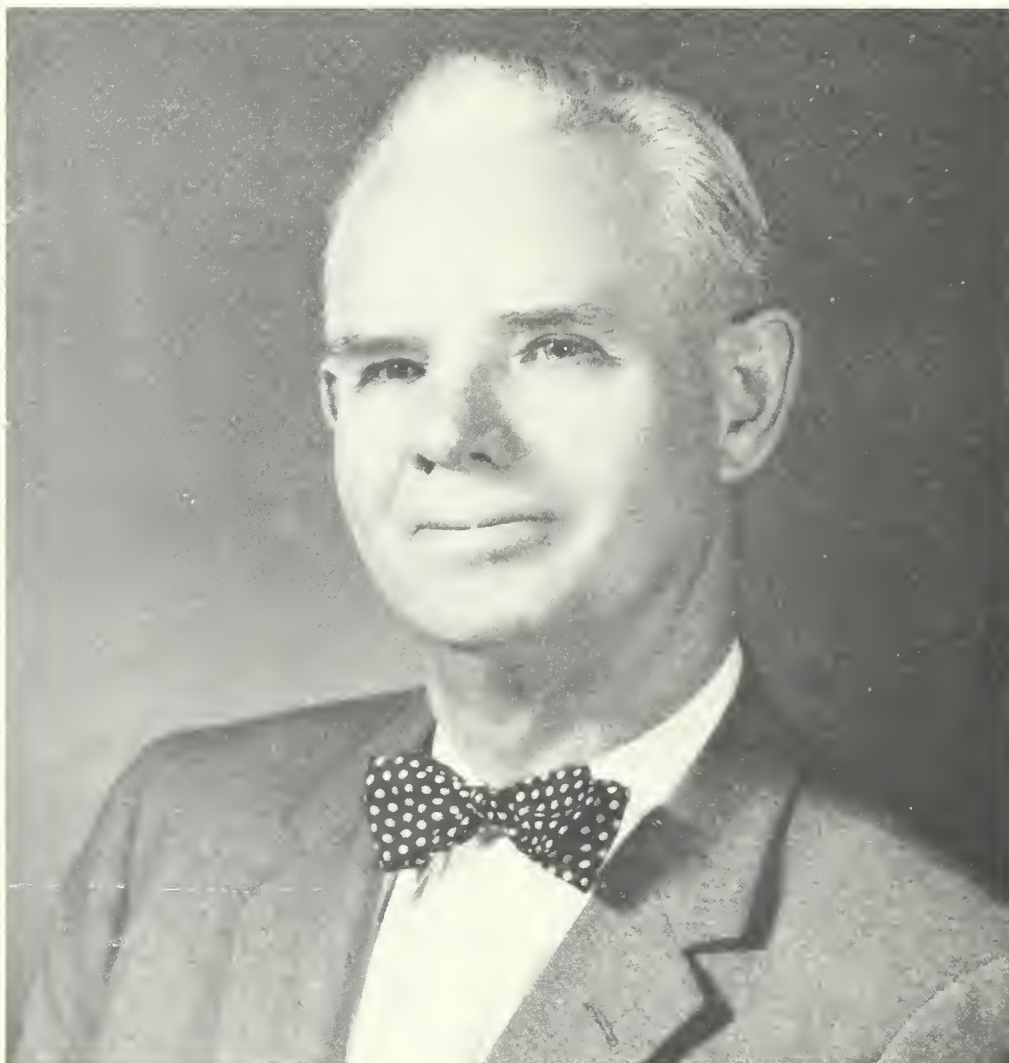
In 1939 Herman was elected to serve as Chairman of the Building and Grounds of Fallston Baptist Church. In the spirit of christian love and helpfulness, he served in that position for thirty-eight years. During those years the present church building (1940) and Pastorium (1950) were erected. In 1967 a new vestibule, steeple, and lighting were added, along with air conditioning in 1970. Herman gave about three acres of land for the present church. He also donated the lot for the Pastorium. During each of those years he spent many hours at manual labor about the church.

Herman, a member known always for his devotion, love and support to his pastors, his church, and its work, served with heartfelt sincerity on various other committees and as a deacon and Sunday school teacher throughout the years of his life.

In 1960, Herman decided Fallston community needed an industry. Realizing Fallston must have a water system to attract industry, he sought and received the necessary help in



Herman Alexander Beam, 1917



Herman Alexander Beam, 1973

this endeavor from our U.S. Representative, James Broyhill, of Lenoir, North Carolina, and John Ed Davis, Fa. H.A. Director in Shelby, North Carolina.

After months of negotiations through personal visits, letters, and telephone conversations — the great telephone call came to Herman at his office from Representative Broyhill in Washington, D.C. The Federal Government had granted to the community of Fallston *the first rural Federally funded water system in the nation*. A local committee was then formed through the Fallston Lion's Club to expand the idea to a supportive community.

Less than two years later, two deep wells had been drilled, the water lines laid, a water tank erected and Fallston city water was turned on. During the construction done by Col. H.K. Dickson Engineering firm of Charlotte, North Carolina, Herman was present for all the hours of drilling, laying of water lines, and the erection of the water tank. Col. Dickson said of Herman, "I have never seen, or known a man like Herman Beam. He says he was not trained as an engineer but he has the insight, knowledge, and expertise of a skilled engineer."

With the water system a reality, Herman then turned his attention and efforts to securing industries for the community. He brought a prospect to Fallston and asked him to choose a site he would like for his plant. Herman immediately took an option on the land. Then again, a community committee, through the dedicated Lion's Club was formed to help sell stock for the development of Fallston Industrial Park. Herman ultimately purchased two-thirds of the stock to get the project underway. Two years later, Starview Sportswear Inc. opened its doors as Fallston's first industry. Cy Ledgin was the happy owner and operator. Within two more years a sock manufacturing plant and box factory opened for business in Fallston Industrial Park.

Shadowline, an outstanding manufacturer of lingerie, now has a large plant in the Park.

Joseph C. Whisnant, a Shelby attorney who worked closely with Herman on legal matters along the way, said at the time of Herman's death, "Much of what Fallston is today can be attributed directly to the personal interest and efforts of Herman Beam throughout the years. The water tank itself stands as a personal monument to Herman Beam."

Herman served, at the request of the Cleveland County Board of Education, as a member of a select committee of five for the promotion of "Better High Schools for Cleveland County" through consolidation. Herman early secured options on three tracts of land for the high school in upper Cleveland County. One of the sites was chosen for the present Burn's High School.

Herman was instrumental in securing curbing and sidewalks for the two main streets in Fallston, especially for the safety of children who walked to school. Roy Dedmon, District Highway Commissioner, helped to bring that to fruition.

Herman left a trust fund of \$50,000 in memory of Herman A. Beam and wife Ellen to Christian Service Foundation — Gardner Webb College of which Herman and Ellen were charter members.

Herman was a 33rd Degree Mason and Shriner, a member of the Fallston Lion's Club in which he held numerous offices, a member of the Town Council, the Upper Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, President of the Fallston Water System, and President of Fallston Industrial Committee.

Herman was a gentleman — kind, generous, conscientious, capable, and devoted to a cause.

Sources: Family records, personal letter files, Herman's sister, church records, Cleveland County court records, personal papers, Joan Harmon — personal secretary for 23 years, personal knowledge and memories. See articles of tribute to Herman in Tribute Section in back of book.

— Ellen Baxter Beam

JOSHUA BEAM

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Joshua Beam, son of John Teeter Beam, was born July 16, 1800, in his father's home on Buffalo Creek, then in Lincoln County. Teeter Beam died in 1807, leaving his widow, son Joshua, and his younger brother Aaron in the homestead (youngest of Teeter's fifteen children). Widow Elizabeth Beam (m. 1781) had 366 acres in dower rights — both sides of Buffalo Creek including home site. In 1833 she began releasing her rights to the heirs of Teeter Beam and in the 1830's Joshua acquired the homestead, store, corn, and sawmills that belonged to his father.

On Oct. 7, 1830 Joshua married Matilda Mauney (b. Feb. 20, 1812 — d. Aug. 18, 1845). He became a successful planter and with Jacob Anthony began a merchant trade through the port at Charleston. Beam purchased land there and in Alabama.

The Beam site on New Prospect Road at Buffalo Creek is historically important in the establishment of Cleveland County. At the age of thirty-six Joshua was still living at the Teeter Beam homestead when he was host for a gathering of leading citizens from lower Rutherford and upper Lincoln counties to plan for a petition to the next N.C. General Assembly to organize a new county for that area. The meeting was on Sept. 22, 1836. Cleveland County court met first in 1841. Joshua Beam was the first trustee, a justice of the peace and in 1846-47, the second county N.C. General Assembly representative.

Around 1841, Joshua built a large new home up the hill, west of his father's homestead (which burned). His wife and mother died there before 1846. On May 14, 1848, he married Susan Heavner (b. Oct. 24, 1849).

In 1850 he owned a large estate and eighteen slaves, engaged in iron manufacturing while continuing his merchant trade, and had an interest in two gold mines. With the changing economy around 1860, Beam turned to tobacco production as a major source of income.

A nephew, Aaron Beam, lived with his uncle's family many years, and he described many interesting details of family personalities and life on this busy plantation in his *History of the John T. Beam Family of Fifteen Children*.

After the death of Joshua Beam Feb. 12, 1869, his widow Susan lived in their home

with various family members until her death Apr. 26, 1902. They are buried in the Beam family plot in New Prospect Church cemetery.

A number of land transfers took place before the Joshua Beam house and land around it were bought by descendants of their daughter Matilda Beam Lattimore. The house was restored in 1952 by Matilda Lattimore and her husband Roy W. Morris.

In July, 1980, one of Cleveland County's oldest historic homes was entered in the National Register of Historic Homes — the Joshua Beam Home. The 150-acre farm is also owned by his great-great-great-granddaughter, Sue Morris Hopper (Mrs. Alton Hopper Jr.).

Joshua Beam was the father of seventeen children. The seven children (and spouses) of Matilda and Joshua Beam and the children of Susan and Joshua (with their spouses) are listed in the Joshua Beam File in the Cleveland County Museum.

Sources: (J.T.) Beam History County Records Family Bible

— Bea Morris

JOSEPH LUTHER BEAM

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Joseph Luther Beam, the son of David Christie and Lizzie Nora Camp Beam, was born April 20, 1898 at the home of his parents in Cleveland County near Shelby, N.C. He attended Elizabeth School, and worked with his father until his marriage.

Joe and Addie Mae Barnett were married November 19, 1919. They had six children, four sons and two daughters. David Eugene Beam was born May 8, 1921. Eugene married Mary Sue Morehead, and they have two children, Donna Lynn Beam and David Christie Beam. Hubert Franklin Beam was born February 15, 1923. He was married to Louise Costner. They had two children, Cecelia Starr and Joseph Vance Beam. Hubert died December 18, 1966 and was buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, N.C. Mattie Sue Beam was born June 20, 1925. She married John Randolph Lowery and they have one daughter, Gayla Sue Lowery. Ruby Isadore Beam was born May 17, 1927. She is married to William Glenn Sperling and they have two daughters, Carolyn Jane Sperling and Nancy Ruth Sperling. Buford Wray Beam was born April 14, 1933. He is married to Doris Ann Paxton. They have four children, Donald Wray Beam, Teresa Ann Beam, Alica Addie Beam and Myra Suzette Beam. Joseph Jackson Beam was born January 11, 1941. He is married to Madge Pack and has two children, Philip Jackson Beam and Sandra Mae Beam.

Joe and Addie bought a farm in Number Three township near Pleasant Hill Church shortly after they were married, and it was there that they reared their children. They all worked together on the family farm, and were active members of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

During World War II the older sons, Eugene and Hubert, were drafted into the U.S. Air Force. With a shortage of labor on the farm, Joe and Addie moved to Shelby and he served as Cleveland County Jailer for two years. He

had served as a County Deputy for a number of years and had also worked with the Shelby Police Department.

When Joe and his family moved back to the farm in 1946 he and Addie saw the need for recreation for the youth and decided to build a public swimming pool on their farm. This was the beginning of Joe's Lake which was operated by Joe and Addie. The younger boys, Wray and Jack served as life guards. Joe's Lake was enjoyed by children and adults of all ages.

Addie died October 4, 1954 and was buried at Pleasat Hill Baptist Church. Joe continued to operate the swimming pool until his retirement.

Joe married Ruby Hawkins in 1955 and still lives at the family home on Joe's Lake Road near Shelby, N.C.

Sources: Family records.

— Jack Beam

MARCUS COLUMBUS and WILLIE ETTA HOYLE BEAM

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Marcus C. Beam was born on December 1, 1886, in Cleveland County to Columbus and Jennie Baker Beam. He was one of ten children and a great-grandson of John Teeter Beam, the first Beam ancestor to come to America.

On September 16, 1908, Marcus married Willie Etta Hoyle, daughter of Van and Josephine London Hoyle. Willie was born on August 1, 1886, in Cleveland County. To this union were born ten children: Annie Laura, on July 30, 1909, who married Dever Greene; Josephine, on January 22, 1911, who married Marvin Fortenberry; Woodrow, on November 25, 1912, who married Annie Lou Harmon; Columbus, on July 22, 1914, who married Ruth Hamrick; Marcus E., on June 3, 1916, who married Alda Parker; Jennie Lou, on September 10, 1918, who married Garland Jones; Frances, on August 20, 1920, who married Marshall Wolfe; Mary Baker, on August 28, 1922, who married Floyd Mode; William B., on August 8, 1925, who married Helen Quinn; and Jeanne, on February 25, 1928, who married Wallace Early.

Life on our farm was a lot of hard work during the growing season. We grew cotton, corn, and small grain crops, and all of us worked in the fields. We had a large garden and our mother, with the help of the older children, canned vegetables, fruits, and meats for our winter use. We had a good orchard and dried many pounds of apples and peaches during the hot summer months.

My father and brothers were busy in winter sawing and cutting wood for the fireplace and the big Home Comfort range on which our mother prepared many delicious meals for her family. She was a great cook and it was not uncommon for her to bake eight pies during the working season. Her days were always full with ten children to cook and sew for. She did lots of patching our jeans back then as we had to wear them until they were threadbare.

We usually took Saturday afternoon off from

farm work to get ready for Sunday. My father took the eggs and home-churned butter to Shelby. There he traded them for the things we didn't have, such as bath soap, sugar, soda, baking powder, and salt. My mother made her own lye soap for the laundry when we were growing up. We children always looked forward to a treat when our father got back from Shelby. He would sit down with the two youngest on his knees and give all of us some candy. In those days Christmas time was the only time we had plenty of fruit. Santa Claus always saw to it that we got plenty of nuts, raisins, oranges, tangerines, and apples for Christmas.

Our parents, Marcus and Willie, were wonderful people. They were lifetime members of New Prospect Baptist Church where we attended the services each Sunday. We had a happy life and I treasure the memories of those many years when we didn't have electricity or modern conveniences.

After a lingering illness, Marcus died on February 9, 1960. On June 18, 1965, Willie Etta passed away. As of this writing, February 18, 1982, all ten children are living. We keep in touch and have a family get-together each year at Christmas.

Sources: Family records

— Mrs. Frances B. Wolfe

THOMAS "TOM" PHILLIP BEAM

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Thomas "Tom" Phillip Beam, son of Christopher Columbus Beam and Amanda Jenny Baker Beam, was born July 10, 1884, in Cleveland County, North Carolina, the oldest of ten children. He attended the local community schools for several years. Then he went to Piedmont Boarding School in Lawndale, North Carolina, where, along with school work, he met Cora Madda Burns.

On August 25, 1905, at the age of twenty-one, he married Cora Madda Burns, twenty, daughter of William Burns and Fannie Lou Hamrick Burns of nearby Rutherford County. The newly wed couple made their home in Cleveland County for several years and then went to Tennessee for a year. One other short period was spent in Polk County, North Carolina before settling in Rutherford County where Tom purchased some land near Ellenboro, North Carolina; and he and a brother, Josh, built his home from rocks gathered in the nearby fields.

Tom truck farmed for a living, carrying the produce from his crops to Asheville to the Farmers' Market and to various other mountain areas, sometimes even to Tennessee, to sell. Meanwhile, Cora was busy at home taking care of her home and raising their family, as well as at times helping in the fields to plant, hoe, tend and pick the crops. The girls shared in helping with the crops as they became old enough. In later years, Tom raised hogs and marketed them for a living. Many times he would have probably forty to fifty sows and numerous pigs.

In their sixty-two years of marriage, Tom

and Cora had six children — all daughters:

Louise (July 14, 1906) married Otto Moore;

Daisy (December 20, 1907) married E. Yates Spangler;

Tennis (May 2, 1910) married Cyrus Wilson;

Meredith (September 22, 1912) married Reid Bedford;

Elizabeth (December 9, 1915) married Esko Brackett;

Madeline (October 23, 1917 — September 20, 1918).

Cora crocheted, tatted and made quilts when not busy with the regular work. She made enough quilts so they would have plenty to use and then made one for each of her granddaughters. At that time, quilts were made to be used to keep warm, not as decorative items like many today. They used whatever scraps of material they had and formed them into beautiful patterns and designs. Crocheted and tatted items were made for tables, chair back and arms, as well as tableclothes and trim.

TV was a rather new device on the market the last several years of Tom's life. He would never give in to have one and never watched one to amount to anything. Cora enjoyed watching the cartoons and the news, but even when she had a TV in the house the last year or so of her life, she only watched occasionally. Radio was a different story. It was a daily ritual to turn the radio on for the news, weather and obituaries. When time permitted, there were other favorite programs, too.

They always enjoyed company coming. They loved to sit and talk about old times, old friends, politics and the changing world around them. Cora usually had some teacakes or some type of sweets cooked and the grandchildren always seemed to have hunger pains about the time they arrived.

Their house was surrounded by lovely flowers and trees. No grass, to amount to anything to mow, because beneath the trees was a garden of flowers — Siberian iris, old fashioned iris, daffodils, thrift, wildflowers of all kinds, etc. In the side yard, Tom had his favorite cannas. The front yard had a small goldfish pond. It was the grandchildren's delight to dip their hands or feet into this pond, stepping on the flowers around it as they went.

They always enjoyed going to the mountains. To Tom, it was going back to familiar territory where he had carried produce so many times. And then there was always the beauty and magnificence of the rolling mountains that only God could have created.

Tom died January 3, 1968 at the age of eighty-three, and Cora died July 1, 1970 at the age of eighty-four. They are buried in the Ellenboro Baptist Church Cemetery.

Source: family Bible, personal knowledge

— Theresa Lowe

WILLIAM AARON BEAM FAMILY

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William Aaron Beam was born February 28, 1884 at the old home place one and one-half

miles northeast of New Prospect Baptist Church. He was one of six children born to Dr. Joshua Franklin and Eugenia Parham Beam. He grew up on the farm and helped his father with the farming operations since his father was a large land owner in Cleveland and Lincoln Counties.

He met and married Helen Payseur of the Tryon Community in Gaston County. They moved to the farm in Lincoln County known as the Parham Place near Rockdale. There he farmed and operated a sawmill powered with the steam engine. While living at the Parham Place, two daughters were born to them. Margaret Beam married Ernest Lee Bowers from Morganton, who was electrocuted several years later at the Morganton High School Ball Park near Grace Hospital. Five days later, their only son, Ernest Lee Bowers, Jr., was born and now resides in Rock Hill, South Carolina, with his wife, Mabel. Margaret has since married Roby Williams of Valdese, North Carolina.

The second daughter, Gretchen Beam, married Herman D. Willis of Fallston and lives in the New Prospect Church Community. They have two sons. Their first son, Dennis, married twice, first Judy Martin of Cherryville, they had one daughter, Denise Willis. Dennis later married Judy Canipe of Cherryville and they have a son, Bryson Willis.

The second son, Stephen Aaron Willis, married Connie Dellinger of Lawndale and lives in the Fallston Community.

William Aaron and Helen Beam, with their two daughters, moved to the home place in the New Prospect Church Community. William Parham Beam, their only son, was born May 7, 1922. He as well as his sisters, grew up on the farm and attended and graduated from Waco High School. He served in the Quartermasters Corp during World War II. After the war he came back to the farm and married Mildred Fortenberry. They have one son, William Parham Beam, Jr., who graduated from Western Carolina University and he married Susan Spangler who also graduated from Western Carolina.

The fourth child, Lena Jo Beam, was born to this union and she married Larry Williams of Charlotte. She graduated from Kings Business College in Charlotte. Lena Jo and Larry Williams have four children. Larry Williams, Jr., of Charlotte; Kathy Williams who married Douglas Griffin of Charlotte, (they have a daughter, Shannon.); Debra Williams resides with her mother in Boone, North Carolina; and Joe Beam Williams, who lives with his wife, Suzanne, in Charlotte.

William Aaron Beam continued farming and was, also, a good finish carpenter and had a lot of mechanical ability. He could and did make some beautiful furniture. He loved machinery and was a fanatic about cleanliness. All machinery was properly oiled, greased and cleaned. He did custom work with his machinery for his neighbors and, also, helped his neighbors build barns and some of their houses. He sawed lumber with his sawmill for his own buildings and for the people in the community to build houses and barns.

He was contacted by the Rural Electrification Commission about the availability of

electricity for this community. He started signing up his neighbors from Waco through the New Prospect Church Community to near Highway 18 to the E.G. Clark Farm. It was a joyous time when lines were built and he had electricity for the first time.

William Aaron and Helen Beam were active members of New Prospect Baptist Church as well as all of their children. He was always interested in the church and participated in group maintenance of church cemetery. He always, with the help of others, built tables for the Annual Beam Reunion and attended each reunion.

William Aaron Beam passed away at his home on December 23, 1956, after a tumor was removed from his brain at Memorial Hospital in Charlotte. He was buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. He lived to be 72 years of age. His wife, Helen Beam, passed away in Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby, January 14, 1978, and was buried beside her husband at Sunset Cemetery, also. She lived to be 91 years of age.

Sources: Family knowledge, family records.

— Wm. Parham Beam, Sr.

JAMES LANDRUM BEASON, SR.

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James L. Beason was born in Cleveland County on August 30, 1925 to Belton Gibson Beason and Maggie Jane Hamrick Beason. He was the grandson of James Theodore Beason, Cora Lee Beason, John Landrum Hamrick and Docia Etta Green Hamrick. He was the brother of Robert Hoyle Beason, Billy Gibson Beason, Carl Lee Beason, and Margaret Beason White. Their homeplace and land is presently owned by Robert Hoyle Beason and Billy Gibson Beason.

Jim, his father, and his brother Carl, are deceased and buried in Cleveland County. His father died January 15, 1952 and his brother, Carl, on September 29, 1943.

Jim attended Boiling Springs Elementary School and Boiling Springs High School. He was a member of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church where he held many offices throughout the years, including positions of former deacon and R.A. leader.

Jim's father founded Cleveland Sandwich Company in 1926. Sandwiches were made in a small building on Main Street in Boiling Springs and then sold to concessions, particularly in textile mills, around the Carolinas. This same year, he opened the Snack Shop, on outlet for the Sandwich Company's product.

Jim grew up in the family business, starting to work at an early age, after school and on weekends. When his father died, he took over management and eventually acquired ownership from his mother. He worked there until his death. At the present time, his oldest son, James Beason, Jr. is managing the family business for his mother.

Jim was a Boiling Springs Town Commissioner from 1947 until 1975. He was a former chairman of the Democratic Committee in his district, a former board chairman at

Crawley Memorial Hospital; and, he also chaired the fund raising committee for Crawley Memorial.

A former trustee of Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs; Jim was a director of the Bulldog Club, and nominated as Bulldog of the year 1974-1975. He supported the basketball team faithfully, and attended almost all of their games, whether at home or away.

He was on the Board of Directors at Independence National Bank; he served as a Mason, and as a member of the Woodman of the World. Jim joined the Shelby Lions Club at an early age, and when the Boiling Springs Lions Club was organized he became a charter member.

Being a member of the Boy Scouts when young, he still enjoyed this club as an adult and went with the scouts to camp as a leader. For a number of years he served as a Scout Committeeman.

Jim married Helen Frances Whisenant, born May 2, 1923, daughter of Philip M. Whisenant and Lorena Cantrell Whisenant. Helen was a student at Boiling Springs Junior College when they first met. Jim and Helen were married a year later on August 31, 1941 in Chesnee, South Carolina.

Jim was the father of five children, three girls and two boys. Elizabeth Jane Beason, born 1942, and married Rodney R. Nolen. They have two sons, Scott and Jamie.

Mary Frances Beason, born 1944, was married to Talmadge Lee Turner. They have four children, Tammy, Chris, Todd, and Tricia.

Nancy Lee Beason, born 1946, married Tommy C. Greene. They have two children, Angie and Jonathon. They are now divorced.

James Landrum Beason, Jr., born 1956, married Sandra Leigh Sherman.

John Terry Beason, born 1959, married Elizabeth Ann Russell.

All five children and eight grandchildren were born in Cleveland County and still reside there with their families.

Jim had several hobbies. His favorite was going fishing with his friends. Every October he went to the Outer Banks of North Carolina with his brother Robert, and his friends Herman Howington, Horace Willis, and Ned Blanton. He also liked to water ski. Having a house at Lake Lure, North Carolina, Jim and his family spent most of the summer there fishing, skiing, boating, and entertaining friends. He also enjoyed cooking and inviting friends to his home.

On any Saturday, Jim could be found at the local flea markets with his good friend John Washburn. Looking for more antique White House Vinegar bottles to add to his prize collection was another of his favorite pastimes.

Jim died on June 28, 1981 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital at the age of 55. He was buried at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Sources: Family Bible, family memories.

— Helen Whisenant Beason

JAMES THEODORE BEASON FAMILY

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James Theodore "J.T." Beason (1869-1948) was born in Cleveland County between Boiling Springs and the Trinity Church Community. He was the eldest son of John Beason (1864-1913) and Elvira Jane Green (1851-1920). I have been told by elderly family members that J.T. Beason's grandfather's name was Robert and his great-grandfather's name was Joseph Beason, the first to come from Europe; they said Stokes, England. J.T. Beason had two brothers Charles and Cliff, and six sisters, Emma, Radar, Dovie, Della, Betty, and Evie. During his early years J.T. Beason lived with his father in a home which still stands today between Trinity and Mooresboro. It is known as the Morris Blalock home today.

As a young man, J.T. Beason met and married Cora Lee. They had five children, a daughter Pearl and sons, Wayland, Winburn Hubert and Belton Gibson (my father). Cora Lee Beason died around 1909 at a very early age, leaving J.T. Beason with children ages 9 to 18 to care for. He moved about from time to time as jobs required. For awhile he ran a mill store in Henrietta, later moved to Hendersonville, NC.

In the early 1920's, not long after marrying his second wife, Beuna Lee (1886-1951) J.T. Beason settled in Shelby, NC where he lived on North Morgan Street until his death in 1948. He spent the last 25 years or so as a traveling shoe salesman and was known affectionally as "Shoe Jim."

Belton Gibson Beason (1900-1952), my father, married a Boiling Springs native, Maggie Jane Hamrick (1901). Born to this union, were four sons, James Landrum, Robert Hoyle, Carl Lee, and Bill Gibson, and a daughter, Margaret Jane. Just after he was married, B.G. Beason operated a service station in Shelby for about a year, then in 1926 he moved to Boiling Springs and established a sandwich Manufacturing Company, Cleveland Sandwich Co., in the olde Bank Building on Main Street.

In the early years B.G. Beason made and delivered sandwiches to textile plants where they were pushed through the plants on "Dope Wagons" and sold to employees. Times were tough and he worked almost around the clock, but the business survived and grew. In 1933, tragedy struck and fire destroyed the business. B.G. Beason did not quit. Sandwiches went out on schedule the next day, thanks to generosity of Boiling Springs Junior College (now Gardner Webb) who allowed him to use their kitchen facilities. He rented another building in Boiling Springs until a new building could be constructed. B.G. Beason established the Snack Shop as a retail outlet for his sandwiches and this venture developed into a full fledged restaurant. The companies are still in operation today, after 56 years.

B.G. Beason was active in Civic and Community affairs. He supervised the construction of the Royster Clinic for free in order to save money for the project. He was a Charter member of the Boiling Springs Lions Club which he helped to establish. He was a deacon in the



Boiling Springs Baptist Church. He donated thousands of sandwiches to flood victims in Kentucky in the 1930's.

James Landrum Beason Sr. (1925-1981) (SEE BIOGRAPHY: JAMES LANDRUM BEASON SR.)

Robert Hoyles Beason (1926) was born in Shelby and attended public schools and Gardner Webb College in Boiling Springs. He graduated from UNC School of Pharmacy in Chapel Hill in 1951. While at Gardner Webb, he met and married a Gaston County native, Iva Jean Kincaid (1927). Two children were born to this marriage, a daughter, Sherry Jean and a son, James Theodore II.

After graduation Robert Beason came to work for Boiling Springs Drug Co., a company he established along with his father and W. Wyan Washburn, MD, in the fall of 1949. This was to be the first drug store in Boiling Springs to be operated by a pharmacist. Robert continued to operate the Company until November 1980, when he retired and the company was sold. Robert Beason lives with his wife, Iva Jean, a public school teacher, on Wall Avenue in Boiling Springs. He enjoys gardening, hunting, fishing, cooking, and singing in the church choir, where he has been a member for more than 25 years.

James Theodore Beason II (1954) is married to Cindy Gibbs. They have a daughter, Laura Ann (1980). Ted lives in Clayton, NC where he is a pharmaceutical Sales Representative.

Sherry Jean Beason (1954), married to Brian Baron, now divorced and lives on Hillcrest Street with her son Paul Robert Baron (1978). Sherry is a public teacher in Rutherford County.

Carl Lee Beason (1928-1942) contracted polio at age 2 and died at age 14.

Billy Gibson Beason (1930) married to Patricia Thompson (1930), have three sons, Carl Gibson, Belton Lee, and David Scott. Bill Beason attended public schools and Gardner Webb College in Boiling Springs. He served a tour of duty with United States Marines and later received a degree from State College Raleigh in Furniture Management. After graduation, he worked for furniture companies in Virginia for a few years. He returned to NC and was employed at Broyhill Furniture, where he climbed to plant manager. An organizational specialist he served as plant manager of three different plants until his retirement in 1980. Bill lives with his wife Patricia, a public school teacher in Lenoir, North Carolina, and enjoys gardening and working in his wood working shop.

Carl Gibson Beason, b. 1954, married to Debra Collins has one son, Joshua Isaac Beason b. 1979. He lives in Lenoir and is employed by Broyhill Industries.

Belton Lee Beason, b. 1958, lives in Rutherfordton, North Carolina, and is employed at Broyhill Industries.

David Scott Beason, b. 1960, is a student at NC State University in Raleigh.

Margaret Jane Beason, b. 1936, married to Charles Heyward White, lives in Boiling Springs, North Carolina, and has seven children and one grandchild.

Sources: Family members, Cemetery Personal knowledge

— Robert H. Beason

JOHN WILLIAM BELL

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John William Bell (born April 2, 1906) first arrived in Cleveland County during the mid 1920's. He was working this area selling automobile parts to garages and service stations.

A native of Rock Hill, South Carolina he was the son of Roby Eli Bell (1871-1949) and Margaret Bruce Bell (1881-1967). Named for his grandfathers John Lawrence Bell (1845-1922), and William Brasington Bruce (1844-1930), both residents of Heath Springs, South Carolina, he had inherited his instinct for business from both the Bell and Bruce families; as both were engaged in various business enterprises.

While boarding in Lawndale and working the Cleveland-Rutherford area, John met and married Mary Williamson, daughter of Charles (1867-1928) and Hester McMurry (1872-1961) Williamson of the Rehobeth Community.

John and Mary Bell started their first business of general merchandise and service station in 1929. "Bell's General Merchandise" was first located halfway between Lattimore and New House and soon became known as the "Route Four" store.

By the mid 1930's Mr. Bell had heard of a business in eastern Tennessee which took their line of merchandise to the rural mountain people in large van trucks. Upon visiting this operation, Mr. Bell purchased a used van and soon established Bell's Rolling Stores. Before long, his three rolling store trucks were covering all of rural Cleveland and Rutherford Counties. The trucks often covered a route of over 100 miles a day and usually visited each farm once a week.

Rather than an exchange of money for groceries, cloth, tools, or seed, often farm produce was exchanged for items on the trucks. Many nights the trucks returned to the "Route Four" store filled with farm items which had been traded, i.e. chickens, eggs, butter, molasses and home-grown produce.

In 1940 truck loads of chickens which had been traded began being shipped to Philadelphia several times a month. On the return



John W. Bell



John W. Bell's Rolling Store

trip to Cleveland County, used furniture and antiques were transported.

Business continually increased and additional stores, corn mills, and warehouses were needed to house the large variety of merchandise carried. Stores were opened in Hollis and Lattimore, in addition to the "Route Four" store, to expand the items carried to include appliances, groceries, small farm equipment, clothing, and antiques.

The Rolling Stores became so well known that in January 1940, a reporter for *The State* magazine rode on one Rolling Store route in order to write about the "Store on Wheels." The Rolling Store trucks continued their routes until the gas and tire shortages during World War II caused their retirement.

During the late 1940's the main headquarters for Bell Stores Incorporated moved to 136 Main Street, Lattimore and several years later the stores in Hollis and on "Route Four" were sold.

Bell's General Merchandise of Lattimore was expanded several times to carry a complete line of clothing, major appliances, farm equipment, household goods, shoes, groceries, gasoline, and antiques. There were few items customers could not find in one-step shopping with Bell's.

The Bell children, Marca, Billy, Robert, and Steve grew up in and around the store as both parents worked many long hours to insure a successful business with many satisfied customers.

The demand grew for major household appliances, and freight car loads of refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers, and ranges were often delivered to Lattimore by train. Mr. Bell's reputation for honest deals and low prices drew customers from as far away as Charlotte and Hickory.

In 1964 Mr. Bell decided to sell out his general merchandise line to Plonk Stores in Kings Mountain and concentrate on expanding his antique business which had always been a favorite with him.

As the antique business grew, tractor-trailer sized container loads of antiques from England, Portugal, Holland, and Denmark were

shipped to Bell's Antiques. His line of American and European antiques brought antique dealers from throughout the country to Lattimore.

John Bell died in 1973 at the age of 67 leaving the management and operation of Bell's Antiques to his wife Mary and son Steve.

The wholesale antique business continues to thrive today as honesty and fair trade continue to be a vital part of the business ideals John William Bell and Mary Williamson Bell first established in 1929.

Sources: Family knowledge.

— Joyce Davis Bell

THE THOMAS BENNETT FAMILY

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Thomas Bennett was born in Cornwall, England, December 18, 1801. He came to America before 1835 and worked in the Catawba Gold Mine south of Kings Mountain. He was a superintendent and made five dollars a day. Thomas married Nancy Costner and they lived on a farm on York Road (Highway 161) out of Kings Mountain. Some of the land remains with Bennett descendants, but the homeplace acre was recently sold for development.

Thomas's and Nancy's children were Joseph, April 24, 1836 — May 11, 1914, Elizabeth, November 13, 1838 — January 1, 1916 (1. Henry Huffstetler (2) Charles Foster), William, 1841 — March 11, 1914, (Margaret Adams), Sarah, April 15, 1842 — December 29, 1919, John 1845 — September 1, 1924 (Rhoda Roxannah Bumgardner), Mary, 1846 — died when a young girl, Benjamin, 1849 — died before 1870, Margaret Ann, 1852 — died before 1914 (David Mabry), Martha, February 2, 1855 — May 3, 1934 (Pinkney Bumgardner).

Thomas died December 7, 1856 and Nancy died February 7, 1891. Both are buried in Old Pisgah Cemetery off Highway 74 in Gaston County.

Joseph and William Bennett served in Company D, 14th Regiment (N.C.) Infantry, known as the "Cleveland Blues". Both served four

years and were present at the Battle of Gettysburg. John served with Company K, 49th Regiment (N.C.) Infantry for three years until his capture days before the Battle of the Craters in Petersburg, Virginia. He was in Elmira Prison, New York until the war's end, about ten months.

Joseph went to Texas after the war and made money in real estate. He went to England to investigate a legacy left to his father's heirs. He, in turn, willed his brothers and sisters his wealth.

William lived in the Crowders Mountain township and his children were William W., John Thomas and Joseph Wilson.

John raised his family on the Thomas Bennett farm and his children were Robert (Ella Lynch), Mary Alice (John Jones), James (Minnie Jones), Nona (John Ford), Ollie (Carl Mayfield), Wade (Nancy Ivester), Harvey (Isabelle Burgess), Arthur (Mary Jane Wright), and Guss Sales (Lillie Mae Ramsey).

Sarah and Elizabeth lived near John. Sarah's children were Frances Bennett Yates, Mollie B. Lanear, Zeb and Wes. Elizabeth's children were Lenora, William and David Huffstetler.

Margaret's children were John, Vinnie (Estridge), Joe, Dorus, Caleb, Ida (Barrett), Minnie (Whitesides), Viola (Briggs) and Gertie Mabry.

Martha's children were Benjamin Franklin, Charles Henderson, Ed and Laura Jane (Jenkins).

Robert moved to Toccoa, Georgia where he raised his family, Essie, Theno, Myrtle, Stonewall and Ethel. One of his descendants is Paul Anderson, Olympic weight lifter.

John's and William's children were among the founding members of Grace Methodist Church, Kings Mountain.

Many Bennett descendants live in Kings Mountain and surrounding cities. Some of the names are Thomasson, Blanton, Bumgardner, Gault, Mull, Early, Jolly, Whitesides, Yates, Huffstetler, Barrett, Jenkins, David, Wright, Kiser, Mabry, Farmer, Allen, Early, Martin, Eng, Ford, Lanear, Stringfellow, Owens, Ledford, Elgin, Rikard, Welch, Hayes, Creedmore, Nash, Wray, Lynn, Cobb, Wise, Russell, Chavis, Puckett and Stewart.

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— Mrs. Joan T. Owens

THE HERMAN ODELL BEST FAMILY

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Herman Odell Best was born July 18, 1915, in Shelby, North Carolina, the son of John McClanahan Best (1885-1941) and Anna Potts Best (1889-1972).

John McClanahan Best, Senior, was born in



Herman Odell Best Family. L to R: Margaret McInnis, David Herman, Jane Ann, Herman Odell.



John M. Best's First Furniture Store, 1909. Best on right.

Franklin County, North Carolina, the son of William McClanlian Best (1856-1929) and Dorothy Perry Best (1865-1960).

In 1904, John McClanlian Best, Senior, graduated in Accounting from Smithdeal Business College, Richmond, Virginia, and began his business career with Stough Cornelius Furniture Manufacturing Company of Cornelius, North Carolina.

In 1909, he married Anna Potts Best of the Gilead Community in Mecklenburg County, daughter of William Henry Potts (1849-1898) and Susan Anne Caldwell Potts (1851-1940). Anna Potts graduated from Linwood Female Academy, Gaston County, in 1908.

In 1908, Mr. Best opened a retail furniture

company in Gastonia and in 1912 moved to Shelby and founded the John M. Best Furniture Company which also included an undertaking department — a combination often found in those days. Many older Cleveland County families will recall "starting to house-keeping" with furniture purchased at Mr. Best's store and some will remember the burial of family members by his funeral division. Especially remembered is the "flu epidemic" of 1918 when many died. During this time, five members of one family were buried by Mr. Best.

Herman Best remembers as a boy some Saturdays when folks would come with a team of mules and wagon to buy a load of furniture.

In those days, a cook stove cost as little as \$15.00, a table and six chairs \$10.00, and an iron bed \$4.50. A young married couple could "go to housekeeping" with \$50.00 worth of new furniture.

Furniture was a popular business in the Best family. Herman's mother, Anna, served as office manager of the family store for many years. His grandparents owned a furniture store in Franklinton, his uncle, one in Lumberton, and after attending Shelby City Schools and Davidson College, Herman joined his parents in the family business.

After returning from World War II, where he served in the Army Quartermaster Corps, Herman established a furniture manufacturing company in Shelby. In 1959, he closed out the retail store which was begun by his father. In 1962, he sold the furniture manufacturing company to Drexel Furniture Company. He presently is a real estate broker and building contractor.

Herman's brother, John McClanlian Best, Junior, attended Shelby City Schools and Davidson College. He became a well known professional trumpet player, and lives in La Jolla, California.

Herman's sister, Sara (Best) Dula Belvin, attended Shelby City Schools and UNC at Greensboro, and lives in Durham.

On February 27, 1945, Herman Odell Best married Margaret McInnis at Red Springs, North Carolina. Margaret was born September 26, 1919. Her father, Neil McInnis, Junior (1887-1939), a Presbyterian minister, was born in Dillon County, South Carolina. He was educated at Davidson College and Columbia Theological Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina. Margaret's mother, Janie Thomas Hamer McInnis (1890-1961) was born near Maxton, North Carolina, and graduated in nursing at Highsmith's Hospital, Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Margaret graduated from Philadelphus High School and Flora McDonald College (1940), both in Red Springs. She taught school both in Red Springs and Lincolnton until her marriage to Herman Best.

Herman and Margaret Best have two children, Jane Ann Best and David Herman Best.

Jane Ann Best was born October 9, 1949. She attended Shelby City Schools and received a B.A. degree from Limestone College (1971) and an M.A. degree from Appalachian University (1975). She is in the real estate business and lives in Morganton, North Carolina.

David Herman Best was born June 8, 1954. He attended Shelby City Schools and received a B.A. degree from Gardner Webb College (1975), and a M.Div. degree from Southeastern Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina (1978). He is presently Minister of Education and Youth at the First Baptist Church, Belmont, North Carolina, and is married to the former Jane Brogden of Alcolu, South Carolina, also a graduate of Southeastern Theological Seminary (1979). They have a son, John David Best, born March 6, 1981.

Herman and Margaret Best are active members of the First Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina. Mr. Best is a deacon and both have served for many years as Sunday School



John McClanion, Sr. and Anna Potts Best home on S. Washington Street, Shelby, North Carolina.

teachers and in various other leadership capacities.

Herman and son, David, have been active in Scouting. Both are Eagle Scouts.

Margaret Best is a member of the Chicora Literary Club.

Sources: Historical records of Mrs. Anna Potts Best, the Potts Family Bible, the *McQueens of Queensdale*, and Hamer and McInnis family papers.

— Margaret McInnis Best

THE A.E. and LEOLA AUSTELL BETTIS FAMILY

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"While making a public talk, closing a service in New Hope Baptist Church, Earl, Sunday at noon endorsing the Centennial campaign to raise funds with which to make Boiling Springs High School, a junior college, Mr. A.E. Bettis, prominent merchant, farmer, and religious leader, reeled on his feet and fell dead with the eyes of the large congregation fixed upon him and the ears of his hearers listening intently as they had so often listened to his lips utter appeals for kingdom extension." The Thursday, April 26, 1928 edition of the *Greer Citizen* carried this excerpt from an article in the *Cleveland Star* pertaining to the death of A.E. Bettis, widower and father of eight.

Allen Erastus Bettis ventured to Cleveland County with his family during the Civil War to flee the political unrest of Eastern Tennessee's Jefferson County. He was born July 13, 1854, the son of Allen E. Bettis (1812-1886) and Catherine Witt (1814-1883). His paternal grandparents were Bradley Bettis (1787-1840) and Frances Walker (1783-1840). His great-grandfather, Joseph Emsley Bettis, settled in the area of Dandridge, Tennessee around 1800. A.E.'s maternal grandparents were Daniel Taylor Witt (1790-1871) and Ingabo Skeen (died around 1863).

A.E. arrived in North Carolina with his parents, a brother, Albert, and a sister, Frances Ingabo. Five older children remained in Tennessee. After establishing a home for his family

near Earl, Allen gradually became involved in local affairs and represented Cleveland County in the North Carolina General Assembly in Raleigh from 1874-1875. Allen Bettis died in 1886 and was buried at New Hope Baptist Church cemetery. His wife was buried in Tennessee at her request.

A.E. Bettis married Leola Austell November 28, 1878. Leola was born January 5, 1861, the daughter of Joseph Hopson Austell (1832-1910) and Mary Jane Borders (1838-1928). Her paternal grandparents were William Austell (1799-1871) and Catherine Lipscomb (1812-1895). Leola's maternal grandparents were Major Hugh Borders (1804-1888) and Luvicy Sepaugh (1809-1883).

A.E. and Leola Bettis had eight children to live to adulthood, having lost one in infancy. Leola Bettis died suddenly of a heart attack in the front yard of her Earl home April 14, 1921. Both Leola and A.E. were buried at New Hope.

Their first child, William French Bettis, was born September 21, 1879. On February 8,



A.E. and Leola Austell Bettis Family. Standing L to R: Sallie, Will, Baxter, A.E., Austell. Seated: Leola holding Freeloove. On ground: Hugh, Kate, Leitha.

1912, he married Corrie Towery (born 1886), the daughter of Pinkney and Sarah Brackett Towery. No children were born to this union. Will died March 20, 1960. Corrie lived until December 19, 1978. Both were buried at New Hope.

Sallie Bettis was born December 2, 1882 and never married. She lived with her brother, Baxter, in Earl. Sallie died January 18, 1971. Baxter Bettis was born October 3, 1884 and like his sister never married. He operated a general merchandise store in Earl and died October 26, 1966. Both Baxter and Sallie were buried beside their parents.

Hugh Bettis was born August 15, 1887 and married Epsie Mae Lowery November 12, 1910. Born November 25, 1891, Epsie was the daughter of D.B. and Margaret Bridges Lowery. After giving birth to five children and losing several infants, Epsie died January 10, 1921. The children of this union were Virginia Louise, Eugene Wryley, Allen Lowery, Hugh, Jr., and Harold Lee. On June 1, 1922, Hugh married Mattie Beam, the daughter of Bert and Jennie Beam of Shelby. They had no children. Hugh died May 12, 1963 and Mattie followed on May 21, 1981. Both were buried at New Hope. The descendants of Hugh Bettis include three remaining children, nine grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Kate Bettis was born June 29, 1891. She married Robert White October 9, 1929 and had one son, Robert E. White, Jr. (1931-1976). Kate died January 18, 1962 and left three grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Austell Allen Bettis was born June 6, 1894 and married Zelia Elizabeth Hopper December 24, 1914. The daughter of Lanceford Hopper and Mary Ollie Wilson, Zelia was born April 27, 1896. Austell and Zelia had nine children: Howard Bernard, Mary Love, Austell Allen, Jr., Randolph, William Baxter, Gene, Donald, Leola, and Allen Erastus. Zelia died April 18, 1951 and Austell followed on November 24, 1951. Their descendants include eight surviving children, eighteen grandchildren, and thirteen great-grandchildren.

Leitha Bettis was born November 6, 1896 and married Garry Hill Hamrick August 18, 1930. The son of George W. Hamrick and Phoebe Washburn, Garry was born May 17, 1889. He died September 24, 1958 and was buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. Garry and Leitha had no children.

Freelove Bettis was born November 18, 1898 and married George Dennis Washburn on June 6, 1925. Born July 5, 1896, George was the son of Seaton A. Washburn and Mintie Missouri Hamrick. Freelove and George had two daughters, Bettie and Carolyn. George died October 20, 1971 and Freelove followed on June 3, 1979. Both are buried at Sunset Cemetery. In addition to their daughters, descendants include one granddaughter.

Sources: *Greer Citizen*, Census and Courthouse Records, *Austell Family Bible*, Cemetery Information, Adele Kirrigan's, *The Bettis: England to America*.

— Stephen C. Bettis



MINOR RANDOLPH BIGGERS 253

(From an old newspaper article)

When M.R. (Minor Randolph Biggers) resigned as principal-teacher of Patterson Springs school last year, it had been 48 years since he took his first job as school teacher in the western part of old York County, South Carolina, which is now Cherokee County. And during that time three generations of Patterson Springs families had pored over their books in Mr. Biggers' classroom.

Born in York County on June 19, 1877, the retired schoolmaster at 70 is as spry and healthy as most men much younger.

"I plowed this summer", he said. "Didn't hurt a bit. As a matter of fact I believe it helped me. I've never been ill and I give credit for that to something I learned from my father. He taught me not to use medicine but to regulate my diet."

Sitting on the rambling porch of his Patterson Springs home shaded by chinaberry trees, Mr. Biggers recalled that he accepted his first school in 1898. "I was 22 years old and still going to a one-teacher school", he stated, "when the folks around the Old Fork school in York County, came to see me one night and asked if I could teach in the school. I said I hadn't thought about it but I guessed I could. So that's how it started. Then after I had taught a couple winters and seemed to be doing all right in the work, I decided to go to Catawba College. It was in Newton then".

"In 1901 and 1902 I attended Catawba and worked my way. I remember I bought two new suits of clothes for college from a fellow who ran a store where I had been working when school was out. He let me have them at wholesale price, which was \$5 a piece, instead of \$7 which he got for them in the store. My board at the rooming house in Newton where a group of us lived cost me \$4.32 one month when I had some guests visit and eat on my bill."



Professor Minor Randolph Biggers

In 1910 Mr. Biggers left South Carolina and moved to the school at Patterson Springs. Two years later he married Lochie Christine Hamrick, a daughter of John Hamrick of the Patterson community.

"There were two John Hamricks around here." Farmer Biggers, who now devotes his time to two tracts of cotton land, explained. "One was called Rich John Hamrick and the other one, Cow John Hamrick, because he traded in cattle. My wife was a daughter of Cow John."

For an interval of about four years Mr. Biggers taught at Buffalo school and for several years at Earl. In every school, the venerable rural educator was principal as well as teacher.

There were two brief interruptions in Mr. Biggers' teaching career. In the late 1920's he accepted management of the Paragon Bargain house, owned by Mal Spangler and the late Will Lineberger, in the building now occupied by Kendall Medicine Company. But he was soon back with the children and their three R's.

Again in 1932-33 the Patterson Springs mentor turned his back on textbooks and blackboards and abandoned his classroom for a position as appraiser for the Federal Land Bank, with a territory that covered the counties of Cleveland, Lincoln, Gaston and Rutherford.

In 1946 Minor Biggers decided that he had fulfilled his portion of service to the youth of Cleveland County and retired to his home and farms. His last school was at Patterson Springs.

"People who say the younger generation is much different from what it ever was have forgotten," said the man who has spent so much of his life so close to young people. "But I do notice a difference in the attitude of parents from what it was 40 years ago — toward their children's schooling, I mean. Then they expected their children to learn and they were more vitally concerned with their progress in school, I think, than parents are today. Now I'm afraid too many of them look on school as a means of getting their children out from underfoot."

"It used to be, too, that parents expected the teacher to use the rod when he thought it was necessary. Now, of course, you can't do that. But, I never felt that was the best way to teach a child anyway."

M.R. Biggers died April 12, 1961, leaving his wife Lockie Hamrick Biggers. They had five children: Margaret Isabel (died at age 2), Paul Carson, Billy Lowery, Katherine Harriett Biggers Moss, Mary Louise Biggers Wolfe.

Sources: Newspaper article.

— Mary Wolfe

JOSEPH PINKNEY BINGHAM FAMILY

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Joseph Pinkney Bingham was born in upper Cleveland County near St. Peters United Methodist Church, January 12, 1864. He was the son of Christopher Bingham and Rebecca Greenhill, who were married July 14, 1861. His father, Christopher, had been previously

married to Hannah Willis, daughter of Robert Willis, who died in 1859. Christopher was born November 1815 and died February 4, 1904. His second wife, the mother of Joseph, was born November 4, 1823 and died August 17, 1900. They are all buried at St. Peters United Methodist Church.

Joseph had one full sister, Amanda, born August 29, 1862 and there were three children by his father's first marriage. They were William Patterson Bingham born July 13, 1843, Sarah Malinda Bingham born August 28, 1847, and Elizabeth Jane Bingham born July 5, 1854. William and his two sisters moved to Iowa at an early age.

Joseph married Cynthia Jane Brackett who was born May 23, 1868. Her parents were Elijah Brackett, born 1838, and Manerva Condrey Brackett, born November 9, 1844. Her paternal grandparents were William Brackett, born in 1805 and Mary Brackett, born December 18, 1806 and died November 30, 1891.

Elijah and William had tuberculosis when they returned from the Civil War. They never recovered. They are buried on the top of a small hill near the old home-place on Pheasant Creek in upper Cleveland County near Casar.

Mary Brackett died November 30, 1891 and is buried at St. Peters United Methodist Church.

Cynthia's mother, Manerva, was married a second time. This time she married the Reverend Joseph H. Brendel. He was born June 23, 1833 and died May 16, 1914. Manerva died August 9, 1911 and is buried at Hebron United Methodist Church in Lincoln County. Cynthia's maternal grandparents were John Condrey (Condria) born in 1817 and Susannah Condrey born October 14, 1817. She died January 11, 1897.

Joseph and Cynthia had three daughters. Minnie Ella Bingham was born March 5, 1884. She was a polio victim at an early age and as a result had a crippled leg. She walked with a pronounced limp. Later she broke her leg and spent a great part of her life in a wheel chair. She helped with the household tasks, sewed, and did hand-work. She had a sunny disposition, a great love for people, and an interest in things about her. She was an inspiration to everyone. She died December 15, 1966.

Hattie Ola Bingham was born July 8, 1890. She attended Piedmont High School and Womans College (now University of North Carolina at Greensboro, N.C.). She taught school in Cleveland County until her marriage to Dr. Forrest Decator Edwards.

Dr. Edwards practiced medicine for many years in Toluca, North Carolina, with patients coming to him from several surrounding counties. He established the Edwards Clinic and for many years delivered babies there. Other kinds of patients were also kept and treated at the clinic. He was known for his generosity to and compassion for people as well as his skill as a doctor. They had one child, Hattie Meriel, born October 18, 1916. She married Richard Franklin Tillman. Dr. Edwards died April 12, 1964. Hattie died October 15, 1973. Meriel died September 2, 1975.

Essie Gettie Bingham was born July 9, 1895. She graduated from Piedmont High

School and taught school in Cleveland County for several years. She married Walter Hake Mitchem. He was called into the army shortly afterwards and served overseas during World War I. Upon his return they built a home and settled in Belwood, North Carolina. They had two daughters. Wilma Gladys was born January 24, 1921, married Jack Thompson Hoyle. Marjorie Jane was born June 30, 1928, married Warren Franklin Spurling. Essie died November 2, 1971. Walter died October 7, 1975.

Joseph Pinkney Bingham was an outstanding farmer in the community. He was progressive in his methods, always trying to preserve the land and at the same time increase the yield. His farm animals had the best of care. Needy people came to his door knowing they would receive help. He was not a wealthy man, but he was not a selfish man.

The Bingham family attended St. Peters United Methodist Church. They were leaders and outstanding members giving freely of their time, labor and worldly goods. Joseph died February 16, 1945. Cynthia died July 24, 1965. They and their family are all buried at St. Peters United Methodist Church.

Sources: Grave stones, personal papers.

— Wilma M. Hoyle

THE REID McSWAIN BLACKBURN FAMILY

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Reid McSwain Blackburn was born on October 14, 1909, in Lawndale. He was the son of Jesse Edgar Blackburn (1884-1938) and Amanda Leola Long (1885-1968). He grew up in Lawndale, where he worked in Cleveland Mill. On October 14, 1930, he married Kate Bridges, who was born on June 8, 1910 in upper Cleveland County. She was the daughter of Joseph Chancey Bridges (1865-1944) and Sarah Ever Bridges (1872-1941). She grew up in the Mt. Sinai section of Cleveland County, where she lived until she married Reid. They began their life together in Lawndale, where Reid worked in the company store. On December 12, 1932, their first son, Robert Reid, was born. In 1938, they moved to Mooresboro and bought the D.C. Wright store. The first year was full of difficulties and hard work. Then in September of 1939, their second son, Thomas Reid, was born. Kate worked at the store and also ran the household. A lady came in daily to clean house and care for the children.

The store was beginning to flourish, and then the war came along. They could sell every bit of supplies they could get, but the problem was getting supplies. When they received four-pound packages of lard, they would divide them in half so there would be enough to go around. When they got scarce items such as washing powder or cigarettes, they had to store it under the counter for their regular customers, because out-of-town people traveled all around just to buy hard to find items.

After the war, things began to return to normal. Bob attended Gardner-Webb College, and then transferred to Erskine College in SC. When he graduated, he was drafted into the

army, where he was sent to Stuttgart, Germany. While there, he worked as a supply clerk. When he returned, he married Rose Marie Creswell from Plum Branch, South Carolina on July 1, 1956. After their wedding, they moved to Walhalla, South Carolina, where Bob taught history and geography and coached football, basketball, and baseball. Rose worked as a church secretary. In 1958, they returned to Boiling Springs, where he coached football, basketball, and track at Gardner-Webb College. On December 1, 1961, their first daughter, Barbara Rose was born. In late 1962, they moved to Nashville so Bob could work on his doctorate. Then in late 1963, they moved to Pineville, Louisiana, where Bob became Chairman of the Department of Physical Education at Louisiana College. Rose concentrated her energies on raising their three daughters, since Rebecca Suzanne was born on August 31, 1963; and Brenda Marie was born on October 16, 1964. He completed his doctorate in 1968. In June, 1969, they returned to Boiling Springs with their children. Bob became Chairman of the Department of Health and Physical Education, and Rose became secretary at Boiling Springs Elementary School. They presently hold these jobs.

Meanwhile, Tom had entered Wake Forest University. He then entered Bowman Gray Medical School. Upon graduation, he married Barbara Snoddy from Silver Springs, Md., on June 4, 1966. He joined the Peace Corps, and they both went to the Caroline Islands in the South Pacific, where he worked as a doctor. Tom and Barbara returned to Boiling Springs, where he worked at the clinic for seven months. He then went to Atlanta, Georgia and completed residencies in internal medicine and radiology at Emory University. In 1974, he returned to Shelby to work at Cleveland Memorial Hospital as a radiologist. He returned with his wife and two sons, David Reid (born October 1, 1969), and Paul Thomas (born December 5, 1971).

Although it involved a great deal of time, hard work, and dedication, the store in Mooresboro flourished. In 1973, Reid and Kate retired and sold the store. After long years of work, they could do many things they had previously been unable to do. They traveled to many places, such as Rome, London, Brazil, Hawaii, and the Bahamas. By this time, both sons had returned to the area and the family saw each other often. Company was always at the house, and there was always plenty of food. In all her years of housekeeping, Kate had become an accomplished cook. The house always smelled of pound cakes, pies, and cookies. To this day, both are at their home, and are always willing to help family and friends, whether this means babysitting, fixing things, or cooking.

Sources: Personal knowledge, conversations with grandparents, parents, and uncle. Family Bible

— Barbara Rose Blackburn



AURELIA BARR BLANTON

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Aurelia Barr, daughter of Rev. J. Scott Barr and Susan Rudisill Barr, was born on June 27, 1859. She lived with her family in Lincolnton where her father was a Presbyterian minister. He died when she was only thirteen years old.

The year after her father's death, 1873, she spent ten months in a boarding school in Reidsville, South Carolina and continued her education, going ten months each year until she finished in September 1876. For the next five years, she taught school in several different places. In August 1882, she went to Gastonia to teach music, art and primary grades. (One of my most prized possessions is an organ that belonged to my grandmother.)

It was in Gastonia that she met Johnathan Batey Blanton who was principal of her school. On July 2, 1883, they were married and continued teaching there until 1886. They built a two-story house there and she wrote of her desire to make it truly a home. She wrote, "I am not desirous of starting out in life on too extravagant a scale. What we need in this world is happiness and how that is to be promoted is our task to discover. Our house I trust will be our home in every sense. A refuge from the storms that rage around us."

A few years later, they settled in Mooresboro where they both taught school and were active in religious and community affairs. J.B. Blanton was involved in several different business enterprises. (See related article.)

It has been through the written word that I have come to admire my grandmother. Words written by her mother, sister, husband, pupils and friends, but most important her words from a diary and letters give a glimpse into her life. Even though this correspondence is 99 years old, her clear, beautiful handwriting is easily read. She expressed her thoughts and feelings beautifully. A warm, caring, loving person, radiates from her writings — a true Christian whose greatest desire was to serve her Lord.

J.B. Blanton and Aurelia Blanton had the following children: (1) Scott (1884-1943) married Rose Brown, (2) William (1885-) married Lois Little, (3) Annie (1887-) married John A. McBrayer and (4) May (1889-1974) married J.W. Lucas.

In 1892, Aurelia, age 33, became ill and died, leaving four small children. Death came while she was visiting in the home of her mother-in-law, Almina Blanton Wilson in Shelby. She is buried in the Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

— Ruth Dover

BURWELL BLANTON and DESCENDANTS

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Burwell Blanton (1762-1861) known as "Grandsir Burwell", was born 1 November 1762, Dinwiddie County, Virginia. The oldest son of George Blanton (early planter) and Elvira Lee (*History of Old Tryon & Rutherford Counties* by Griffin).

He came with his father to old Tryon County (now Cleveland) N.C. from Lunenburg County, Virginia about the year 1769. In 1781 he was drafted for service in the Revolution and served for a term of three months and ten days as a private in Capt. Navals Co. N.C. Militia, commanded by Col. John Earls (*National Archives N. BLWT 59093-160-55*). He walked to Charleston to the relief of General Lincoln, the General having surrendered before they arrived.

Burwell Blanton was twice married, first to Phoebe Margaret Bridges, daughter of James and Rebecca Hamrick Bridges. They settled on Beaver Dam creek on First Broad River near his father George Blanton. Here he lived until his death 14 May 1861 being 99 years old. During these years he followed agricultural pursuits. He was also active in the affairs of the county. His name appears often in deeds, county business, and court appointments. He was often appointed overseer of the public roads in his area. Roads were a community project for which all citizens were required to bear the responsibility of maintaining. Ferries were used in crossing streams; bridges were nonexistent.

A grandchild of Burwell Blanton described him as "a man of uncommon physical abilities and of good mind, but a laboring man. With him not to work with his hands was sin: Idleness was a vice he did not indulge, neither would he allow it to be about him." He had by his first marriage ten children, each of them rearing large families which are the forebears of the Cleveland and Rutherford counties' Blantons. These children were: John Blanton (ca. 1785-1847) married Rebecca Hughes (b. 6 October 1789; d. ca. 1876) the daughter of Revolutionary soldier William Hughes (ca. 1750-1835) and Nancy Bowers (d. 5 March 1843). Their children were: Burwell "Lawyer Burt", Andrew, Nancy, Julia Ann, Rebecca, William, John, Mary, Matilda, and Franklin, James Blanton (1787-1833) married first Mary Bridges. Four children were born of this union: Benjamin Edward, Mary Ann, Lucy E. and Edward Manson. After Mary's death James Blanton married Rebecca Hamrick. Their children were: Francis A., Drury Allen, Margaret, Priscilla, James H., George and Sarah Ann. (The *Bible* record of Mr. Grason Blanton of Spindale, N.C.); Jesse Blanton (ca. 1789-1875) married three times. First to Nancy Watkins (1795-1838) buried at Buffalo Church, daughter of Daniel Watkins. Second wife was Frances "Fannie" Tate (b. 1805). Third wife, Lidia Sepaugh (b. 1834 S.C.). He served in the war of 1812 for which Lidia received a pension for his service. He died in York, South Carolina. None of Jesse's children have been identified as of this writing; Sarah "Sally" Blanton oldest daughter of Burwell Blanton was born ca. 1790, married 22 March 1809 to Young Hughes (1784-1860) son of William Hughes and wife, Nancy Bowers Hughes. Their children were: Richard, J. Putnam, Narcissus, Artelessa, Elizabeth, Susanna, Sarah, Wesley, and Amos Hughes; Nancy Blanton (b. 11 February 1792) married 27 July 1818 to Joseph Byers (b. 7 June 1792). Their children were Joseph Clayton, Burwell Benson, George, Elizabeth, and William Byers. After the death of

Joseph, Nancy married Abram Padgett (b. 1790 S.C.); Elizabeth Blanton (b. ca. 1800) married ca. 1820 Thomas Harris (1799-1887). Their children were: Burwell, Margaret, and Emiline. After Elizabeth's death Thomas married twice. First to Matilda Watkins and second to Suie Watkins (sisters); Susanna "Susan" Blanton (b. ca. 1801) married William Winn (1795-ca. 1870). Their children were: Wallace, Mary, Margaret, Fannie, Julia Ann, Lucetia, Emma, Eunice, Octavia, Sarah and Elizabeth (Jones p. 123), George Blanton (1802-1835) married 27 September 1831 Priscilla Harrill, daughter of Samuel and Susanna Hamrick Harrill. He was a merchant. His will is recorded in Rutherford County, North Carolina. He is buried at Concord Church, Rutherford County. Their children were: Susanna "Sukie", Margaret "Peggy", Baily "Bate", James Hill, Guilford E. and Priscilla Jane. After the death of George Blanton Priscilla married a Burge; Charles Blanton, the first Sheriff of Cleveland County (b. 1804-d. 1866) married 1 January 1823 to Judith Hamrick (1805-1864) daughter of George and Phoebe Wright Hamrick. Charles and Judith are buried at Zion Baptist Church. Their twelve children were: James Wesley, Albert, Elizabeth Elvira, George, William Miller, Burwell, Martha Jane, John Bailey, Charles Pinkney, Jesse Guilford, Judith Margaret, and Sarah Frances.

Burwell Blanton's second wife was Mary "Polly" Wiley (b. 1798 S.C.). They had one child, Burwell Wiley. Burwell Wiley Blanton born in 1835 was killed at the Battle of the Wilderness. He married Elizabeth Jane Turner (b. 1836). Their children were: Burwell W., Mary E., Nancy S. and Eliza Jane. After his death Elizabeth Jane married James "Jim" Madison Champion.

B.H. Bridges of Rutherford County, North Carolina stated in a 1912 letter "I have seen "Grandsir" Burwell many times. My father lived near him. He died when I was about twelve years old. He was confined to a large rolling chair, not able to walk, for a year or two before his death. His grandson, "Lawyer" Burt Blanton (son of John) was appointed his guardian." On 13 February 1857 at the age of 93 Burwell Blanton was granted a County Land Warrant for 160 acres. A government marker is at his grave in the family cemetery. His father, George Blanton is also buried in the cemetery. (Cleveland County Cemetery Records in the Museum).

Sources: Family history.

— Mrs. S. Arnold Ramey

THE BURL BENJAMIN BLANTON FAMILY

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Grandfather Burl Benjamin Blanton was born in Cleveland County, June 12, 1859. He was the son of Drury Allen Blanton and Julia Ann Ledbetter Blanton. He had four brothers and four sisters. (See Drury A. Blanton story)

Burl Blanton was a lifelong member of Sharon Church. He was a hard working farmer, and a Christian man who always treated his neighbors as he would like them to treat him. Uncle

Bert, as he was called, was a kind and gentle man. His home was a place where nieces and nephews often spent their summer vacations because Uncle Bert lived in the country not far from Beaver Dam Creek and Meadow Branch, which made excellent playing areas. There were also chickens, ducks, cows, pigs and a horse to be enjoyed. Uncle Bert also had a "pet" King snake which came to the horse's watering trough to get water. No one dared kill it because it caught the rats that ransacked the corn crib. The grandchildren also found it a great place to visit, which they did often because all lived within a few miles of my grandparent's house.

Burl Benjamin Blanton married Arminda Ransom Hawkins (b. February 15, 1862) on August 4, 1881. Aunt Mindy, as she was lovingly called, was a Baptist at the time of her marriage but joined Sharon Church with her husband and remained a faithful member until her death December 28, 1936. Both are buried in Sharon Cemetery.

This couple was married for 55 years. They enjoyed their married life, their children, grand-children and great grandchildren. They worked hard, shared with others, but held to old ways and ideas. There was never any electricity in their home, only kerosene lamps, open fireplaces for heat, wood stoves to cook on, no indoor bathrooms, but they had a telephone and in their later years a radio. They never owned a car. Their old house is still standing, though badly dilapidated.

They had five children. Alma (b. September 17, 1882 — d. April 19, 1973) married Charles Postell Morehead (b. October 15, 1887 — d. March 30, 1939) on July 15, 1907. Alma and Charlie had three children: Helen, deceased, Johnnie and Ila Mae.

Their only son Coel (b. October 3, 1883 — d. January 28, 1948) married Aquilla B. Moore (b. February 4, 1884 — d. March 5, 1927) on February 4, 1909. They had no children. Coel married Tilda Corinne Putnam (b. January 4, 1904 — d. August 27, 1951) as his second wife. They had two sons, an infant, deceased, and Benjamin Coel, who now lives and owns his grandfather's farm.

Gatha (b. February 4, 1885 — d. November 4, 1961) married Lewis Albert Smith (b. December 10, 1883 — d. February 13, 1965) on March 27, 1907. Their children were Ralph Grayson, Ruth Elizabeth, Lois Alice, and twin boys, B.B. who died in infancy, and W.R. who served in the United States Navy during World War II and died at sea May 5, 1944.

Zelia (b. June 1, 1889 — d. July 15, 1966) married Robert Edgar Ledbetter (b. February 22, 1883 — d. September 6, 1955) on December 8, 1910. They had two sons, Robert Hugh and Clyde Mills. Both are now deceased.

Julia Ann (b. April 1, 1898 — d. March 26, 1975) married Saylor Shaw Moore (b. April 2, 1897 — d. March 17, 1972) on December 22, 1920. Shaw served in World War I at home and overseas.

Burl Benjamin and Arminda Blanton with all their children and in-laws are buried in Sharon Cemetery with the exception of Rob and Zelia Ledbetter who are buried at Memorial Park near Boilings Springs.

Sources: Family Bibles, Church Cemeteries, relatives and my own memories.

— Johnnie M. Queen

CHARLES BLANTON

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Charles Blanton, son of Burrell and Phoebe Margaret (Bridges) Blanton, was born May 18, 1804 in Tryon County near present Shelby. On January 1, 1823 he married Judith Hamrick, daughter of George and Phoebe (Wright) Hamrick. That February a deed was registered for a farm his father sold him for \$350.00. They had 12 children (1).

In 1841 after Cleveland County was formed Charles was appointed by the Justices of the Peace, who were the governing body, the first Sheriff and county treasurer. He was re-elected for 10 years. William Weathers loaned his two story house near Zion Church for the courthouse until the county seat was located.

Charles collected the taxes and carried the money to be delivered in his saddle bags. It was said that "the taxes sometimes amounted to as much as \$500.00 but he never carried a gun."

Mrs. Victor McBrayer, mother of Mrs. Paul Webb, Sr., and Mrs. Penny Owen, saved a newspaper clipping of 1912 about early settlers of this area in which Rev. L.L. Smith reported that Charles Blanton, Mrs. McBrayer's grandfather, said of politics, "We will never have good times and economy in taxes until we quit sending lawyers and doctors to the legislature." Complaints about taxes seem always to be with us.

Charles Blanton's house, which is still standing, is north west of the Dover Mill. It was on the old Post Road from Rutherfordton to Lincolnton. It ran past Zion Church where he is buried, along with an infant child, his wife, and two sons killed in the Civil War.

(1) Children of Charles and Judith Blanton: James Wesley b. November 1 1823 — d. 1845; Albert b. January 7, 1826, m. Roxanna Irvin; Elizabeth Elvira b. January 1, 1828, m. Rev. Joseph Suttle; George b. January 8, 1830, m. Mary Jane Elliott; William Miller b. February 1, 1832, m. Josephine Setzer; Burwell b. January 7, 1834, m. Frances Caroline Doggett and Pattie Ramsey; Martha Jane b. January 1, 1836, m. Sheriff Dury Dobbins Suttle; John B. b. February 19, 1838, m. Catherine Stroud; Charles Pinkney b. July 30, 1840, d. 1862 in Civil War; Jesse Guilford b. December 6, 1842, d. 1884 in Civil War; Margaret b. February 12, 1845, m. Minor Winn Doggett; Sara b. April 12, 1848, d. 2 months old.

Burwell Blanton was the son of Charles and Judith (Hamerick) Blanton. He was born August 27, 1834, west of Shelby, and named for his grandfather, Burrell, but now spelled phonetically. On August 16, 1855 he married Frances Caroline Doggett, the daughter of Coleman and Mary Ann (Smith) Doggett. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Thomas Dixon. They began their married life in a very small house north of Shelby.

As we might today, "Fannie" traveled home to her mother near the present airport when

her first child, Charles Coleman, was born in 1858. More children came: Mary (m. Richard Eskridge), Margaret (m. George M. Webb), Dora (m. Rush Oates), George (m. Ida Wood), Edgar (m. Mae Martin).

Burwell and his children worked hard to enlarge his holdings. The census of 1880 lists his nine year old son, George as "farmer". As the family grew Burwell built a bigger house three miles west of Shelby near his flour mill on Brushey Creek. It has been said that Fanny was the first woman in the county to have a cook stove. Even if the story is not true it suggests the primitive conditions our pioneer ancestors encountered during the first hundred years of settlement of this area.

In the 1880s Burwell built a house in town on West Marion Street, now moved to and bought into the bank. George, the 9 year old "farmer", then went to Captain Martin's school on West Marion Street where the old High School was later built. He graduated from Wake Forest College with Dr. Everette Lattimore and Judge Edwin Yates Webb.

In 1889 Burwell was appointed one of the first Trustees of the newly formed North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts. His name is on the cornerstone of the first building.

In 1882 as the family was walking to church past Dr. McBrayer's house at the corner of West Marion Street and Cemetery Road the doctor greeted them then said to his wife, "I must bleed Fannie tomorrow. She is too red." That night she had a stroke and died.

In 1893 Burwell married Martha (Pattie) Ramsey. The newspaper of June 1, 1893 said, "The marriage took place in the parlor of the Shelby Hotel which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion, and was witnessed by a few of the relatives and intimate friends of the contracting parties. Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom left in the private car of Superintendent Tripp on the 3 C's for a week's stay in Charleston."

In 1895 Burwell bought out the bank and named it B. Blanton & Co., Bankers. He also bought the bankers Second Empire house on North Lafayette St. where his grandson George Blanton, Jr. now lives.

Burwell died in 1908 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. He was a hard working responsible citizen who prospered in building up his community.

Sources: Family history

— Caroline Blanton Thayer

CHARLES COLEMAN BLANTON

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Charles Coleman Blanton, eldest child of Burwell Blanton and Frances Caroline Doggett, was born on January 31, 1858 in a house which stood on the road between Shelby and Boiling Springs, just southeast of Shelby's present airport. Some years later his parents built the house that is still standing on Highway 74 west of Brushy Creek on property which is known today as Blanton Farms.

He received his early education in the Shelby schools of that era and then taught in a rural school at the town of Dysartville, near Marion,

N. C. His first enterprise was a mercantile business located on West Warren Street.

As so many young men in the first decades following the Civil war, Charlie, as he has always referred to, migrated to Texas to seek his fortune. He was highly successful in the pharmaceutical, cattle, and banking businesses. At the age of 37, he returned to Shelby to enter banking with his brother George, in the firm of his father, known as B. Blanton and Company.

In 1884 Mr. Charlie married Ora Brewster (b. 1859, d. 1890) of Sweetwater, Tennessee. She had come here as a music teacher in the old Shelby Female Academy. Unfortunately she died only six years later leaving no children, and Mr. Charlie never remarried.

The early 1900's was a period of spectacular growth in Cleveland County. Into this burgeoning economy Mr. Charlie threw his enthusiasm, business acumen and resources. His faith in people and the future was abundant. His name became synonymous with development of many industrial plants and business enterprises.

His love of fine horses is remembered yet by many people. He and his brother George kept their saddle horses in the barn located behind the North Lafayette house (the present Bankers house where his father had previously lived and in which he resided for many years). A typical sight for the towns-people was to see Mr. Charlie, his brother, and other companions riding out every morning and occasional evening, weather permitting, until he was in his 80's. He gave generously to public and private charities, aided hundreds of young people to secure an education and was always ready with a cheerful smile to offer counsel and assistance to those who came to him.

At the time of his death on November 24, 1944, he was President of the Union Trust Company (later Independence National Bank and recently merged into Branch Banking & Trust Company); president of Shelby Cotton Mills; Chairman of the Board of First National Bank, director of Alexander Manufacturing Co. of Forest City, director of Dover and Ora Mills (this last one having been named for his wife). Until his semi-retirement he had served as president of Eagle Roller Mill Company, the Shelby Building and Loan Association, director of Lily Mills, of Cleveland Mill and Power Company, and as an organizer and one of three owners of Cleveland Cloth Mills.

Quoting from a tribute by Dr. Zeno Wall at First Baptist Church, of which he was a life long member, Dr. Wall said:

"In the passing of Charlie Blanton we feel like saying one of the tallest trees in our forest has fallen; a tree which has, for so many years, offered protection, shade and fruit for so many hearts, homes, churches, and places of business. Everybody holds in high esteem one whose word is his bond, one whose sacred honor means everything. Mr. Charlie's word was his bond. He, like General McArthur, was sorely tried but he met every test of life with a courage, a magnanimity, that was most beautiful. When the banks were closed all over the country in 1933, his banks had to close but not for long. He and his brother George moved



Charles Coleman Blanton

swiftly and sacrificially. They mortgaged over one half million dollars of their property in order that their banks might reopen, and he gave \$100,000 in order that the depositors, who had trusted him, might sustain no losses. He and his brother George saved our banks and stores and places of business, and restored confidence in the people. By every measurement he was a big man, an outstanding man. We shall greatly miss him and may never see his likes again. In the language of St. Paul, "he fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith."

Charles Coleman Blanton is buried in the plot at Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, N.C., beside his mother and father, Frances Doggett and Burwell Blanton, and his stepmother, Martha K. Ramsey, known as "Miss Pattie."

Sources: Family history

— Nancy Dicks Blanton (Mrs. Geo. Jr.)

THE DRURY ALLEN BLANTON and JULIA ANN LEDBETTER FAMILY

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My great grandfather, Drury Allen Blanton was born in 1821 in Rutherford County (now Cleveland County). He was the son of James Blanton, who was a Revolutionary war soldier, and wife Rebecca Hamrick Blanton. He had three brothers. James Hamrick Blanton who married Catherine Ledbetter and a brother George Blanton who never married. A half-brother, William Asbury Blanton married Lucindy Lovelace.

The Blantons are considered good, law-abiding citizens and are among the very best people in this county. It is seldom you see their names in any court proceedings except when prescribed by business ends. They are good farmers and very thrifty in all their business affairs and undertakings.

When Drury Allen Blanton died he was eulo-

gized by his pastor Squire M. Davis. His eulogy follows:

"Drury Allen Blanton died at his home in Number 2 Township July (16 or 17), 1889, age 68 years and 6 months. In his death we are all bereaved, family, church, community, because a steady light that shone more and more until the perfect day has gone out. But a new light has been kindled on the shores of eternity — let us walk in that light until our perfect day shall dawn. Every circle is poorer when such a noble heart ceases to beat on earth, when a spirit so pure takes its exit to the Home of the Pure. Physicians, friends and loved ones did all that could be done to prolong his life with us; but his work was done, and well done. Faithful, true, kind, liberal, patient, Uncle Drury was always at his post; and his children now miss him at home, his seat is vacant in the church. He had long been a devoted member of the Methodist Church at Sharon and one of the most zealous stewards. We see not, but God sees how we can do without him. Heaven bless the children, relatives and church in this dark hour. Ready to go, yes, of course, he was ready — he told me so. And now Uncle Drury is at Home over yonder, safe evermore. We buried him in the Sharon Church Cemetery yesterday."

S.M. Davis, Pastor

Drury Allen Blanton married Julia Ann Ledbetter who preceded him in death about one year. Mrs. Julia Ann Ledbetter died at her pleasant Christian home in the Sharon congregation, Cleveland County, Sunday morning, June 3, 1888, aged 53 years, 3 months.

To this union of Drury Allen and Julia Ann were born 9 children, 5 boys and 4 girls. James Henry (b. June 7, 1854 — d. March 7, 1934) married Mary Luvenia Lee (b. June 27, 1860 — d. February 5, 1925) December 14, 1876. They were buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. Aunt Vinie, as she was called, was the first person to have their funeral held in Central Methodist Church in Shelby. William Norman (b. September 16, 1856 — d. August 26, 1936) married Rebecca Blanton (b. July 26, 1860 — d. August 10, 1897) December 28, 1882. Mary Wolfe (b. April 16, 1886 — d. October 29, 1959) was his second wife. All three are buried in Sharon Church Cemetery. John Summey (b. October 22, 1863 — d. December 22, 1938) married Frances Jane Blanton (b. January 8, 1867 — d. September 30, 1945) July 30, 1885. They are buried in Sharon Church Cemetery. Burl Benjamin (b. June 12, 1859 — d. December 30, 1936) married Arminda Ransom Hawkins, (b. February 15, 1862 — d. December 28, 1943) August 4, 1881. They are buried in Sharon Church Cemetery. Cordelia Arvezonia (b. July 25, 1866 — d. May 26, 1915) married J. Cicero Hughes (b. September 19, 1866 — d. October 6, 1904) November 1, 1888. They also are buried in Sharon Church Cemetery. Nancy Jane (b. October 11, 1871 — d. June 25, 1952) married Leonard Yelton (b. March 20, 1856 — d. March 8, 1933). Both are buried in Sharon Church Cemetery. Mary Elizabeth (b. July 25, 1872 — d. September 18, 1925) married Amos Davis (b. June 23, 1848 — d. June 22, 1921) January 5, 1897. They

are buried in Sharon Church Cemetery. Julia Ann married Robert A. Houser December 25, 1913. They are buried in Lincoln County. Drury Allen, Jr. (b. July 21, 1869 — d. April 4, 1890) never married. He is buried Sharon Church Cemetery.

Sources: Family history, court records, Sharon Cemetery, relatives and S.C. Jones' book.

— Johnnie M. Queen

DRURY WATSON BLANTON

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Drury Watson Blanton was the third child and oldest son of James Henry and Mary Melvina Lee Blanton. He was born April 21, 1883 in Cleveland County, North Carolina. Watson was known by his friends and loved ones as a kind, considerate, and tall, silver-haired, handsome man, hair grayed in early manhood, a Blanton family trait. He was a farmer, builder, and salesman in the Sharon community and in Shelby, where he lived from 1909 until death.

Watson was married to Ida Pearl Byers, adopted daughter of John Franklin and Mary Alena Flack Ledbetter. She was born March 27, 1884 in Cleveland County. They had nine children: Joseph Kennon, Reba Corene, Hughlen Eugene, Ruby Lucile, Alena Melvina, J.W. (this stood for part of his father's name and part of all his grandfathers' names), twins Ben and Frank (died in infancy August 9, 1920), and Lucy Mae (named for two dear aunts, one on each family side).

Watson died March 15, 1932; Hughlen died November 9, 1940; Pearl died August 17, 1967 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, N.C. J.W. died February 14, 1982 and is buried in New Maplewood Cemetery, Durham, N.C.

J.W. served in both theaters of World War II, Pacific and European. He was among the first draftees to be sent to the Pacific Islands after Pearl Harbor and among the first to cross the Rhine River into Germany. Then he came home to find that he had only one kidney, a birth defect never detected until an emergency appendectomy, a number of years later, after he had returned to civilian life. J.W. was one of America's finest, most wonderful young men. He gave of himself to his church, St. Paul United Methodist Church, Durham, N.C. and to all who knew him. He was observant when quite young. His mother took him out behind the house to go to "the john" and the moon was in eclipse. He looked up and said, "Look Mama, the moon has on a cap."

Corene published a book *A Penny's Worth of Candy* in April, 1982. She is an artist and this book will include 17 examples of her primitive art, which are scenes from her early childhood.

Joseph Kennon Blanton married Essie Christine Camp. Two children: Frances De-lorese Blanton married Raymond Murphrey, three children: Cary, Chrissy, and Michael Murphrey. Joseph Kennon Blanton, Jr. married Dean Caulk, two children: Andrew Kennon and Alva Miranda Blanton

Reba Corene Blanton married John Carl Anthony. No children.



Drury Watson and Ida Pearl B. Blanton on their Wedding Day.



Home of Mr. & Mrs. Drury Watson Blanton and Family.



Children of Drury Watson Blanton. L to R: Corene, Hughlen, Kennon.

Ruby Lucile Blanton married Gordon Sanford Justus. One daughter, Suzanne Blanton Justus.

Alena Melvina Blanton unmarried.

J.W. Blanton married Betty Sellers, three children: Andrea Sellers Blanton married John Paul Dennis; Two children: Christopher Daniel and Blaine Thomas Dennis. John Watson Blanton (Johnny) married Debbie Milgate, no children. Tonya Starr Blanton married Milton Elmer Parker, no children.

Lucy Mae Blanton married Dewey Dorman Washam; three daughters: Ida Camille Washam married Richard Blevins Carriker, two children: Jeffrey Alan and Rebecca Camille Carriker. Dorma Gayle Washam married Peter Charles Tabisz, three children: Jennifer Leigh, Charles Matthew, and Amanda Nicole Tabisz. Lucy Lynn Washam married James Donald Smith, expecting in May, 1982.

— Corene Blanton Anthony

FRANKLIN BLANTON FAMILY

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Franklin Blanton (1831-1915) was the youngest child of John Blanton and wife Rebecca Hughes Blanton of Cleveland County.

He was reared on his father's farm which was located south of Cleveland Memorial Park. He married Sarah Chitwood (1839-1890) the daughter of Jesse and Sarah Horton Chitwood of Rutherford County, N.C. Franklin and Sarah moved to their farm near Hollis, N.C. soon after they married.

On May 10, 1862, Franklin enlisted in the Confederate Army as a private, 56 Reg. N.C. Infantry and served a period of two years and two months. J.C. Elliott, a fellow soldier, referred to Frank Blanton as "a faithful soldier". He was with him in the trenches at Petersburg, Virginia. It was here that Franklin contracted a bad case of chronic diarrhea and was sent to a hospital in Richmond, Virginia. He was later sent home where he lay in critical condition for many months. After his recovery, he did much

hard work on the farm, reared a large family and took an active part in community activities. He subscribed to several newspapers and magazines. He spent much of his free time reading. The national news was of great interest to him.

Franklin and Sarah Blanton's twelve children were:

(1) Jesse Guilford (1860-1894) a school teacher, farmer and the first postmaster of Hollis, N.C. He owned a large library and was always buying books when they were available. He married (1888) Lora Manassa Bridges (1869-1926), daughter of Jesse Whitson and wife Mary Jane Hamrick Bridges, of Lattimore. They had one child, John Samuel Blanton (1889-1947).

(2) Julia Rebecca Blanton (1862-1936) married (1889) Oliver Abraham Hamrick (1864-1952) son of Abram and Nancy McSwain Hamrick. Their children were: Fannie Elizabeth, Matty, Cuba, and Celeste Berniece.

(3) Ellen Blanton (1865-1957) married



Franklin Blanton, 1831-1915.

(1886) Gilbert Andrew "Dock" Price (1862-1932). Their children were: Sarah, Burwell, Roland Earnest, (who was publisher of the Rutherford County News), Ada Mae, Elmer, Edna, and John Bynum.

(4) John Blanton (1866-1895) married Martha C. Hamrick (1871-1919) daughter of Abram and Nancy McSwain Hamrick. They bought a farm on the Lattimore — New House road and reared the following children: Sarah, Bessie Lillian, Mary Elizabeth "Mamie", and John Abram. John A. was superintendent of the Cleveland County Home for the Aged.

(5) James Blanton (1868-1895) never married.

(6) Burwell "Burt" Blanton (1870-1954) married (1894) Mary Laura "Maggie" McKee (1875-1952) daughter of John William McKee and Mary Elizabeth Goforth McKee. Their children were: John Clay and Fred Franklin, who owned and operated a livermush business; Sankie Lee, a minister-educator, was Dean of Religion at Wake Forest College and president of Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pennsylvania; Lydia Vashti; Maynard Leo, Mary C, Carrie, Doris, Gaynelle, and two sets of twins who died in infancy.

(7) Mary Malindy Blanton (1872-1899) married James Vernon Allen (1864-1945) and moved to South Carolina. Their children were: Samuel, a deputy in Bennettsville, S.C., Clifford Jesse; and Millard.

(8) Sarah "Sally" Blanton (1874-1950) married (1892) James Louis Hamrick (1869-1970) the son of Abram and Nancy McSwain Hamrick. Their children were: Eldon, Lala, Rush, Laxton who was superintendent of Mt. Holly Schools, Hermina, Abram Franklin, a professor at Georgia Tech; and James Lewis, Jr., Superintendent of Water Works, Richmond, Va.

(9) William F. Blanton (1876-1894) never married.

(10) Nancy Elizabeth Blanton (1878-1952) married (1897) William Newton Daves (1868-1946) son of Jimmie and Nancy Justice Daves. Their farm was located on the Lattimore — New House Road. Their children were: Guy, superintendent of schools, Kipling, N.C.; Austin, and Evelyn Daves.

(11) Frances "Fannie" Blanton (1880-1962) married (1898) Rev. William Martin Gold (1873-1949) son of Benjamin Franklin and Cynthia Narcissus Pannel Gold. They lived near the Cleveland and Rutherford County line north of New House. Their children were Paul, Mozell and Ruth.

(12) Eliza Blanton (1882-1972) married (1905) Twitty Daves (1880-1964) son of Clingman and Anna Marie Moore Daves. Their children were Madeline, who was a supervisor at the deaf school in Morganton, Velma, and Ora.

Franklin, Sarah, and their children are buried at Mt. Olivet Baptist Church in Rutherford County with the exception of Sarah Blanton Hamrick who is buried at Ellenboro, N.C.

— Mrs. Beatrix B. Ramey



George Blanton, a progenitor of the Blantons in Cleveland and Rutherford counties was born in Virginia ca. 1730. He was twice married, first to Elvira Lee of Virginia (Old Tryon & Rutherford Counties by Griffin) and second to Susanna, surname not known. He first appeared in Lunenburg County, Virginia records in 1763. The indenture states that George Hares bound himself for six years to George Blanton, planter. He again appears in the St. James Parish having no land but with three tithables. In 1764 he bought land in Bute County, NC (now Warren), and was identified as being from Lunenburg County, VA. It is not known if he ever lived in Bute County, NC, for the next year the same land was sold for the balance of the purchase price.

George Blanton and his family had moved to Tryon County, NC, settling on First Broad River just below Chamber's Old Mill place on Shoal Creek. It was noted that he witnessed a deed in Tryon County, NC 19 May, 1769.

The surname Blanton dates back to the fifteenth century, being an ancient Scott border family name. In 1574 reference was made to a John Blanton being knighted for bravery by Queen Elizabeth, I of England. Representatives of the name came from England to the United States in the early seventeenth century, settling in Massachusetts and on both sides of the James River in Virginia. The Virginia branch became the founders of the families in North Carolina, however, the direct line of George Blanton to these families has yet to be established.

George Blanton was a planter and surveyor by trade and in order to protect his land investments he became very active in the affairs of Old Tryon County, and remained so until his death. These interests were shown in the following ways: The November, 1769 meeting of the North Carolina Council in New Bern ordered that his name be added to the Commission of Peace and Dedemus for Tryon County (Colonial Record Vol. III, p. 149). The Tryon County Court Minutes show that he qualified as a justice and took his seat during the January term 1770, the first term after his appointment.

George Blanton was anxious as to his land holdings, for in 1775 he was one of the petitioners to the King's most Excellent Majesty in Council asking that their land be returned to the province of North Carolina when the western boundary line was extended (Colonial Records Vol. 9, 1260-1262).

The newly settled territory of Tryon County had few roads and as more land was acquired when the settlers moved into the area, it became necessary to build new roads and give more power to the courts. George Blanton was given many appointments such as laying out roads, serving on jury duty, witnessing deeds, tax collector, and serving as administrator of estates.

His name does not appear in the 1790 United States census of the district; however, he was listed as a Justice of Peace and militia officer which bears out the fact that he was

indeed in the district. In 1795 he was granted the privilege to build a mill on Shoal Creek, waters of First Broad River. In 1799 he was appointed, along with others, to lay off a town (Burr Town) on main Broad River between the mouth of First Little Broad and the mouth of Green River. The project failed when the state abandoned its efforts to make the rivers of North Carolina suitable for navigation.

On 22 January, 1796 George Blanton made his will and named his two sons, Burwell and William as executors. The will was probated in Rutherford County, NC, Court, 13 October, 1802. He named his wife Susanna and the following children: Burwell, Ann Bridges, Catherine Bridges, William, Betsy Bridges, Frances, John, Peggy and Richard.

Burwell Blanton, born 1 November 1762 in Virginia, died 14 May, 1861 Cleveland County, NC. His first wife was Phoebe Margaret Bridges and his second wife, Mary "Polly" Wiley of South Carolina. Ann married a Bridges (no record of this family has been found); Catherine married William Bridges; William married Sarah Gilchrist and moved to Tennessee. He died 3 October 1826; Betsy married a Bridges, no record of this family has been found; Frances, born 1775, died 13 January, 1849 married James Hamrick, son of Samuel Hamrick and wife Mary. Their children were William, Albert, Allen Dillard, and Thompson Hamrick: John, born CA 1778 married and moved to Tennessee. He had five sons; John Carter, Thomas, Coleman, William, and Richard. The families of Mary and Peggy have not been identified.

Richard Blanton, the youngest son died in 1821. He married Sarah, surname not known. Their children were: Malinda, Susannah, William Ross, Hester, and Elizabeth L. (estate settlement, NC archives).

George Blanton owned eighteen hundred acres of land at the time of his death. He is buried at his old homeplace in Cleveland County, along with his son Burwell Blanton and family. A field stone marked his grave.

Sources: Rutherford County court records and family records.

— Mrs. S. Arnold Ramey

GEORGE BLANTON, SENIOR

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George Blanton, Sr. of Shelby, second son of Burwell and Frances Doggett Blanton, was born on October 26, 1871. The house where he was born still stands on property now a part of Blanton Industrial Park.

He attended Captain William Bell's school in Shelby and Wake Forest College from which he was graduated in 1893. While there, he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, the Euzelian Society, Chief Commencement Marshall and was captain of the football team. Their team had only one substitute, a total of twelve men on the squad. If two players were injured, the team proceeded with ten men, if another was injured you were down to nine and so it went! Occasionally the schedule would include three out of town games over a weekend, with only one substitute available.

After college Mr. George, as he was fondly called, sold sewing machines in Tidewater, Virginia until 1895, when he and his brother Charles entered the banking firm, of B. Blanton & Co. acquired by his father, Burwell. This was the forerunner of the present First National Bank of Shelby in which Mr. George served as Cashier, President and finally Chairman of the Board until his death at 88.

On January 17, 1900 he was married to Ida Estelle Wood (b. May 2, 1879 d. February 21, 1977), daughter of Millicent Catherine Draper and Adolphous Nott Wood, industrialist and banker of Gaffney, S.C.

Mr. George's contributions to Cleveland County were not confined to banking, one of the most important being his interest in the improvement in farming methods. He encouraged terracing, the use of commercial fertilizers, and bankrolled many a farmer to promote the latest scientific practices. With a number of county citizens he helped organize the Cleveland County Fair Association in 1924 and served as a vice president without interruption until 1959.



George Blanton, Sr.

Totally committed to the premise that higher education is of prime importance, he gave generously to the building programs at Gardner-Webb College and established the permanent George and Ida Wood Blanton Scholarship.

It is difficult to choose which sport Mr. George loved best, football or horseback riding. Besides being an accomplished horseman, he taught many youngsters the art. For years one would see him most mornings riding out with his brother Charlie. When age forced him to curtail his own riding, one could find him seated in a chair in the riding ring instructing his beloved granddaughters in the finer points.

His keen interest in football dated from his days at Wake Forest College. In his later years one could drop in to see Mr. George and find

him tuned to one game on television and another on radio. He instigated the annual presentation at Shelby High School of the George Blanton Athletic Award, for the best all-around athlete. Perhaps it is most fitting that the challenge gift came from his family for the erection of a football stadium at Shelby High School and that it is named the George Blanton Memorial Stadium.

During the last few years of his life Mr. George would spend several hours during the day at his desk at First National Bank, counseling and advising all who came to him for help in his quiet gentle manner.

His contribution to the ongoing success of Cleveland County can best be summed up by the various civic and business activities he engaged in during his long and productive life.

He followed his brother Charlie as President and Chairman of the Board of First National Bank; he was president of Eagle Roller Mill, and Shelby Loan and Mortgage Corporation. Elected the first Board Chairman of N.C. Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia, he served in this capacity until his death thirty years later. He was a vice president of Shelby Cotton Mills and of Dover Mill; director of Ora Mill, Lily Mills, Shelby Building and Loan Association, Star Publishing Company, Planters & Merchants Warehouse, and Western Carolina Radio Corp. He served several times on the Shelby School Board and for many years was superintendent of the Sunday School Department at First Baptist Church.

Mr. George died on April 21, 1959 and is buried in the family plot at Sunset Cemetery. He was survived by his wife, his children: the late Mrs. Millicent Blanton Thompson of Charlotte, N.C.; Mrs. Caroline Blanton Thayer of Boston, Massachusetts; and George Blanton, Jr. of Shelby, N.C.; and five grandchildren.

Source: Family records

— Nancy Dicks Blanton

GEORGE BLANTON, JR.

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George Blanton, Jr. is the third direct generation of this branch of the Blanton family to make banking his lifetime career. He was born September 3, 1914, the only son of George and Ida Wood Blanton at his parents' home on West Marion Street, Shelby. This house was presented by George Blanton, Jr. and his two sisters to Gardner-Webb College in 1981 and is serving as the residence for its president.

He attended the Shelby Schools and graduated from McCallie School at Chattanooga, Tennessee in 1931, matriculating to the University of North Carolina where he received a B.S. degree in Business Administration. After a year's apprenticeship with the American Trust Company in Charlotte, he returned to Shelby entering the First National Bank. In 1947 at the age of 32 he succeeded George Blanton, Sr. as president and thus was the youngest president of a national bank in the United States. In 1980 he became Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer.

George Blanton, Jr. has followed the distinguished careers of his forbearers in banking

and community services. During World War II he joined the United States Navy as Ship Service Officer of the Naval Receiving Station at Anacostia, D.C., retiring as a Lieutenant, J.G. in 1946. He has been the Volunteer Chairman of the Cleveland County U.S. Savings Bond program since 1959, was selected the first Chairman of the Young Bankers Association and has held various positions with the North Carolina Bankers Association.

In 1964 he was appointed to the Board of the Federal Reserve Bank in Richmond and served as a member of the Federal Advisory Commission to the United States Comptroller of the Currency. In 1965 he was named by Governor Dan Moore to the Board of Trustees of the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital in Gastonia.

In civic and community service, George Blanton, Jr. was a charter member and officer in the Shelby Junior Chamber of Commerce as well as a director and vice president of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce. He is a former president and director of the Shelby Downtown Improvement Corporation, a charter member and past president of the Cleveland County Historical Association and is a past president of the Shelby Lions Club. He is a lifelong member of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, has twice been president of the Cleveland County United Fund, and was twice elected chairman of the Gardner-Webb Board of Advisors.

Inheriting a love of the land from his antecedents, George Blanton, Jr. has been associated with the promotion of agriculture in Cleveland County and the state. At Blanton Farms he developed one of the outstanding herds of Jersey cattle in the United States, receiving recognition locally and nationally. Since the dispersal of the dairy in 1971 he has continued this interest by raising fine beef cattle.

He served as a director and treasurer of the North Carolina Jersey Cattle Breeders Association, director of the North Carolina State Agricultural Association and is a director and current vice president of the Cleveland County Fair Association. It has been said that if you are a true Blanton, you have a natural proclivity for fine horse flesh. Before his daughters were married, the big barn behind their home was occupied by champion three and five gaited horses, as well as others which were kept by Jack Boyd in Simpsonville, S.C.

In addition to being Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Cleveland County's First National Bank, he is currently president of Eagle Roller Mill, a director of Dover and Ora Mills, Star Publishing Company and P and M Warehouse Co., secretary and director of Shelby Radio Corporation, vice president and director of both Seal Wire Company and Artee Industries. He is a charter member of the Board of Advisors of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

On September 10, 1937 George Blanton, Jr. was married to Nancy Coltrane Dicks of Rockingham, N.C., the daughter of Lydia Dozier Lee of Sumter, S.C. and Robert Peel Dicks originally of Randolph County, N.C. Mrs. Blanton was born on April 16, 1915 in New York. She was educated at Sweet Briar College, was



George Blanton, Jr.

graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and did post graduate work at the Sorbonne in France. She has been active in the social, civic and religious life of the community; serving as president of the Shelby Junior Charity League, was a charter member and director of the Shelby Art League, a member of the Vestry of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, served on the board of the Florence Crittendon Home, is a member of the Contemporary Book Club and of the National Society of Colonial Dames of America in North Carolina.

Since their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Blanton have resided in the 1876 home on North Lafayette Street known as the "Bankers House," registered with the National Register of Historic Places.

Sources: Family records.

— Mrs. George Blanton, Jr.

BLANTON, GEORGE JR. FAMILY

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Three daughters were born to the union of George Blanton, Junior and Nancy Coltrane Dicks. The eldest, Nancy Dicks Blanton Siegel, was born on February 23, 1940. Educated in the Shelby Schools, she was graduated from Sweet Briar College in 1962 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in American Studies, and spent the following year in Europe attending the Institute Richelieu in Lausanne, Switzerland. Upon returning she was employed by First National Bank of Shelby, and a year later the North Carolina National Bank in Charlotte. In 1964 she entered the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, earning a Master of Business Administration degree, the only woman in a class of men. Subsequently she joined the First National City Bank of New York where she was a vice president and securities analyst. In 1974 she and L. Pendleton Siegel of Richmond, Virginia were married; living in New Canaan, Connecticut until her tragic death on July 13,

1976. She is buried in the family plot at Sunset Cemetery.

Nancy was an accomplished horsewoman, owning a number of champion equitation and three and five-gaited horses with which she won many honors at horse shows in North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia and Pennsylvania. She was a member of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, the New York Society of Securities Analysts, and of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in North Carolina.

Catherine Wood Blanton Freedberg, the second daughter of George and Nancy Blanton, was born on May 9, 1942. She graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from Smith College, Northampton, Massachusetts in 1964, having spent her junior year at the Sorbonne in France. For the year of 1965-1966 she was affiliated with the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. on a Kress Fellowship, subsequently entering Harvard University where she received a Masters and a Doctorate in the History of Art. Catherine is a member of the National Society of the Colonial Dames of America in the State of Massachusetts. She resides in Cambridge with her husband, Dr. Sydney J. Freedberg, of the Harvard University faculty, and their son, Sydney J. Freedberg, Jr., born on October 14, 1973.

Lydia Lee Blanton Hamrick, the third daughter of George and Nancy Blanton, was born on October 27, 1948. After finishing the Shelby Public Schools, she attended Stratford College in Danville, Virginia, transferring to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill her junior year. Marriage to C. Rush Hamrick, III in 1970 interrupted her education while she joined her husband for a two year tour of duty with the United States Navy in Naples, Italy. Returning to Shelby she completed her degree in Primary Education at Gardner-Webb College. Lydia is an active member of the Shelby Junior Charity League and the First Presbyterian Church to which she and her family belong. They have two sons: Charles Rush Hamrick, IV, born April 11, 1977 and George Blanton Hamrick, born June 5, 1979.

Source: Family history.

— Nancy Dicks Blanton

HARRILL LEE BLANTON

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Harrill Lee Blanton was born on April 17, 1924 in Cleveland County to John Samuel Blanton and Garva Ella Harrill. "Buster" (now called "Bus") as he was nicknamed by his mother was the sixth of seven children.

Bus attended Lattimore School where, on the first day, he sneaked away and returned home. His mother found him sitting nonchalantly on the couch and asked him why he wasn't at school. He replied that his heart just didn't beat right over there!

When "Bus" was a little boy he had an unusual pet, a rooster. One of the things "Bus" enjoyed doing was putting baby shoes on the rooster and watching him walk around.

After graduation from Lattimore High School in 1941, Bus worked for Glenn L. Mar-

tin Aircraft Company in Baltimore, Maryland. He also attended Howard's Business College and served in the United States Navy.

For many years Bus worked with his father and brothers (J.S. Blanton & Sons) in the plumbing and electrical business. Years later, Bus and his brother Ken took over the business and also operated a poultry farm for a while. After working as a salesman for Dixie Industrial Supply Company of Shelby, Bus owned and operated a clothing store (The College Corner) in Lattimore for a brief period.

As an active member of Lattimore Baptist Church he has served for many years as a deacon, a Sunday School teacher, the director of Training Union, a choir member, and on many committees. Throughout the years he has also rendered various services in community work.



Harrill L. and Evelyn Gold Blanton.

Bus married Martha Evelyn Gold (Nov. 27, 1923) on May 17, 1945 in Milton, Florida. Evelyn is the daughter of Ralph Royster Gold (May 9, 1898 — May 30, 1968) and Alma Branton (June 17, 1902). A graduate of Lattimore High School and the Shelby School of Nursing, Evelyn was a registered nurse at Cleveland Memorial Hospital for many years. Presently an attendance counselor for Cleveland County Schools, she devotes a majority of her time unselfishly and many times without recognition in helping others.

Evelyn is an active member of Lattimore Baptist Church. She has for many years and still does teach one of the women's Sunday School classes. A member of the choir, she has worked in Bible School, taught Training Union, and served on different committees.

Bus and Evelyn have four children and one foster child. The first child Harrill Lee Jr. was born January 4, 1947. He attended Lattimore School and graduated from Shelby High School. He also attended N.C. State University. He is employed by Summey Building Sys-

tems of Dallas, N.C. Harrill married Tena Gail Harris (Jan. 25, 1947) on September 5, 1970. Tena is a teacher at Elizabeth School. Harrill and Tena have one child Joshua Lee (Jan. 25, 1976).

Martha Beatrix is the only daughter of Bus and Evelyn. Born August 4, 1948 she attended Lattimore School. She graduated from Shelby High School, Gardner-Webb Junior College, and Appalachian State University. March 29, 1975 Martha married Stuart Maxwell Caudill (June 5, 1946) who is a biology teacher for Gaston County Schools. Having taught French for nine years in the Gaston County School system, Martha is presently at home taking care of their son Jonathan Stuart who was born October 16, 1979.

Born July 8, 1955 John Gold was Bus and Evelyn's third child. He graduated from Crest High School and attended Gardner-Webb College. He and his brother Mike own and manage Cross Country Cycles, a bicycle shop in Shelby. John married Margaret Rose Nanney (Dec. 4, 1956) on May 21, 1977. "Maggie" is a registered nurse in Labor and Delivery at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

The last of four children, William Michael was born January 15, 1959. He graduated from Crest High School and is currently co-owner of Cross Country Cycles.

Bus and Evelyn have a foster child Robert Steven who was born July 6, 1966. He is a student at Crest High School.

A man of many talents and skills, and one known for his unselfish time and effort devoted to helping others, Bus is presently an industrial trade teacher at Kings Mountain Junior High School. He still resides with his wife, one son, and their foster child in the Lattimore Community.

Source: Family history.

— Stuart Caudill

JAMES HENRY BLANTON

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James Henry Blanton and Mary Melvina Lee were married December 14, 1876. They had nine children: Annie Jane, Ollie, Watson, Viola, Sam, Lena, Ethel, Mae and Harold. Lena Blanton Beam (Mrs. Merton H. Beam) is the only surviving child, living in Charlotte.

James Henry Blanton was born June 7, 1854, died March 7, 1934; Mary Melvina Lee Blanton was born January 27, 1860, died February 5, 1925.

Melvina Lee's father, Watson E. Lee, fought in the Battle of Gettysburg. He was in 28th Regiment, Company H. Some of the family have his last letter written shortly before he was killed in action.

Ida Pearl Byers, wife of Watson Blanton, was adopted at age five by John Franklin and Mary Alena Flack Ledbetter. She has three sisters, and after their father died with typhoid when a very young man, the mother was unable to care for four small daughters and the father's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Creighton Byers, Sr., of Sulphur Springs took all four to raise, but as Pearl was the youngest and the grandmother was getting older, the youngest could not help to look after herself.



Grandchildren of James Henry and Mary Melvina Blanton. L to R: Alena, J.W., Lucy Mae, Lucile. In back: Hughlen.

Her three sisters were: Mattie Byers married David Barnett; Dorothea Byers married Leonard Ledford; Lily Byers married Noah Gladden, all deceased.

The sisters remained close until death and visited Pearl often, calling Pearl's adoptive parents Uncle John and Aunt Mary. Her three sisters were living in Sulphur Springs community, Peal in the Sharon community. She was a real Southern lady from her earliest days. She was a gentle mother, soft-spoken and lovable girl and woman, and an excellent speller.

Later John and Mary adopted a son, Frank Boyce Ledbetter. Frank was a very talented person. He married Lucy Hasty from down east, Raeford, N.C. Frank and Lucy adopted John William Ledbetter (Bill). Bill married Ada Jean Walker of Cleveland County. They have two children, Cindy and Mike.

John F. Ledbetter, born February 2, 1850,

died October 11, 1930. Mary Alena Flack Ledbetter, born January 9, 1859, died November 14, 1940. Frank Boyce Ledbetter, born December 18, died December 11, 1958. John, Mary, and Frank, buried at Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Family knowledge.

— Corene Blanton Anthony

JOHN "BUCK" BLANTON

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John Blanton, known as "Buck" was born ca. 1785, died 1 December, 1847. He was the son of Burwell Blanton, the Revolutionary soldier and Phoebe Margaret Bridges Blanton. He married Rebecca Hughes (1789 — d. ca. 1876), daughter of Revolutionary soldier William Hughes and wife Nancy Bowers Hughes.

John Blanton and family lived on Beaver Dam Creek in Cleveland County. The old home place is located behind what is now known as Cleveland Memorial Park. The family cemetery is nearby where John and Rebecca, along with Rebecca's parents are buried. John Blanton's estate settlement indicated that he was a very successful farmer. To this union were born ten children.

Burwell (1809-1877) was known in the area as "Lawyer Burt". Although he had no legal training he was often called upon to write wills and other important documents. He too, was a successful farmer. He lived with his blind mother and his sister Malinda. He never married and when he wrote his will in 1877 he gave all his property to his beloved sister Malinda, naming his youngest brother, Franklin Blanton, as executor of his estate. His grandfather Burwell Blanton, for whom he was named, appointed him executor of his estate.

Andrew "Andy" Blanton (b. 1811) married (1838) Elizabeth Jane Jolley (b. 1820). His second wife was Elizabeth Winn (b. 1830) whose first husband was Lemual Pearson. Their children were: William C., Karolina, Messeleny, Eady E., Rebecca, Burrell A., Elizabeth J. and Nancy S.

Nancy Blanton (1814-1887) married Peter Bedford. They had one child Malinda Bedford who married Thomas Stroud.

Julia Ann (b. 1817 —) married 26 December 1839 to Samuel Marion Dunn (b. 1818 Lincoln County, NC). He was a boatmaker by trade. He fought in the civil War on the side of the Union. He and Julia Ann lived in South Carolina before moving to Tennessee. Their children were: John, Samuel, Phillip, Charlotte, Nellie, James A., Ellen, Rebecca and Noah Dunn.

Rebecca Blanton (1820-1891) married Lewis "Dock" Jolley (1812-1898) who was a soldier in the French and Indian war. Their children were: Martha and Jesse Goven Jolley. Lewis Jolley's first wife was Mary McCraw.

William Blanton (1817-1907) married 29 July 1856, Almira (Elmina) N. Hughes (1839-1092). Their children were: John, Linda Jane, Greenberry, William Franklin, and Mollie Blanton.

John Blanton (1826-1862) married Sarah "Aunt Sack" Hughes (b. 1829). Their children were: Elizabeth, Malindy, Tucker and Jesse Blanton.

Mary Blanton (b. 1827) married 22 April, 1856, her first cousin Burwell Benson Byers (b. 1828 —). Their children were: Benjamin Franklin, John James, Joseph Crayton, Mary and Nancy Blanton.

Malinda Blanton (1830-1897) never married. She lived with her mother Rebecca, and brother "Lawyer Burt" Blanton. After their death her niece, Mary Etta Blanton and nephew, William Franklin Blanton took care of her, and in return for this service inherited her property (Cleveland County Will Book I). Malinda is buried with her parents in the family cemetery.

Franklin "Frank" Blanton (1831-1915) the youngest child, married Sarah Chitwood (1839-1890) of Rutherford County. She was the daughter of Jesse Chitwood (a soldier in

the war of 1812) and wife Sarah Horton. Franklin and Sarah moved to Hollis, NC where he engaged in farming. Their children were: Jesse Guilford, Julia Rebecca, Ellen, John, James, Burwell "Bert", Mary Malinda, Sarah "Sally", William F. "Bill", Nancy Elizabeth "Lizzie", Frances "Fannie", and Eliza Blanton.

Sources: Family Records

— Mrs. S. Arnold Ramey

JOHN G. BLANTON and DESCENDANTS

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John G. Blanton was born June 2, 1863 and died July 25, 1931. He married Lissie Edison and had four children; Lillie Mae, Ernest, Ed. P., and Hettie.

John G. Blanton lived on a farm close to Shelby, N.C. After Lissie Edison Blanton died, he married Cathrine E. Peeler. She was born September 22, 1871, and died about 1942. John G. and Cathrine E. Peeler Blanton are buried at Sharon Methodist Church. The church was founded in 1851 and is presently located close to the Shelby Airport. They had no children.

Lillie Mae, a daughter of John G. Blanton, was born June 15, 1886 and died September 20, 1932. Lillie Mae married Dock Reed Hovis. Dock was born December 19, 1875 and died May 20, 1940. Both are buried at Macedonia Church in Lincoln County, N.C. For awhile they lived at Gaffney, S.C. before moving to Lincoln, N.C. They had eight children: Thomas Wesley, born April 8, 1910, died September 13, 1919 and is buried at Macedonia Baptist Church; Jake Sullivan, born June 14, 1913, died October 27, 1979. He married Alice Mathis and they lived in Lincoln County, N.C. They had nine children: Lillie Nadine, Nancy Mae, Alfred, Edward, Margie, Dorothy, Carolyn, Nettie, and Carl; David's twin brother, who wasn't named, died October 28, 1916; David Lockman, born October 26, 1916, married Helen Poole. They had four children: Sylvia Inez, Pansy, Allen, Mildred; Samuel Mullen, born October 3, 1918 and died December 14, 1973, married Elizabeth Beal and had two children: Mack Danile and Howard Reed; Wade Shelton, born April 9, 1921, married Mary Lou Richard and had one child, Dale Richard; Daniel Moore, born September 5, 1923, married Lois Brackett, and had three children: Daniel Moore, Jr., Eddie Eugene, and Ricky Lamar; Mary Lissie, born April 13, 1926, married Gaither Lee Beal. Gaither was born August 18, 1918. They have five children: Larry Danny, Kenneth Lee, Blair Eugene, Betty Faye (Lavander) and James Darrell.

Ed. P. Blanton, a son of John G., married Bessie (?). He had four children: Andrew, Lillie, Velma, and John.

Ernest, another son of John G., married (?) and had six children, four by his first wife and a set of twins by the second. They are Velma, John, Margaret, and Junior.

— Mary Lissie Hovis Beal

THE JOHN SAMUEL BLANTON FAMILY

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John Samuel Blanton (b. September 1889; d. 23 February 1947) was the son of Jesse Guilford (1860-1894) and wife Lora Manassa Bridges Blanton (1869-1926), and grandson of Franklin (1831-1915) and wife Sarah Chitwood Blanton (1839-1890).

John's father taught school at the Old Boone School located west of Lattimore (Cleveland County). When John was five years old his father died. His mother, unable to continue farming, moved back to the home of her parents (Jesse Whitson (1875-1904) and wife Mary Jane Hamrick Bridges) (1851-1945) in the Lattimore Community. In 1900 his mother married James Albert Johnson (1875-1949).

John S. Blanton entered the business world as operator and director of the Lattimore Telephone Company. After serving in this capacity from 1905 — until 1920, he went into business for himself. He sold and installed home electric light and water systems in Cleveland and Rutherford Counties. At this period of time, electricity was not available in the rural area and families who wanted these conveniences had to buy their own systems. John's home was the first in Lattimore area to have these utilities. Prior to his home electrical system, John had built and installed a water wheel to generate electricity for his home. The wheel was placed in a branch about a mile away. While it furnished only enough electricity to light one light bulb, it caused a sensation among neighbors and friends who came to see his invention. John and his neighbor, Dr. L.V. Lee, were instrumental in bringing electricity to Lattimore (1923).

John, in addition to his electrical and plumbing business, operated a grocery store.

In the late twenties his uncle D. Cicero Bridges, became a partner in his grocery business. This was all destroyed in the March 11, 1930 Lattimore fire. After the fire John built a small electrical shop near his home, and in spite of declining health, continued to operate his business and teach classes in electricity for the defense program. Eventually, his sons joined him and the business became known as J.S. Blanton and sons.

Since John's interest was in the field of electricity, it was no surprise that he became interested in radio. His hobby was building radio receiving sets, also a first for the area. He spent many happy hours sitting by his receiving set, headphones to his ears, listening to KDKA, a station in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. Neighbors and friends from all around came to hear the "man talk from Pittsburg."

On June 29, 1910, John married Garva Ella Harrill (b. 27 June 1891) daughter of Robert Lee and Julia Jane McSwain Harrill. In 1911 they bought and moved into the Pratt Early house in Lattimore, this has remained the family residence for 71 years.

Garva came with her family to Lattimore in 1905 from the Beaver Dam Community. She was an assistant postal clerk in the Lattimore post office, and was a teacher at the Padgett School (1910). John Crawley, one of her pupils, described her in a 1975 article that he wrote to the Star, "as quiet, loving, kind and sincere and did her work well — there were no discipline problems then." After her marriage, Garva worked (in their home) as the Lattimore Telephone Company operator and later ran a small hat shop. For seventy years she has been active in the Lattimore Baptist Church. She has served as a Sunday school teacher, choir member, and leader of the R.A.'s. In 1954 she was young people leader for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association. She was a charter



The John Samuel Blanton Family. L to R: Sarah Dedmon, Harold L., Annette Cline, Robert E., Beatrix Ramey, John S., Jr., Mrs. John S., Kenneth H.



JOHN SAMUEL BLANTON, JR. — LOUISE BROWN BLANTON 273

John Samuel Blanton, Jr. was born in Lattimore, North Carolina to John Samuel Blanton (1889-1947) and Garva Ella Harrill (1891-), attended by Dr. Lawrence Victor Lee.

John played basketball and baseball for Lattimore High School, all team sports for Gardner Webb College (1936-1938), and was graduated from North Carolina State University, Raleigh, N.C. in 1954.

During the summer of 1939 he worked in Powell, Wyoming; did electrical installations during the construction of Camp Croft, Spartanburg, South Carolina (1940-1941); worked as an electrician and ground test mechanic for Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company, Baltimore, Maryland (1941-1945); served as First Sergeant of Headquarters Company, 349th Infantry Battalion, 88th Division in Italy (April 1945 — August 1946); and worked as a plumber and electrician with Blanton and Sons, Lattimore, North Carolina prior to 1940 and from 1946-1951.

On March 15, 1942 he married in Shelby, North Carolina, Mary Louise Brown (born June 7, 1919), daughter of William Thomas Brown (1887-1955) and Fannie Jane Casey (1884-1959).

John and Louise have one son, John Samuel Blanton III (Sam), born May 13, 1944, Baltimore, Maryland. Sam married Mary Ann Bunker, January 28, 1964 and they have three children: Misty Ann Blanton, born December 25, 1964; John Samuel Blanton, IV, born February 20, 1967; and Robert Lee Blanton, born January 6, 1970.

John sang in the choir at Lattimore Baptist Church, Lattimore, North Carolina and at Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. He was a Boy Scout Master and had a square dance team in Lattimore, North Carolina; did a variety of community recreational activities in Raleigh, North Carolina; was director of Water Safety for Wake County American Red Cross (1955-1958); taught Diversified Occupations in Garner, North Carolina (1954-1964); was Assistant State Supervisor and Consultant of Vocational Education for the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction (1964-1980).

He received the Cross of Military Service from the United Daughters of the Confederacy through the Cleveland Guards, Chapter 443, Shelby, North Carolina on March 9, 1980.

His hobbies have included horseback riding; photography; water and snow skiing; bridge; hunting; fishing; boating; model building; raising parakeets, tropical fish, poodles and bird dogs; collecting antiques; travel; golf; tennis, and dancing.

John retired July 1, 1980 and spends his time between his homes in Raleigh and Harkers Island, North Carolina; boating, shrimp-ing, fishing and enjoying his friends.

Louise was born at Pacolet, South Carolina. She attended Morgan Elementary School and Shelby High School, Gardner-Webb College, Asheville Teachers College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She taught

school at Grover, Lattimore, and Raleigh, North Carolina for 33 years, nine years of which she was a principal in Wake County.

Her memories of life in Cleveland County include: representing Morgan Elementary school at an art contest in Washington, D.C.; debating and public speaking at Shelby High School; Isabell Hoey (daughter of Clyde R. Hoey) as the most colorful teacher she ever had; being elected to the Beta Club and Phi Rho Pi; working a whole day for her brother who was an auditor, to find a penny to balance a tax sheet; walking from Earl Road to Shelby High School daily; wearing a pink crepe smocked dress to the Junior-Senior Banquet that was made by her mother; all the small children of the family sitting on a feather bed and her mother reading to them during a thunder storm; eating banana pudding on Sunday, lettuce and fish on Friday; no work on Sunday except dishwashing; her daddy clearing his throat to correct behavior of children; being sent away from the table for giggling; tin tubs of lemonade on church picnics; working in the library and kitchen at Gardner-Webb and seeing the Price Tulip Garden at Lattimore, North Carolina.

Louise's hobbies include all kinds of crafts. She is always busy at work no matter which home, Raleigh or Harkers Island.

Sources: Family Knowledge

— Louise B. Blanton

THE JONATHON BATEY BLANTON FAMILY

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John B. Blanton was born March 21, 1857, to Batey Sawyer Blanton, major in the Civil War, and Almira Clementine Whitesides Blanton (daughter of Aaron W. Whitesides and Elizabeth Lewis). They lived in the Forest City area near Concord Church and owned much property from there to Chimney Rock. Almira attended Limestone College. John's aunt (Priscilla Jane Blanton) and her husband, Milton Webb, lived next door. They were the parents of Judges James L. and E.Y. Webb. John's father died when he was one year old and is buried at Concord Church Cemetery. John had a brother, Hackett. Their mother married S.A. Wilson from Shelby, on September 3, 1963, and the Forest City area property was sold for Confederate money. Almira and S.A. Wilson had two children, James and Julia. They lived in Shelby.

As a young man, John and his friend, Charlie C. Blanton, (First National Bank) worked in Texas. After returning home, he attended Wake Forest College. In 1880, John started the first private school including primary and high school in Gastonia. Pupils attended from many counties. At night he prepared young business men for college. Two of his students were his cousins, O. Max Gardner and Yates Webb. This was the beginning of the school system in Gastonia.

John married Aurelia Barr, the talented daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Scott Barr, on July 2, 1883. Aurelia taught music and art. They had four children.



Garva Harrill and John Samuel Blanton.

member of the Lattimore Home Demonstration Club, serving as its president for two terms. She enjoyed writing and served as the town's reporter for the county newspapers. Her hobbies were gardening and playing her old reed organ.

There were eight children born to this union: Jesse Miles (b. 9 September, 1912; d. 1 October, 1912) died in infancy, Jenny Beatrix married S. Arnold Ramey; Mary Annette married Thomas Ray Cline, John Jr. married Mary Louise Brown; Kenneth Hewitt married Jane Elizabeth Cabaniss, Sarah Caroline married Thomas Hal Dedmon, Harrill Lee married Martha Evelyn Gold. (See articles elsewhere in book for information on the above children.

Robert Eugene, the youngest of the eight children was born 27 August 1929 in Lattimore. He was graduated from Gardner-Webb Junior College, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in radio broadcasting production, Florida State University in instrumental music, and the University of South Florida with a MA in Music Education.

His career in music includes the following: Band director in Lakeland City Schools, Lakeland, Florida. He was chosen Lakeland's 1964 teacher of the year. In 1963 he was a member of the summer staff of Brevard School of music, Brevard, N.C.. In 1970 he joined the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system and in 1980, was chosen outstanding band director of North Carolina's sixth district.

He served in the armed forces, during the Korean conflict, with the Third Army Band. He is single and makes his home in Lattimore and Charlotte.

Sources: Family Knowledge, Bible

— Mrs. J.S. Blanton
— Mrs. Arnold Ramey



Batey Scott was born April 12, 1884. He married Rose McCanon. Their children were B. Scott, Jr. and Constance.

William McIlwain was born December 21, 1885. He married Lois Little. Their children are Nancy Lois and William, Jr.

Annie Barr was born July 8, 1887. She married John A. McBrayer. Their children are John Albert, Martha Aurelia, Charles David, and Mary Ruth.

May Aurelia was born February 19, 1889. She married J.W. Lucas. Their children are James Batey, William Scott, and Robert Pressley.

John's wife Aurelia died January 19, 1892, leaving four small children. He later married Alice Lillian Purcell, who had been an unusually bright student of his and who knew and loved his children. Lillian was born February 17, 1877, in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. She was the daughter of Dr. James J. and Harriett Melissa Baird Purcell. Dr. J.J. Purcell was the first (known) doctor in Mooresboro.

John and Lillian had seven children.

Ralph Purcell was born July 13, 1893. He married Edna Harrill. He died October 12, 1977. Their children are June Evelyn, Ralph P., Jr., and Margaret Lillian.

Fred Wilmont was born December 8, 1896. He married Maude Sikes. He died January 15, 1951. Their children are Mary Lylyan, Jayne Alice, and Maude Sikes.

Johnathan Dewey was born May 26, 1898. He married Turner Smith. He died July 23, 1943. Their child is Marguerite Smith.

Rena Lillian was born May 16, 1900. She married Dr. W. Frank Strait. Their children are Rosa Lillian, Frank, IV, and Isabella Blanton.

Charles Edwin was born May 10, 1902. He married Blanche Faegan. Their children are Charles, Jr. and James Oliver.

Edna Whitesides was born May 26, 1904. She married C.O. Champion. Their children are Constance Alice and Clifton Ormond, Jr. Later she married Fred B. Hendricks.

June Evelyn died at 4 years of age.

John and Lillian sent all of their children to preparatory school and college.

John was active in business, community and religious affairs. He had a general merchandise store with farmers' supplies. In 1909, he started the first creamery in North Carolina and was its president and general manager for eight years. He was president of the Mooresboro Oil Mill, which produced cotton seed meal and oil. He helped organize the Bank of Mooresboro and was president at one time. He helped form the Lattimore Central Telephone Company.

John belonged to the Sandy Run Baptist Church. Lillian belonged to the Presbyterian Church.

John died of a stroke on October 19, 1928. From his obituary, "He was a clean, upright citizen, honest in his dealings, generous and kind. He became one of the leading and most influential citizens of Mooresboro."

For many years after John died, Lillian lived in the homeplace at Mooresboro (now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Blackburn). For years, four generations lived there, including "Grandma" Purcell. The large family congregated at her house on Sundays and during summers. Lillian was witty, knowledgeable about business and world affairs, keeping up with the world news by radio and newspapers. "Grandma Lillian" was much beloved by her family.

She died December 10, 1954, in Shelby at the home of her daughter, Edna Hendricks.

John B. and Lillian Blanton are buried in the Sandy Run Baptist Church Cemetery at Mooresboro.

Blanton Genealogy:

John B. Blanton, born March 21, 1857, died October 19, 1928, son of Batey Sawyer Blanton and Almira Whitesides.

Batey Sawyer Blanton, born January 29, 1827, died April 18, 1858, son of George Blanton and Priscilla Harrill.

George Blanton, born November 12, 1791, died June 2, 1863, son of Burrell Blanton and Phoebe Margaret Bridges.

Burrell Blanton, born November 1, 1762, died May 14, 1860, fought in Revolutionary War, son of George Blanton (Court Judge) and Elvira Lee.

Sources of information: Ruth Dover; Family records, letters; Max Gardner Foundation; Newspaper clippings, stock certificates; DAR records; Family Bible; *Gastonia Gazette*, March 13, 1926; *Shelby Daily Star*

— Constance C. Young (Mrs. Carlos)

THE KENNETH HEWITT BLANTON FAMILY

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Kenneth Hewitt Blanton was born in Lattimore, North Carolina on February 29, 1920 to John Samuel (1889-1947) and wife Garva Ella Harrill Blanton (1891-).

As a young boy, Ken's pockets were always filled with bits of collected treasures. He delivered the "Charlotte News" scooter-style from a coaster wagon, winning a bike for getting the largest number of new subscribers.

At an early age he began assisting his father in the plumbing and electrical trade, becoming the head of Blanton Brothers after his father's death. He has continued as a plumber and electrician by trade and is an auto-repairman and mechanic by avocation.

He is active in the Lattimore Baptist Church having served as a member of the choir, the building committee, pastoral search committee, and as a deacon. He is a special friend to all who need help and comfort, requiring no fanfare or recognition for his humanitarianism. He is patient, persevering and industrious.

Ken married May 30, 1944 Jane Elizabeth Cabaniss born March 5, 1922 to George Turner (1889-1982) and Bryte Beam Cabaniss. Elizabeth attended Lattimore School and Boiling Springs Jr. College (Gardner-Webb). She graduated from the Shelby Hospital School of Nursing (1944). She is employed by Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Elizabeth, as well as her husband, is very involved in the activities of Lattimore Baptist Church. She is a member of the church choir. One will find her always willing to lend a helping hand to any worthy cause. She is a kind, compassionate, and understanding person.

Their two children are: Kenneth Hewitt, Jr. born in Cleveland County, October 12, 1945; married Sarah Elizabeth McGill. Their children are Kenneth Hewitt III born March 25, 1975 and Andrew Thompson born January 31, 1978. Jane Elizabeth born April 10, 1948, married Richard Matthew Moor of Delaware. Their children are Jennifer Jane born August 4, 1972, Richard Matthew, Jr. born May 5, 1975, and Alex Blanton born July 18, 1980.

Sources Family Knowledge

— Louise B. Blanton

LAWTON and CARRIE MOORE BLANTON FAMILY

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The following is a brief sketch of the family history including early American ancestors of Lawton Blanton: George Blanton was the first Blanton to come to America. He first settled in Virginia then came to North Carolina. His land was located on the west side of Sandy Run Creek, two and one half miles southeast of Boiling Springs Church in Cleveland County.

He was the first magistrate of Tryon County appointed by King George of England on November 10, 1769, the year Tryon County was formed. In 1769 Tryon County reached from the Virginia line and ran southwest to about where Charlotte is now situated. It followed the main Broad River where the two states now join.

George is supposed to be buried on his farm. His will was probated October 6, in 1802 in Rutherford County.

George brought a huntsman's rifle from England. It has been shown at family reunions. Bill Harris, Jr. owns the gun.

George married Elvira Lee and they had one son, Burwell. He was one of the first trustees of North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts in the year 1889, and his name is on the cornerstone of the college in Raleigh.

Burwell Blanton married Phoebe Margaret Bridges. Nine children were born to his union. James was the fifth child; he and his second wife, Rebecca Hamrick, had three children. Their first child, Drury Allen, married Julia Ann Ledbetter. They had nine children. Their second child was William Norman, and he married Rebecca Blanton the first time.

William Norman and his wife, Rebecca, lived on a farm in the Sharon section. Their children were: Marvin, Lawton, Herbert, Mrs. Arrie Hawkins, and Mrs. Madge Shytle. The family belonged to and loved Sharon Methodist Church. William and Rebecca were buried in the church cemetery. William's second wife was Mary Wolfe.

Lawton Blanton (1885-1945) was born in the Sharon section of Cleveland County in North Carolina. He died at the age of 59. Lawton graduated from Piedmont High School and the University of North Carolina, coming directly out of the university to take up the profession of teaching in the county of his birth. He became one of the most beloved school men in the section, and hundreds of young people came under his influence in the

classroom. He retired from active teaching after 35 years of service as principal of schools at Piedmont, Lattimore and No. 3 Township. Seventeen years of his work were spent as principal of Lattimore School. During that time the school included elementary, junior, and senior high grades.

He loved public speaking and spoke english, german and latin fluently. Mathematics was one of his favorite subjects. He was also a student and lover of the Bible.

Lawton married his sweetheart from childhood, Carrie Ann Moore (1887-1978). She grew up in the nearby Poplar Springs community. Lawton would put candy in Carrie's desk at school. School friends teased and she was embarrassed. Lawton and Carrie were married around 1913 on the front porch of the Moore family home. (See Marion Moore Family)

The children of Lawton and Carrie were: Genevieve Rebecca (1915), married Marshall Fotch Edwards; Marsdon Burns (1917-1981), married Elva Moss; Lawton, Jr. (1919-1920); Geraldine Moore (1924-1980), married Gene Wease; William Eugene (1926), married Jean Peters; Elizabeth Ann (1929), married Marvin Grigg, Jr.

Carrie proved herself to be a strong woman when faced with hardships. You could always count on her for wit and humor and a practical joke. She was a wonderful personality to come home to after a tension filled day at school.

Lawton had a charm that seemed to draw people to him. He also was fun loving and had humorous wit. Yet, he had a deep mind. He was always concerned about his fellow man and devoted his life to helping others.

It has been said many times that behind every good man stands a good woman. This was certainly true in Lawton's case. Carrie was there running the home and taking in an occasional visitor or caring for a homeless child.

Lawton died in 1945 and Cleveland County

mourned his passing. Carrie lived to see ten grandchildren grow up. She retained her fun loving disposition much to the delight of the grandchildren and friends. She died at the age of 92. Lawton and Carrie were buried in Sharon Methodist Church Cemetery.

Sources of Information: family Bible, family records, personal knowledge of Genevieve Blanton Edwards, clipping from 1945 Shelby Daily Star

— Genevieve Blanton Edwards

SUSANAH CLARINDA BLANTON

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Susanah Clarinda Blanton was born July 18, 1855 in Number Two Township, Cleveland County, North Carolina. She died February 2, 1912, and is buried in Poplar Springs Baptist Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina, beside her husband Benjamin Franklin Jones.

Mrs. Hudson Blanton told me that Susan had the palest blue eyes, and she always wore an apron with a hickory stick under her belt to discipline the children. She said that Lorie Jones favored her mother most of all the children.

Susan's parents were Jackson (1816-1887) and Sarah Byers (1821-1898) Blanton. Both are buried in Sharon Methodist Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Hudson Blanton described his grandfather as "short and stout in stature". A Friend wrote in "The New Era", December 7, 1887 and described him as "a man of high moral principles, strict integrity, a kind neighbor, and possessed of all the qualities characteristic of the old style gentleman in the circle of his associates . . ."

Hudson described his grandmother ("Sally Jack") as "fire and toe, not as big as a washing of soap", and that she was bossy. I don't know who were the parents of Sarah Byers Blanton.

Their children were: Luvianne Ann Blanton married Elijah Newton Harrill; Hartwell Sain Blanton married Sarah Jane Bridges; Mary Jane Blanton married William Miller Morehead; Charles Tyrell ("Tull") Blanton married Lizzie Blanton; Jonas Monroe Blanton married Molly Hopper, Liza Hopper, Delola Hopper; Cleophus Postell ("Tommy Jack") Blanton married Rhoda Green; Susan Clarinda Blanton married Benjamin Franklin Jones; Sarah Anderson Blanton married William ("Bill") Pearson.

Hudson Blanton said that Jackson Blanton was an overseer for Drury Birchett who owned land and slaves, so he didn't have to serve in the Confederacy. Jackson bought some of the land when Drury Birchett died. The land was where the Sharon Retirement Home is now on Highway 150, West, Shelby, North Carolina.

Susan Blanton Jones' grandparents appear to be Charles Blanton and Sarah, and her paternal great-grandfather Reuben Blanton, Senior.

Rutherford County Court, November 1823, page 217 . . . "Daniel Blanton, administrator of Charles Blanton, deceased, George and Herod Blanton, Securities" . . . page 218,

"support for Sarah Blanton, widow of Charles Blanton".

Rutherford County Guardian Accounts, January Court 1834, Page 72, Number 19 . . . the court appointed Daniel Blanton guardian to Jackson, James, Willis, and Betsy Ann Blanton, distributees of Reuben Blanton, Senior.

January Court 1836, Number 5, . . . Report of the estate of Betsy, Jackson, John W., and Artemissa Blanton, orphans and heirs of Charles Blanton, Deceased, in the hands of Daniel Blanton their guardian.

Spring Court 1843, pages 88-89. Receipt in full from heirs of Charles Blanton . . . Arte Harrill, Jonathan Harrill, Jackson Blanton and all the others.

Sarah Blanton is listed in the 1830 Rutherford County, North Carolina Census with males 3 (10-15), 1 (15-20), 1 (20-30); females 2 (5-10), 1 (40-50).

Willis, Jackson, and James Blanton, Elizabeth Ann Harrill of Cleveland County and Caroline Winn of Burke County, North Carolina were notified to appear before the Judge of Probate of Cleveland County concerning the will of John W. Blanton, deceased, which was to be recorded and filed on July 31, 1880.

The children of Ben and Susan Blanton Jones had a family reunion each year on the first Sunday in August. The grandchildren changed the time to the second Sunday in June each year at the Poplar Springs Baptist Church.

Their grandchildren were: Bussie F. Jones, Wylie and James Smith (children of Laura Jones Smith) Love, Christine, Clyde, Herschel, Helen and Margaret Jones (children of Doctor Young Jones); Mae, Myrtle, Arthur, Katie, Jennie Rae, Albert, J.C., Howard and Rosie Jones (children of Clint Andrew Jones); Buford, Nannie, Hatcher, Herman, Thurman, Edgar, Selma, Miller T. and Ben Jones (children of Samuel Edward Jones); Lillian, Gertrude and Anna Mae Jones (children of Sidney Hamrick Jones); Horace, Fitchue, Elzie, Herbert, Vernon, Connie, Loria Lee, Kathleen and Inez Lemons (children of Cynthia Jones Lemons); Allen Jones (son of Winslow Washburn Jones); Alvie, Carl, Carson, Kathleen, Elizabeth and Kay Jones (children of John Bunyan Jones); Aileen, Annie Ray, Frances and Julius Troy Jones, Junior (children of Julius Troy Jones); Eva Lane Jones (child of Wite Quitman Jones); Louise and Eugene Jones (children of Edmund D. Jones); Carrie Mae, Frances, Howard and Melba Lois Bridges (children of Lorie Jones Bridges); Martha and Ruth Hamrick (children of Agatha Jones Hamrick). Infants were not listed.

Forty grandchildren remain to carry on with the annual Jones reunion.

Sources: Family Knowledge

— Annie Ray Jones Dodd

THE WILLIAM HERSCHEL BLANTON FAMILY

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Our father, William Herschel Blanton, was born January 25, 1889, in Cleveland County, North Carolina, at the old homeplace in the Mt.



Professor Lawton Blanton



William Herschel Blanton 1889-1952



William Herschel Blanton Family, 1943. L to R: Elizabeth Bethea, Katherine Washburn, James Sidney, Darfer, Hazel, William Herschel.



Darfer Hoyt Hamrick Blanton, 1889-1972

Sinai community. He was the son of James Franklin and Janie Elizabeth Dodd Blanton.

Daddy attended the old Piedmont School in Lawndale. After his schooling, he went to Charlotte and worked with the Wade Manufacturing Company for a number of years, later returning to Shelby and going into the merchantile business. He attended the First Baptist Church regularly, being a member of the John P. Mull Bible class, and was active until his death on March 10, 1952.

At the age of 24, Daddy met our mother, Darfer Hoyt Hamrick, born Sept. 6, 1889, daughter of Sidney Hill and Elizabeth Harriell Hamrick. They were united in marriage on April 16, 1913, by the Rev. John W. Suttle.

Mother grew up in the Beaver Dam community of Cleveland County. She received her education in the Cleveland County Schools, The Asheville Normal, and The State Normal (now UNC-G) in Greensboro, N.C. After attending college, she taught school in the Earl Public School for a number of years.

She was a member of the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) and was active in the First Baptist Church until her health failed. She died May 9, 1972. She and Daddy are buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Mama and Daddy were blessed with their first child, Jane Elizabeth, on March 26, 1914. Elizabeth married James Arthur Bethea, Jr., who died December 2, 1964. She died April 17, 1972. They are buried in Bogansville Methodist Church Cemetery in West Springs, South Carolina, of which they were members and took an active part in church work there.

Their second child, Kathryn Myers, was born September 1, 1915, and married Vinson Waddell Washburn, son of Grady and Vastine Crowder Washburn. Kathryn Myers died August 20, 1952, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. They had one son, James William Washburn, born December 4, 1949. James married Sandra Leigh Webster of Greensboro, N.C., and they have two boys, Jeremiah Webster and James Brandon Washburn.

Mama and Daddy's third child, a son, James Sidney Blanton, was born June 3, 1917. He married Ruth Gaynell Walker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Walker of Shelby, N.C. They have a daughter, Cynthia Jane who is married to Thomas W. Melton. They have two boys, Rodney Alan and Jeffrey Aaron Melton.

The fourth and last child, Hazel Rebecca, was born December 11, 1920. She lives in Shelby and is an executive secretary.

Our parents were wonderful parents. Mama always enjoyed cooking a big meal on Sunday and having her children and grandchildren at

home. We were very happy growing up and were very close.

Sources: Family memories, the family Bible and personal knowledge.

— Hazel R. Blanton
— and James S. Blanton

CLINE WILSON and DORIS BROWNE BORDERS FAMILY

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Cline Wilson Borders was born on April 14, 1926. His parents, Mike L. and Dona Cline Borders, had seven other children: Ambrose (1907-1918), Bernice Hamrick (1909-1981), Mary Sue Dameron (1911), Hessantine Johnson (1913), Laura Mae Self (1916-1980), Cleo Worrell (1918), and Mike Jr. (1921).

Cline's father farmed extensively and as he grew up, Cline worked with the tenants, plowing and hoeing the main crop, cotton. There were always horses to ride and he often rode through the woods to his Uncle Herbert's house. He remembers the trees being so large and the limbs so high that he could ride his horse at full gait. He was not allowed to have a bicycle because of the heavy traffic by his house.

After graduating from Shelby High School, Cline was drafted into the army where he served with the 79th Infantry Division in combat in the European theater during World War II. He was discharged as a Staff Sergeant.

Choosing not to go to college, Cline bargained for part of the family farm, and planned to become one of the county's leading farmers. He purchased enough stock to become vice president of the Post Road Gin Company.

Doris Jane, youngest child of Wayne and Beatrice Whitworth Browne, was born August 12, 1926, in the Browne home on Main Street in Waco. There were two other living children in the Browne family: Hal (1915-1968) and Jean (1923).

Doris grew up in Waco, graduating from Waco High School. More than half of the population of Waco were relatives, with aunts, uncles and cousins in every other house on the street. She attended Limestone College, and having received business training there, secured a secretarial position in Charlotte.

Cline and Doris met in the balcony of Elizabeth Baptist Church while they were teenagers. They dated through their last year of high school and wrote faithfully to each other while Cline was in the army. In September, 1946, they were married in Waco Baptist Church, with Jean Browne and Robert Borders as attendants. They honeymooned in New York City.

The young couple built a small house on their farm and lived there for five years. Cline Jr. and Timmy were born during that time. Although both Cline and Doris were members of Elizabeth Baptist Church, Cline first became a Christian in 1949. He responded to a call to the ministry in 1950 and immediately enrolled at Gardner-Webb College. Doris began working as a secretary in Shelby and Cline continued to farm for two years, often caring for two small boys as he studied.

Cline graduated from Gardner-Webb, Wake Forest University, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and Baptist Hospital School of Pastoral Care. He did post-graduate studies at N.C. State University and Indiana University. During his years at Wake Forest and Southeastern, he was pastor of Ephesus Baptist Church in Spring Hope. Cheryl, called Cherie by her family, was born during this time.

In 1958, Cline became pastor of Draytonville Baptist Church near Gaffney, South Carolina. In 1963, he became an associate Director of the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Convention, with responsibility of promoting leadership training for pastors and lay leadership for the five state conventions on the Eastern Seaboard. The family moved to Lawndale, where Cline also was pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church for four years. Danny was born while they lived in Lawndale. Doris ran for her first public office and was elected to the Cleveland County Board of Education. She was the first woman to be elected to this board.

In 1971, Commonwealth Baptist Church in Charlotte called Cline as pastor. During his last year there, there were forty-five additions by baptism and fifty-five by letter. He resigned after two years to become Director of Missions of Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

The family moved back to Cleveland County and built a home in Allen Acres, about one mile north of Shelby. Doris became president of the North Carolina Baptist Ministers' Wives. Cline was on numerous committees and boards for the North Carolina Baptist Convention. He was elected as president of the Southern Baptist Conference for Directors of Missions and presided over the sessions in Los Angeles and New Orleans. The Sunday School and Home Mission Boards have used him as a faculty member at both Ridgecrest and Glorieta Assemblies. He has led seminars for pastors at the state and national level and worked in three

foreign fields — Guatemala, Guyana and South Africa.

Cline and Doris are approved by the North Carolina Christian Life and Public Affairs Council to conduct marriage enrichment retreats. Cline's acceptance among his peers is reflected in the fact that he has been asked to conduct over one hundred revival meetings in churches. Continuing education is a goal he promoted for eight and one-half years and a practice he continues.

Cline and Doris are parents of four children: Cline Wilson, Jr., 1947 (married Jonina Swingle); Timothy Hal, 1950 (married Paulette Fincher) has two children, Lana and Melissa; Cheryl Jean, 1954; Daniel Browne, 1964.

Sources: Personal knowledge.

— Doris Browne Borders

ELZIE and SUSAN WILSON BORDERS

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Elzie Caveny Borders was born to Henderson Borders and Susan Doggett Borders on December 22, 1857 in Cleveland County. He was considered one of the county's leading citizens, serving his community in many ways. Elzie Borders owned and operated one of the first cotton gins, which was located near his farm east of Shelby; what today is thought of as Keeter's corner. His was a large acreage farm, the main crops being cotton and corn. His children provided the work force to cultivate and harvest these crops. In addition to his farming interests, and for more financial assets, he and his oldest son, Mike L. Borders, opened and operated the Snowflake laundry in Shelby. He was also active in the civic affairs of his day by serving a number of years as a county commissioner, and chairman part of the time. He was serving as chairman during the great flood in 1916, and was responsible for the leadership in rebuilding the many washed-out bridges due to the flood. He was elected as a trustee by the Kings Mountain Baptist Association to begin the Boiling Springs High School (now Gardner-Webb College). His church, Elizabeth Baptist, was an important facet of his life. It was here that he served as a Sunday School officer, and usually walked with his children to his church. Occasionally, they had the privilege of riding in the buggy. He and his wife, Susan, were charter members of Elizabeth Baptist church.

Prosperity enabled him to purchase one of the first four automobiles in Cleveland County. This was a Maxwell, well remembered by the children for a number of reasons; one being the scarcity of cars, others being this vehicle had no windshield, no top, and no headlights. There were lights, but mind you, these were those classy kerosene burning side lights.

Elzie married Susan Elizabeth Wilson on December 17, 1878. She was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Jane Beam Wilson, born November 24, 1858. Her mother later married Monroe Houser and lived a long, full life, dying at the ripe old age of 100 years plus. Susan was the strong-willed, hard working helpmate of her husband. She instilled in her children

the traits of honesty, integrity, thrift, and the desire to be industrious. She found pleasure in crocheting and quilting, carding her own cotton that was used as the filling for the quilts. The quilts then became heirlooms after meeting the need of providing warmth in the cold winter months.

To this union eleven children were born: Cordie Jane, born September 24, 1879; died October 18, 1895 at the young age of sixteen years. Mike Lawson, born March 10, 1881; died June 8, 1978. He was married to Dona Cline on November 21, 1907. Bessie Katherine, born October 18, 1882; died March 31, 1966. She married James D. Allen on November 22, 1899. Maggie Rebecca, born October 13, 1884, died April 26, 1977. She married Robert E. Roberts. Hattie Pearl was born October 12, 1886, and married Zeb Vance Cline on November 18, 1908. Pearl is presently living with her daughter, Clayton Putnam, a very alert and active lady for 95 years of age. Susan Luvenia, born October 2, 1888; died February 14, 1977. She was married to Grover Cleveland McClure.

Also, William Herbert, born November 2, 1890, and married Laura Novella Falls on July 29, 1919. Both are still living and on the original Borders farmland, and in reasonably good health. Leola, born July 26, 1893; died October 18, 1955. She married J. Raymond Cline on January 9, 1915. He survives and makes his home in Shelby, North Carolina. Thomas Huffman, born November 21, 1895; died March 27, 1978. He was married to Lula Mae Falls on August 21, 1927. Della Cora, born July 10, 1895; married Elzie Lee Beam on October 20, 1920. Both she and her husband live on Peach Street in Shelby, North Carolina. Frankie Selina, born December 25, 1901; married to Dewey F. King on June 30, 1930. They make their home in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Elzie C. Borders died September 9, 1941; Susan W. Borders died June 18, 1947. Both are buried in the Elizabeth Baptist Church cemetery.

Sources: The Borders Family Bible, interviews with family members and personal memories.

— Robert W. Borders

THE GEORGE MARKS BORDERS FAMILY

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Our father, George Marks Borders, was born January 27, 1891, and died April 5, 1960. He was the son of Hugh and Ellen Lowery Borders, and grandson of Henderson and Susan Doggett Borders and William and Levicy Adams Lowery.

Our mother, Della Blanche Hord Borders, was born January 18, 1895, and died September 24, 1979. She was the daughter of George Clifton and Emma Lee Hord, and granddaughter of Richard Thomas and Mahala Ledford Hord and William Crook and Mary Hardin Lee.

Our Grandfather Hugh Borders made two trips to Texas to seek his fortune; one with his family by wagon train, and another alone on horseback. Other than this and Daddy's military service, our parents and grandparents

were born, lived, and died and were buried in Cleveland County, North Carolina.

Daddy served in World War I with a hospital unit in France and Germany, and he used what he had saved of his army pay to buy a lot and build a home near his parents in Patterson Springs. Prior to being drafted into service, he was a salesclerk for the Belks Store in Charlotte, but did not return to that job after the war because his mother was blind and his father an invalid and he chose not to leave them.

Consequently, we were farmers, as were most of our neighbors. Daddy had a love for his land and was a staunch soil conservationist. Occasionally he would work as a substitute schoolteacher, bookkeeper for various cotton gins, as land surveyor, or teach singing schools. Then in 1937 he was appointed postmaster at Patterson Springs and served until December 31, 1958 when that postoffice was closed.

During the 1930's, we knew what it was to patch our clothes and reinforce our shoes with paper. The price of cotton sunk to five cents per pound and briefly to four cents. But we held ours for two years, and finally sold some for the generous price of twelve cents. We had no luxuries, but managed to pay our fertilizer bills and taxes without borrowing funds. Later we children learned we had weathered the Great Depression. However, since everyone else was in the same boat, we survived that sub-poverty-level era with few scars.

Our home was near the Southern Railroad switchline track, and it was a common occurrence in those lean years for a hobo to knock on our back door and request an hour's work of cutting wood in exchange for a good meal. Our mother did not allow them to enter the house, but never refused to give the food.

The six living children are: Helen (Mrs. George Blanton), Annie Pearl (Widow of John T. Miller), Jennie Louise (Mrs. Jack Ivie), and Gene, all of Cleveland County; Rev. Hugh L. Borders of Spruce Pine and Sylvia Langston of Greensboro. We lost two brothers by death; Horace at age 2, and Kenneth when he was 5.

We children were introduced to work at an early age, both at home and in the fields. At age five our mother tied us in the big rocking chair with the baby in our lap. We were then placed where our feet could touch the wall and thereby keep the chair in motion. If rocking and patting did not perfect our babysitting task, we knew to talk and sing. Talk about family involvement, we had it!

Two things were emphasized at our house, education and Baptist churches. Daddy was for many years a deacon and music director of Patterson Springs Baptist Church, while mama played the organ or piano for about 40 years. Books and music were our all-expenses-paid forms of recreation.

The spring great-grandmother Levicy Adams Lowery used is still on family lands. It was there she sent the returning confederate soldiers to wash off the lice before she fed the men as they passed by, walking home from the battlefields.

Sources: Family records and memories.

— Annie B. Miller

MIKE LAWSON BORDERS

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My father, Mike Lawson Borders, was born on March 10, 1881, to Elzie C. and Susan Wilson Borders, the first of nine children. He grew up on a farm located just off Kings Road. His father operated a cotton gin and a sawmill. Early in life, my father learned how to drive a log wagon and load logs.

As a youth, he became a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church and remained a member until his death. He served in a variety of capacities within the church, such as deacon, Sunday School teacher, various committees, and loved to sing in the choir. He was noted for his fine bass voice.

My mother, Dona Cline Borders, daughter of Ambrose H. and Hester Cline, was born on January 2, 1884. She and Daddy were married on November 21, 1906. Several friends across the county have commented about attending the beautiful wedding ceremony, held at the bride's home.

They began their lives together as farmers and operators of the Snow Flake Laundry in Shelby. Their first home was east of Shelby on what became Highway #74. This home was destroyed by fire which began when they were rendering lard and the hot grease spilled. My father was on crutches at the time, having broken his leg in a logging accident. The story is told that in an effort to get the family and furniture out of the house, he lost his crutches and never really used them again. The family used a tenant house on the Tucker farm until a new house could be built. In 1926, they built a spacious, impressive ten room home which is still located at the intersection of Highway #150 North and present Business Highway #74.

My father became a landowner, cotton farmer and businessman. At one time he worked fourteen mules. He purchased one of the first field tractors in Cleveland County. He was elected as a county commissioner and when the state took over the local prison, he was chosen as a supervisor of the prison. He became a member of the county committee which administered the Federal Farm program, and worked in this capacity for many years. He also served as chairman of this committee.

When the Post Road Gin burned in 1940, he gave up his work with the county committee and reorganized the gin business and built one of the most modern cotton gins in the county. He was president of the Post Road Gin Company until he liquidated the business when cotton was no longer king in Cleveland County.

Affectionately called "Uncle Mike" by many residents of Cleveland County, he was sought out by others as an advisor in personal and business ventures.

My mother and father had eight children. Their first child, Ambrose Elzie, was born on August 30, 1907. He had what was then called 'infantile paralysis' and was taken by train to some of the large medical centers of the country for treatment. One of the favorite stories about Ambrose is that when he was as young as six years old, he would haul laundry from

Kings Mountain to Shelby. Grandfather Cline had given Ambrose a big gray horse named Doll. If Ambrose got tired, he would tie up the lines, lie down in the laundry wagon and go to sleep. Doll would park the wagon either in Kings Mountain or at home. My father retired Doll to open pastures and kept her until she died. Ambrose died in December, 1918, at the time of the big flu epidemic. Both my parents had flu also at the time of Ambrose's death and were not able to attend his funeral.

Bernice Elizabeth was born on September 15, 1909. She was educated in the public school system and attended Meredith College and Wake Forest. She married Charles J. Hamrick of Boiling Springs and they had two sons, Joseph Marshall and Cline Borders Hamrick. Bernice died June 25, 1981.

Mary Sue was born September 9, 1911. After graduating from Shelby High School, she attended Meredith College. She later worked in Penny's Department Store in Shelby. She married Wayne Dameron, a civil engineer from Bessemer City. They moved to Belmore, Long Island, in New York state, and most of their adult lives were spent there. They had two daughters, Elizabeth Ann and Linda.

Hessantine was the next girl, born on December 28, 1913. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. While in school there, she met and married J. Clark Johnson. They had two sons, Wayne and Mike.

Laura Mae was born on March 23, 1916. After graduating from Shelby High School, she attended Appalachian State University. She worked as secretary for the Cherryville Credit Corporation in Shelby. She married Coleman Self and they had two children, Ronald Coleman and Dona Kay. Laura died August 5, 1980.

Cleo was the fifth and last daughter, born November 27, 1918. She graduated from Limestone College, then married George Worrell of Mount Airy. They had one daughter, Elaine.

The seventh child was a boy, named Mike Lawson, Jr., born November 8, 1921. Disliking farming, he chose pharmacy as a profession. He moved to Chadburn upon graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and has lived there since that time.

Cline Wilson, born April 14, 1926, was the last of the eight children. He graduated from Shelby High School, Gardner-Webb College, Wake Forest University and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He was a Baptist minister. Cline married Doris Jane Browne from Waco. They had four children: Cline Jr., Timothy Hal, Cheryl Jean and Daniel Browne.

My mother died on September 20, 1962. My father died June 8, 1978 at the age of ninety-seven. Both of them are buried in Elizabeth Baptist Church cemetery.

Sources: Family records; personal knowledge and memories; and interview with family members.

— Cline W. Borders



WILLIAM HERBERT and LAURA BORDERS FAMILY

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William Herbert Borders was born November 2, 1890. He was the son of Elzie Cavney Borders who was born December 22, 1857 and died September 9, 1941 and Susan Elizabeth Wilson who was born November 26, 1857 and died June 17, 1945. He grew up in Cleveland County on a farm on Kings Road where he now resides. He had two brothers and eight sisters, he being the seventh child. They were: Cordie Jane who died at the young age of 16, Mike Lawson who married Dona Cline, Bessie Katherine who married James D. Allen, Maggie Rebecca who married Robert E. Roberts, Hattie Pearl who married Zeb Vance Cline, Susan Luvenia who married Grover Cleveland McClure, Leola who married J. Raymond Cline, Thomas Huffman who married Lula Mae Falls, Della Cora who married Elzie Lee Beam and Frankie Selina who married Dewey F. King.

Herbert attended Shelby Grade School and Boiling Springs High School where he was a very good baseball player. He went into the army in 1917 and took his basic training in Columbia, S.C. He was in the ordinance detachment of the 317th field artillery. He was sent to Camp Grant, Illinois for six weeks to learn to be a gun mechanic. Then on to France in World War I where he served for one year in the 81st Wildcat Division. He was honorably discharged in 1919. After the war was over, he played football in France as fullback and was an outstanding player.

When he came back to the U.S. in 1919 he married Laura Novella Falls who was born October 2, 1893, daughter of John Zimri Falls, Jr. born September 30, 1846 and died October 23, 1937 and Sarah Catherine Cline born May 24, 1850 and died July 8, 1935. Laura was the youngest of 11 children. Her sisters and brothers are: Mittie who married Decator Warlick; Alfred who married Lula Crowder; John Franklin who married Irene Costner; Tilden who married Kimmie Grigg; Thurman who married Selma Eskridge; Cicero who married Maude Latimore; Maggie who married Clarence Warlick; Docia who married Clyde Eaker; Charlotte who married George Edwards; and Louisa who died at 16 months of age.

Laura was born in Number Ten Township in Cleveland County. When she was 14 years of age, her daddy bought a farm in Shelby where the city park is now located. She attended school in Shelby and Boiling Springs High School, which was then a boarding school, where she met Herbert. While there she belonged to Kalleragian Society and played on the tennis team. After graduating she taught school at Casar three years in Intermediate work and then served two years as principal, then she moved to Ross Grove and served as principal two years.

Their first year of marriage they lived with Herbert's parents where they farmed with his father. The first child, W.H. Borders, Jr. who married Rebecca Kendrick, was born in 1920.

In 1921 they moved to a house on Old Post Road where the Western Steer Steak House is

now located. Henderson Falls who married Mildred Blanton was born in 1921 and Sara Elizabeth who married Buford Lee Self was born in 1923.

His father gave him 28 acres where they built their home in which they now reside. There the other seven children were born of which the last was still born in 1941. Robert Wilson who married Helen Cline was born in 1925, Charlotte Mae who married Bernard Plemmons was born in 1927, Marjorie Eunice who married Clyde Rhyne was born in 1929, Magel Ruth who married Jim Guin and later Charles Hendrix was born in 1930, Laura Jewel who married William Leon Brown was born in 1933, Elzie Zimri who married Elaine Gallimore was born in 1935.

They have 32 grandchildren and 24 great grandchildren with sixteen of the grandchildren being married.

Herbert enjoyed fishing and hunting and often took his family on camping trips. He bought more land from his father making a total of 210 acres. He was an outstanding farmer and believed in always having good stock. At one time he had eight mules, a three gaited saddle horse and a pony for the children to enjoy. He entered a pair of mules in the Cleveland County Fair mule pulling contest where he won 1st place. When cotton was the main money crop, he produced a hundred or more bales. He also raised hay, grain, and food to feed family and stock.

They attended the Elizabeth Baptist Church where they were very active and taught their children Christian principles. Laura taught Sunday School and was active in W.M.U. work. All their sons and sons-in-laws have served as deacons in their churches.

They believed in education which resulted in six of the children receiving college degrees. Herbert served at one time on the Elizabeth School Board.

Laura's hobby is piecing quilts and quilting for children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and friends. Even though her eyesight is failing, she with the able assistance of her husband, still put together many beautiful quilts each year.

Sources: Family Bible; interviews with Mother and Daddy; and memories.

— Sara Borders Self

HISTORY OF LON CLEVELAND BOST

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Johannes Bast was an educated German, a farmer, the father of fourteen children and all were ardent Lutherans. The first records to date are in the *History of Old Williams Township Congregation* (Lutheran) of Bucks County, Pennsylvania, but now in Northampton County due to county line changes. Here we find the names of his wife, Susanna Catherine, and nine of his children. Their church activities are set forth from 1740 until the late summer of 1754.

The whole family left Pennsylvania by early fall 1754, and came to North Carolina where they settled in what is now Cabarrus County

near St. John's Lutheran Church. Johannes Bast died late in 1777, but Susanna was alive in 1787. Johannes signed his name Johannes Bast. In later years it was Anglicized to Bost. Both must have been buried at St. Johns.

Johannes sons were John, Leonardt, Elias, Jacob, George, and William. Leonardt probably died as a young man. All the other sons were involved in the Revolutionary War.

John Bost was born in Bucks County, Penn. August 23, 1743. He married Catreena Shuford, daughter of John Shuford of the Lincoln-Catawba area. John Bost died about 1793. Catreena must have died soon after John, probably about 1797 or 1798. In all probability, they were buried at Organ Lutheran Church, now Rowan County, N.C.

There were seven recorded children of John and Catreena Bost. There may have been more but these seven were Conrad, John, Jr., George, Catherine, Jacob, Elizabeth, and David.

George Bost was born September 15, 1779, and died on October 10, 1853. In 1805 he married Catherine Ridenhour in Cabarrus County. Catherine was born on April 20, 1783 and died September 6, 1853. They are both buried at Organ Lutheran Church in Rowan County, N.C. George and Catherine Bost had twelve children, Nancy, Eleanor, Elizabeth, William Daniel, Leah, John, Paul, George Eli, Margaret, Moses, Reuben, and Catherine. All of the twelve children have been traced. Most of them have decedents in and around Rowan County.

Paul Bost, son of George and Catherine Bost, was born July 20, 1821. He died May 16, 1879 in Iredell County. Paul married Margaret "Peggy" Lentz on January 24, 1843. Margaret was the daughter of Jacob and Mary Yost Lentz. She was born June 5, 1822 and died November 11, 1904 in Iredell County. Paul and Margaret Bost are buried at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Statesville, N.C. They had eight children, Sarah, George, Mary, Jacob W., Rosy, Joseph, Franklin, and Lucy.

Jacob Wesley Bost, son of Paul and Margaret Bost, was born August 21, 1851 in Iredell County, N.C. and died August 5, 1922. Jacob married Josephine Alice Deaton on December 26, 1876. She was the daughter of Emsley M.C., and Mary "Polly" Brown Deaton. Josephine was born July 5, 1856 and died November 19, 1932. Jacob W. and Josephine Bost are buried at Shady Grove Baptist Church, Amity Hill Section outside Statesville, Iredell county, N.C. They had seven children — William, Lettie, Joseph, Lon C., Ellie, Thomas, and Daisy.

Lon Cleveland Bost, son of Jacob W. and Josephine Deaton Bost was born October 23, 1884 in Iredell County, N.C., and died September 16, 1971 in Shelby, N.C. He married Mary Jane Odom, born March 26, 1887 and died September 5, 1908. They had one child, Ila Mae, born April 14, 1907. She married Delmas A. Roebuck of Robersonville, N.C. They had two children, Fred and Flora Nell. D.A. Roebuck died May 13, 1981 and is buried in New Bern, N.C.

On June 6, 1909, Lon Bost married Eula Florence Bennett, daughter of Elijah Patton



Lon Cleveland Bost, October 23, 1884 — September 16, 1971.

and Zephia Ann Morrison Bennett. Eula B. Bost was born in Burke County, N.C. on March 23, 1886, and died April 29, 1972 in Shelby, N.C. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, N.C. Lon C. and Eula B. Bost had seven children — Lloyd C., Floyd P., Ned W. Bennett W., Jean L., Ruth J., and Margaret L. All the children were born in Shelby, N.C.

Margaret L. Bost, born April 7, 1911 married Taylor O. Johnson of Wilkes-Barre, Penn. They had two children — Ned G., born April 29, 1934 and Ann, born January 16, 1939.

Ruth J. Bost born September 26, 1913, married W.A. Poston of Shelby on January 19, 1930. They had two children — Joanne, born January 11, 1931 and Michael, born February 4, 1936. W.A. Poston died on June 18, 1981 and is buried in Shelby, N.C.

Jean L. Bost, born March 23, 1918, married Lewis Gardner of Pulaski, Tenn. He was killed in World War II. Jean B. Gardner died March 11, 1952. She is buried in Shelby, N.C.

Bennett W. Bost, born April 26, 1916, married Myra Berry of Morganton, N.C. They had three children — Brenda, born July 12, 1944, Bennett, Jr., born January 2, 1947, and Jean, born May 29, 1952.

Lloyd C. Bost, born December 25, 1920, married Virginia Falls of Shelby on October 20, 1945. They had four children — Lloyd Jr., born October 5, 1946, Virginia Ann, born May 1, 1949, Bayard T., born September 19, 1952, and Harlan S., born August 18, 1955.

Floyd P. Bost, born December 25, 1920, married Evangeline Palmer of Shelby, on October 10, 1949. They had two children Susan,

born January 20, 1954, and Floyd Jr., born August 11, 1955.

Ned W. Bost, born August 10, 1923, married Helen Hyder of Shelby, on December 14, 1941. They had one child, Barbara Galin, born October 8, 1942.

— Loyd C. Bost

ATTIE TEXAS BOSTIC

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Attie Texas Bostic was born September 9, 1875 the fifteenth of sixteen children of Samuel Evans Bostic and Jane Price Suttle Bostic, in Rutherford County on a rugged, hilly farm known as Floyd's Creek. She learned early what it meant to work hard to live with the barest necessities. The home had a strong religious atmosphere for both parents were deeply pious. Attie was raised during the hard reconstruction days after the Civil War, when all the work, from raising cotton and sheep, carding and spinning and weaving the thread into cloth to cutting and making every article of clothing was done in the home chiefly by the mother. Even though this mother was busy, she still found time and room to take in and entertain preachers and missionaries when they were in the vicinity, even to doing their washing and ironing with her own hands.

The family moved to Shelby sometime after selling the Rutherford County farm and lived near the Second Baptist Church in South Shelby. Samuel Evans Bostic was a deacon at Zoar Baptist Church where the family attended. It

was from this Shelby home that Attie went to the mission field in 1900. She was Cleveland County's first woman foreign missionary.

Attie's older brother, G.P. Bostic, sixteen years her senior, had gone into the ministry and later answered God's call to go to China as a missionary. It was after hearing one of G.P.'s sermons with the title, "She Hath Done What She Could," that Attie answered God's call to be a missionary.

Attie was educated at the All Healing School near Kings Mountain, N.C. and at Judson College, Marion, Alabama. While at Judson she stayed the full two years in order to save the farm home, working for her board during the summer. After graduation from Judson she came to North Carolina and taught school for two years in Gastonia, where she made life long friends. The First Baptist Church of Gastonia contributed greatly to her salary.

In 1900 she realized her life long dream and sailed for China. In 1904 she was sent to China's interior, Pochow, a city of one hundred and fifty thousand people; at this time no white woman or child had been seen there. It was here that Attie arrived with her brothers, G.P., Wade, and Wade's wife that they labored with another missionary couple. At first the Chinese called the missionaries bad names, such as "foreign devils," but they dared not molest or harm them in any way; later the people trusted and looked up to the missionaries to turn to for help in case of sickness and accidents.

Miss Attie worked in China until 1941, when she was held in a Japanese internment camp in occupied China. In December, 1943, she made the voyage home (Shelby) on the *Gripsholm* requiring seventy-seven days, covering 21,880 miles and crossing the equator four times.

In 1947 she married T.J. League of Greenville, S.C. who had also been a missionary to China.



Attie Texas Bostic, 1875-1965.

At the age of eighty-nine, in 1965, Miss Attie died. She was buried in a Chinese robe with her hands clasped over a well worn Bible in recognition of the fact that she had read through the Bible ninety-one times.

— Mrs. Jane P. Jolly

BERTHA MAY BOSTICK

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Bertha May, daughter of G.P. Bostick and his second wife Mary Thornton, was born in Shantung Province, China, March 9, 1893. She spent her childhood in China and came to Shelby with family in 1907 at age 14. The first school attended was at Nashville then at Shelby, N.C., living with grandma and Aunt Judie on East Graham St., graduated from Shelby High School, I think about 1911. She later attended Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, taught primary grades a few years in South Carolina, then taught music in Shelby for over 30 years, living with Grandma (Jane Bostick) and Aunt Judie and caring for both in long illnesses.

On May 10, 1947, she married Dr. W.C. Bostic, Sr. second cousin, and lived with him until his death in September 1957. Then resumed music teaching both in Shelby and at Alexander School, Union Mills, N.C. She lived in Forest City and drove back and forth each day. During the last ten years, she made a home for elderly Aunt Attie, after she had been left a widow by the death of T.J. League in January 1954.

In June, 1963 Bertha had an operation and while still in hospital developed glaucoma; was operated on in both eyes and made a good recovery, resuming driving and teaching. In December of that year she had breast removed for cancer and again made partial recovery with some driving and teaching. In February 1965 when eighty-nine year old Attie had a stroke and Bertha herself was getting worse,



Jane Suttle and Samuel Evans Bostick. Grandparents of Bertha Bostick.

both were moved to a nursing home. Aunt Attie died there May 7, 1965 and Bertha on November 26, 1965.

Bertha was always exceedingly interested and active in church work; S.S. teaching, choir, W.M.U., B.T.U., etc., as well as in personal ministry to those in need, in her family and in the community. She was never a really robust person, being subject to colds and flu, and other ailments, but she never spared herself and often drove herself beyond the limit of good judgment in attempting to render needed service.

As her pastor said at her funeral, Bertha was always a crusader, regardless of what other people might think of anything she said or did. Like her father and her husband, she was strongly, almost violently opposed to the use of alcohol and tobacco. As long as possible she played piano for S.S. in the Home and gave a few music lessons there. She also gave much of her time and interest to her individual friends and pupils, especially the "problem children" at Union Mills. Hundreds of her former pupils remember her with the deepest of love and affection. The Bel Vanto Music Club of Forest City has recently been renamed for her.

Bertha Bostick's great grandparents were John Bostick (1805-1873) and Cynthia Marrill (1808-1861). John and Cynthia Bostick, at age forty-five lived in 2nd Broad River District. They had the following sons, Samuel Evans, George, Richard and John. Their daughters Priscilla married Tom Carroll; Susanna married Henderson Carroll and Temperance married Andy McDaniel. John gave land for a church and was the first deacon.

Her grandfather, Samuel Evans Bostick and wife lived in Rutherford County for awhile on Bostic property. They moved to Shelby on South Lafayette Street where the Railroad crosses, and later to land inherited by Jane Price Suttle on East Graham St. S.E. Bostick was a Charter Member and deacon of Zoar Baptist Church in 1837. They had fifteen living children who were: Joseph Taylor Bostick who married Attie Hallman, John Baxter Bostick who married Bettie Durham, Benjamin Suttle Bostick, William Carroll Bostick who married Mary Beam, George Pleasant Bostick who married 1) Bertha Belle Bryan, 2) Mary Thornton, 3) Lena Stover, Sara Louise Bostick who married James Monroe Putnam, Cynthia Judith Bostick who married J.D. Eskridge, Samuel Evans Bostick, Jr., Thomas Wilkins Bostick, Mary Jane Bostick who married Samuel H. Austell, Lenorah Donie Bostick,

Plato Lee Bostick who married Nettie Moore, Orlando Cephas Bostick who married Buena Hamrick, Wade Dobbins Bostick who married 1) Flora Holloway, 2) Estelle Gough, Attie Texas Bostick who married T.J. League.

Sources: 1850 Census Rutherford County, *Bertha Bostick's Family Records*, Adelaide Bostick's "Data on Family, of G.P. Bostick."

— Rebekah Putnam Ellis

REV. GEORGE PLEASANT BOSTICK

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George Pleasant Bostick, who was born in Rutherford County on May 29, 1858, was one of fifteen children of Jane Price Suttle Bostick and Samuel Evans Bostick of Shelby. Of the fifteen, three, including "G.P." as he was called, went out to China as Baptist missionaries. G.P. was first, in 1889, and lived 37 years in China until his death in Kewitchfu, Anhwei Province, on June 22, 1926. His sister, Attie Texas Bostick (1875-1965), went in 1900 for forty-three years, and brother Wade Dobbins Bostick (1874-1944) spent 31 years in China from 1909. Together they served 111 years in China. The Biblical Recorder, organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, noting this service, in 1915 described Jane Price Bostick as a "Mother of Israel."

G.P. served mainly in the area around Chefoo, in the northeast. He had been less than a year in China when his wife, Bertha Belle Bryan, died, leaving him with an infant daughter, Adelaide. Mrs. Bostick also was a missionary. It was typical of G.P.'s devotion to service that he wrote to the Kings Mountain Baptist Association on August 12, 1890, saying he would ask no more than \$700 on which to live for a year and support his child; but if that was not possible, he would do with \$600. "The heathen world is never going to have the Gospel," he wrote, "until those who have it are ready to make sacrifices to give it to them."



Bertha May Bostick, picture taken April 1944.



G.P. Bostick, 1909.



G.P. Bostick Family, 1886. L to R: Martha Violet (Mattie), G.P., Mary Thornton, Bertha.

He tried to live as the Chinese did, and they lived poorly indeed. He learned Chinese fluently, often wore a black Chinese gown, but usually was dressed in grey which was matched in his later years by a handsome grey head and beard.

In 1891, G.P. married Mary Jane Thornton of Alabama, and three children were born of this union: Bertha May, in Shantung Province, 1893; Martha Violet "Mattie" in Pingtu, 1894; Sam Crawford in Shelby, 1896, and George Thornton, in Taianfu, 1898.

After the death of his second wife in Chefoo in 1903, G.P. married Lena Stover in Luray, Virginia, in 1907. She returned to China with him.

As fierce as his devotion was to his faith, G.P. was as gentle a person, and modest about his work. Once, when he was ill, a Chinese "old brother" told him he had prayed for him that morning and had told the Lord that G.P. had done much good work, so please to heal him. G.P. responded: "I have no merit."

He enjoyed visiting his daughter Martha who lived with her husband Harold W. Grambs, a business man, in Tientsin, and their two children. In June 1926, when he was returning to Chefoo from one such visit, he encountered delayed trains and was forced to sleep on his bedding on the cement floor of the station of Tsinan, among a large number of soldiers. One soldier appropriated his overcoat as a pillow. When G.P. got up he asked for the return of his coat — and with it acquired the typhus germ.

By the time he reached home he had a high fever. He was taken to his sister Attie's home in Kewitehfu, and from there to the Canadian Hospital. He hated to be a bother to anyone and once, when his wife and sister stepped out of his room, he tried to help himself and fell to the floor. Both women rushed in and Attie said: "Did you fall hard?" Ill as he was, his ever-present wit came through and he replied: "No, I fell easy, but I can't get up easy." He died a

few days later.

G.P. had purchased land for a cemetery at Pochow, where he had lived for some time with his family. Aside from an infant child, he was the first foreigner to be buried there.

Three grandchildren survive. They are James Pleasant Bostick, son of George Thornton, who lives in Winston-Salem and has a lifetime career in the U.S. Navy; and two children of Martha Violet Bostick — Harold P. Grambs, retired from the Department of Agriculture, who lives in College Park, Maryland, and Blanche Mary Grambs (Mrs. James Aronson), an artist and illustrator, who lives in New York City.

Blanche Mary is the proud inheritor of a gold watch inscribed on its inner cover as follows:

"First Baptist Church of Durham, North Carolina, to Rev. G.P. Bostick, a missionary to China on leaving us February 24, 1889."

Sources: Family letters, Newspapers, "History of Kings Mountain Association," Material supplied by Rebekah Ellis, Compiled by Adelaide Bostick

— Prof. James Aronson

JAMES THOMAS BOWMAN

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James Thomas Bowman was born in Lynchburg, Virginia on March 12, 1854. His parents were William Lovelace Bowman and Amanda Love Bowman. In early life he was called Jimmy or Jim. Later he was called James T. of just J.T.

In childhood he attended Sunnyside Academy, Bedford, Va. and Washington Boarding School and later Washington College, under Robert E. Lee, before the school became Washington and Lee University at Lexington, Va.

He married Lelia Anna Phelps, daughter of David Bell Phelps and Mary Elizabeth Phelps on Oct. 29, 1874 in Lynchburg, Va. Their eight children were: David Bernard Bowman, married Maggie Cradock; Laura Irma Bowman Darnell, married Henry Vance Darnell; James William Bowman, never married; Horace Lee Bowman, never married; Bertie Bass Bowman Rucker, married Edgar Parks Rucker; Nannie Amanda Bowman Moore, married James Robert Moore, Jr.; Nathaniel Robert Bowman, married first Mayce Glasco, second Patsy M. Ellis; Walter Harlowe Bowman, married Clara Kidd Wright.

At this writing, Nannie Bowman Moore is the only surviving child. She will be 95 on August 8, 1982.

After Lelia Anna's death, Mr. Bowman married Miss Wood who lived until 1948.

In 1882 Mr. Bowman went into tobacco business with his father. In 1890 he went to work for National Exchange Bank of Lynchburg and in 1905 he came to Shelby, N.C. where he organized Shelby National Bank. This bank merged with Cleveland Bank and Trust Co. and became Union Trust Co., which he headed until his death in 1950. During Mr. Bowman's life at Union Trust Co., the bank always had a holiday on Robert E. Lee's birthday. Since that time, Union Trust Co. merged in 1976 to become Independence National Bank and merged



James Thomas Bowman, 1854-1950.

again in 1981 to become Branch Banking and Trust Co.

During his years in Shelby, Mr. Bowman had a strong interest in First Baptist Church where he served as a deacon, Superintendent of Sunday School and Bible teacher. He had an active interest in young people and public education and at one time served as a trustee of Boiling Springs College which is now Gardner-Webb College. He was instrumental in organizing the Ella Mill with the late J.R. Dover, Sr. The Eagle Roller Mill, Shelby's First Dairy, First Building and Loan and other business institutions came to life under his hands.

When he died at the age of 96, he was the Nation's oldest active Bank President and had been recognized as such since his 93rd birthday. He died August 16, 1950 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, N.C.

Mr. Bowman's earliest known ancestor in this country was Nathaniel Bowman who settled south of Richmond about 1630 — earlier ancestors came from Bristol, near London England and came from Lucerne, Switzerland to England.

Sources: Newspaper, Family records

— Nancy M. Magill

RAYMOND R. BRACKETT and DELLA DIXON BRACKETT

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Raymond Reinhardt Brackett (born December 2, 1902, died September 12, 1966) and Della Mae Dixon Brackett (born December 10, 1903 and died July 1973). Raymond was the son of Julius W. Brackett and Maude Thompson Brackett of Belwood. Della was the daughter of Henry P. and Alice Skinner Dixon of Belwood. They both were raised on a farm in Belwood and attended school there. Both were members of Kadish Church growing up.

At the Brackett homeplace was the Belwood Post Office until the early 1930's. They were married December 10, 1921 and lived with the Bracketts' for a couple of years before moving to Shelby. They had six children.

Their first born at Belwood was Frances Rebecca born September 5, 1922 and she married Jackson David McDonald, born September 6, 1915 of Charleston, S.C. He is now deceased and she lives in Rock Hill, S.C. They had three children, the oldest, Paul David McDonald, born August 16, 1944, married Barbara Eleanor Adams, born September 5, 1949 and their son is Jackson David McDonald, September 3, 1974 in York County.

Frances and Jack's second son was Raymond Dean McDonald, born July 3, 1946 in Lincoln County. He served in the U.S. Navy and graduated from Clemson University. He married Delores Elaine Peebles on November 7, 1946 and they have a daughter, Lorie Dennise McDonald, born January 22, 1974. Their third child is Sue Della McDonald, born October 25, 1950 in York County. She married Marion Dewitt Ferguson, born November 11, 1949. They have two children: Brian Dewitt Ferguson (April 28, 1974) and Allison Hope Ferguson (January 30, 1978). They live in Rock Hill, S.C.

Raymond and Della's second child was born in Shelby and his name was Paul Dixon Brackett (born July 24, 1924 — died May 22, 1973). He married Sarah Kiser, born August 16, 1931. Paul was a star football player in high school at Lincoln where the family later moved to. He played in the Shrine Bowl in Charlotte. He fought in World War II on Iwo Jima as a Marine, winning honors for his heroic duty. He and his wife were married in 1962 and have two daughters, Paula Dawn (born March 29, 1963) and Lynne Katherine (born April 27, 1964). Paul is buried at Laboratory Methodist Church in Lincoln County.

Their third child was Mary Lois, born July 19, 1927 in Lincoln County. She married Daniel M. Hovis in York, S.C., August 24, 1945. Dan was born September 5, 1924 in Lincoln County. He was in World War II in the Air Force. Lois worked at PPG Plant in Shelby for fifteen years. She now enjoys doing needlepoint, and cross-stitch and sharing some of her work with others. They had three sons, Daniel M. Jr., born July 17, 1947 in Lincoln County, married Deborah Gail Newton, born May 20, 1955. Their wedding was September 5, 1976. Daniel joined the army in 1969 for four years including tour of duty in Vietnam in Army Security Agency. He graduated from Appalachian University in Industrial Arts. While in the army at Fort Hood, Texas, he won first place in an art contest with a necklace. It went on to the National Contest where he placed third and the necklace was placed in The Art Gallery in Washington, D.C. Their second son was Edwin E. Hovis, born March 12, 1950 in Lincoln County. He married Angela Haynes on May 7, 1980. He joined the army in 1970 for two years including one year in Okinawa. Eddie was in a band with three other boys where he played guitar and while in high school, they cut a record. Their third son is Ricky L. born in Lincoln County September 22, 1953. He married Helen Ann Howell April 3, 1977 in Gaston County. She was born May 29, 1958 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital and lived in Cherryville.

Their fourth child was Hugh E. Brackett,

born September 2, 1929 in Lincoln County and died February, 1972. He was buried at River View Baptist Church in Lincoln County. He married Nina Hicks of Lincoln County and they had one son Jeffery Maxton Brackett.

Their fifth child was Robert E., born in Lincoln County August 26, 1931. He married Ruth Rudisill on October 14, 1951, who was born December 29, 1928 in Gaston County. They live just outside Crouse, N.C. They have two sons. Kenneth Robert was born in Gaston County, October 8, 1957 and married Teresa Abernathy July 30, 1976 in Lincoln County. Her birthday is May 31, 1954. Michael Carl is their second son, born in Gaston County, May 19, 1962. Robert, or Bab, as he is called, enjoys doing woodwork and crafts for a hobby. He and his wife always have a booth at the craft shows at Cleveland County Fairground.

Their sixth child was Alice Maude, born March 3, 1936 in Lincoln County. She married Billy D. Parker of Lincoln County. Their two children are Queeta Dianne, born January 30, 1956 and Rex Bradly, born in 1959 in Lincoln County, N.C. Alice is a cosmetologist and has a shop in her home.

Raymond was a bricklayer while still living in Cleveland County. He helped build the present First Baptist Church, and remembers where one brick was laid wrong, and would always point it out to his family in passing. Raymond, in later years, in Lincoln County, was very talented with wood and could build anything in the furniture line. He had a shop in the back of the house and did this as a hobby. Della was very talented with finger-work, such as tatting to go on pillowcases or collars and embroidery work. As a hobby, she loved working with her African violets of which she had quite a collection.

They were both members of Rhyne Heights United Methodist Church and when they died they were buried in Forrest Lawn Cemetery in Lincoln County, N.C.

Sources: personal knowledge, Family Bible

— Louis Hovis

THE WILLIAM FRANCIS BREWER FAMILY

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Born in Henderson, North Carolina, June 22, 1913, Captain Brewer is a graduate of Davidson College. He served in the United States Navy until his retirement July 1, 1968, and was based at many naval installations in the United States, Europe, as well as commanding ships at sea including the ENTERPRISE during World War II and subsequently.

He married Ida Pauline Neisler of Kings Mountain (daughter of Charles E. and Ida Mauney Neisler) on November 29, 1939. Mrs. Brewer was a graduate of Ward-Belmont in Nashville, Tennessee.

Children of the Brewers include: Betty Jean, born April, 1944, died August, 1944; William Francis Brewer, Jr., born February 16, 1941 (married Ellen Furry of Massachusetts in 1963), children: John William Brewer, born March 10, 1966, and Robert Stevenson Brewer, born November 1, 1971; Andra Neisler

Brewer, born June 9, 1946 (married David Klarman July 6, 1980); and Paula Hart Brewer, born September 5, 1952.

Since his retirement, Captain and Mrs. Brewer have lived in Henderson.

Sources: Family knowledge

— Mrs. John Plonk

CARVER SPURGEON & JENNIE ALLEN BRIDGES

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Carver and Jennie Bridges are a conspicuous couple; eyes do not glance over them unimpressed. Jennie's cheerful face, highlighted by a background of red hair, reveals a genuine happiness. Carver's calm, assured face and steady, peaceful demeanor suggests contentment. The impression is unmistakable. Their's has been, and is, a good life.

Of the things that have made their's a good life, family, community, and the land stand out. Carver Spurgeon Bridges was born April 2, 1902 to Seaton and Josie Irene Bridges near what is today Davis Road. Jennie Dean (Allen) Bridges was born April, 10, 1899 to John L. and Evelina Allen in what is today the Elizabeth community. From the start the two were members of large families — Carver having 12 brothers and sisters, and Jenny eight — and following their marriage in 1922 (Dec. 2) they proceeded to keep it that way, raising eight kids of their own: Spurgeon and Lawrence, both deceased, Carl S. and Carver Don of the Mt. Sinai community, Dean and Dorothy of Shelby, David Lee of Gastonia, and Jolena Rayburn of Columbia, South Carolina. To date the couple boasts 24 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Their community has always meant a lot to Carver and Jennie, and they to it. They first lived in Mooresboro for four years after they were married, then moved to the Zoar community for ten years, and then to the Mt. Sinai community.



Carver and Jennie Bridges.

"When we first moved down here, we said it seemed more like one big family than any we'd ever seen," Jennie says. They remained here ever since.

Carver and Jennie have participated in and contributed to their immediate community and the county at large in a number of ways. Jennie graduated from Boiling Springs High School in 1920 and later taught school, first through third grades at Beaver Dam for two years. Also, she has served in a variety of capacities as a member of Mt. Sinai Baptist church. Carver finished school after one year at Boiling Springs High School, and years later served as a member of the school board of Number Three School. Also, Carver has served as a member of the Cleveland Memorial Hospital Board, the A.S.C. Farm Committee board, and served as a deacon, Sunday School superintendent, church clerk, and treasurer at Mt. Sinai. He is currently a trustee.

Both born the children of farmers, Carver and Jenny followed in their parents footsteps, and found that path well worth the walk. Over the years, thanks to intelligence and hard work, they earned a generous living off the land.

"We started raising cotton, and made a good living for years," Carver says. "Then cotton went to the bad, and we went into the chicken business. Made a good living at that until it went to the bad, and then we got into the cattle business. When it finally went to the bad after several years we quit (retired)."

Though they earned a comfortable retirement from their years of farming, it was not always a lucrative enterprise and afforded many tough times, especially during the Depression.

"We had five kids by the Depression," Carver says. "We always had plenty to eat, but we didn't have no money. I remember we had a car, but we couldn't afford to buy a tag to drive it."

"One time I remember we were out picking cotton and a fellow lost a dime in the field, and all of us stopped picking and looked for that dime for hours until we found it."

Though farming proved a hard life, with dawn to dark work days, looking back on it from the perspective of the leisure-filled 1980s, Carver and Jennie have no regrets. Carver sums their feelings up best:

"It didn't hurt us to work and do without things; I think it did us a lot of good. We were happier than people are today, I'll tell you that."

To see them is to believe that.

How does this couple spend their time now that they are passed 80? In addition to being active in Mt. Sinai Baptist Church Mr. Bridges plays checkers at the neighborhood store (Glenn's Minute Market) while Mrs. Bridges works in her most impressive vegetable garden.

Sources: personal interview

— Brian E. Putnam

CLARENCE EDGAR BRIDGES' ANCESTORS and DESCENDANTS

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Zechariah Bridges, son of John Bridges and Cynthis Jones, married Nancy Hamrick on February 4, 1858. Nancy, daughter of Berry and Catherine Hamrick, was born on June 8, 1843 and died May 2, 1931. Nancy and Zechariah lived above Lattimore in Cleveland County. Both were descendants of George Hamrick who came from Germany in 1731.

According to S.C. Jones, Zechariah's great grandfather, James Bridges, lived in York County, South Carolina. He was the first deacon of Buffalo Church, which was the first church organized in this area in 1786.

Zechariah served in the Confederate Army. He died sometime between 1885 and 1890.

Zechariah and Nancy Bridges had two children, Eliza and Cicero. Eliza married Benjamin Green. They adopted one daughter who died in early childhood.

Cicero married Susannah Jane Harrill, born June 1, 1856; died April 12, 1901. She was the daughter of Nathaniel Harrill and Susannah Lovelace. Nathaniel Harrill served in the Confederate Army and was the grandson of Housand Harrill. Cicero's second wife was Carrie Hawkins Wilson, born February 24, 1873 and died November 6, 1950.

Clarence Edgar Bridges, born August 26, 1880, died November 2, 1971, was the oldest son of Cicero and Jane Bridges. His brothers and sisters (by Cicero's first marriage) were: Beatty, Broughton, Beuna, Posie, Hessie, Plato and Yates. Brothers and sisters by Cicero's second marriage were: Manley, Pauline, Mertice, Truman, Earl and Lena. Carrie Hawkins Wilson had two children when she married Cicero Bridges. They were: Melvin and Analdo Wilson.

Clarence Edgar Bridges married Bertha Green on February 11, 1911. Bertha was born on June 19, 1884 and died June 27, 1967. She was the daughter of Andrew and Permelia Green of Boiling Springs.

Children of Clarence Edgar and Bertha Bridges were: Troy, born December 20, 1911, married Lillian Wix of Miami, Florida. Esther, born May 26, 1915, never married. Clarence, born July 10, 1918, married Doris Kappelman of Mason City, Iowa. Clement, born July 10, 1918, died July 11, 1944 while in the Army and during the Battle of Saipan, WWII. Mont, born December 8, 1920, married Annie Mae Humphries of Cleveland County. Hessie, born August 26, 1924, married Thomas Harris of Rutherford County. Nancy, born February 10, 1926, married Howard Tesseneer of Cleveland County.

Troy and Lillian Bridges had two daughters, Shirley and Jane. Shirley married Tony Pack of Belmont. They have two children, Wade and Elizabeth. Jane married James Garrison of Belmont. They have two sons, Jim and Joseph.

Clarence and Doris Bridges had one son, Edgar. He married Robin Makowka of Maryland. They have two children, Emily and Andrew.

Mont and Annie Mae Bridges had two sons Roger and Miller. Roger died in 1955 at the age of 5 with polio. Miller married Lou Ann Greene of Boiling Springs. They have one son, Clint.

Hessie and Thomas Harris had two sons, Kenny and Alan. Kenny married Rita Hawkins of Cleveland County. They have two daughters, Andrea and Laura. Alan married Ginny Ballenger of Shelby. They have one son, Boyd.

Nancy and Howard Tesseneer had three children, Carol, James and Rodney. Carol married Roger Tate of Greenville, South Carolina. They have two children, Linda Jo and Dale. James married Jean Threatt of Cleveland County. They have two daughters, Sharon and Kimberly. Rodney married Lynn Dickey of Michigan. They have one daughter, Willow.

Clarence and Mont Bridges served in the Army during World War II.

Howard Tesseneer and Thomas Harris served in the Navy during World War II.

James L. Tesseneer and Roger Tate served in the Army in Vietnam.

Kenny Harris served in the Air Force in Korea.

Most of the Bridges are Baptist, but there are a few Methodists in the family. Clarence and Troy Bridges, Howard and James L. Tesseneer, and Roger Tate are ordained deacons.

Clarence Edgar Bridges was primarily a farmer, but he worked at a sawmill, a cannery, in the post office as assistant mail carrier and was postmaster at Boiling Springs. He and his wife loved their family, their church and their community and gave themselves unselfishly to each.

His children and grandchildren work in textiles, education, electronics, retail, insurance, civil service and various other fields.

Sources: Family knowledge

— Esther Bridges

DR. DWIGHT THOMAS BRIDGES

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Dr. Dwight Thomas Bridges, son of David Cicero and Leona Magness Bridges, was born near Lattimore February 11, 1903. Both his mother and father were direct descendants of the George Hamrick who was one of the first settlers of what is now Cleveland County. After his graduation from Wake Forest College and Emory University School of Medicine and a year's internship at Macon General Hospital in Macon, Georgia, he returned to his home town of Lattimore to practice medicine. For more than fifty years he maintained an office for General Practice in Lattimore and was the family physician for many families in that area. For some of those families, he was the family doctor for as many as three generations of them. In the early years of his practice he made many house calls in an A model Ford over poor and practically non-existent roads. Once, he got stuck in a snow storm after having spent the night delivering a baby in the Duncan's Creek community in Rutherford County, and, abandoning his car, he borrowed a horse from the new father and rode home on horseback. Dr. Bridges was a tall man, several inches over





Dr. Dwight Thomas Bridges.

six feet, and some of his friends remarked that he was the only man that they had ever seen who could ride horseback and walk at the same time. During the Depression years before World War II, he received bales of cotton, country hams and even an occasional beef cow in lieu of cash payment for doctor bills.

In 1933, he and Mary An Phelps of Nashville, Tennessee (who was teaching French in the Lattimore High School) were married. Dr. and Mrs. Bridges had three children: Elizabeth, who married Dr. Frederic Mushinski of Bethesda, Maryland; Anne, who married Bryan Thornton of St. Petersburg, Florida; and Dwight Thomas, Jr., who married Jean Collins, of Wilmington, North Carolina. Anne Thornton has one daughter, Elizabeth, who is married to Michael Marziale, of Metairie, Louisiana and Dwight Thomas Bridges, Jr. and his wife, Jean have three children: Melissa Bridges, Dwight Thomas Bridges, III and Amy Bridges.

During World War II, Dr. Bridges served in the United States Army for three years, eighteen months of which he was a member of an Auxiliary Surgical Group which made the D Day Landing and which was shortly afterwards attached to General Patton's Third Army in its race across Europe. He was separated from the Army in September, 1945 with the rank of Major, the Bronze Star and six battle stars.

Dr. Bridges was a quiet, reserved man with a lively sense of humor and a genuine love of people. Always an enthusiastic supporter of Wake Forest University and an avid sports fan, he was a familiar figure at the local baseball games for many years. During the years that his children were growing up and his family had a vacation cottage at Lake Lure where he spent many happy hours in his boat on the lake piloting his water-skiing children and their friends. He died March 1, 1979 at the age of 76. At the time of his death, he was a Life Member of the Cleveland County Medical Society, the North Carolina Medical Society, the Southern Medical Society and the American Society.

His wife, Mary An Phelps Bridges is a graduate of Vanderbilt University. She has been

president of the Lattimore Woman's Club, the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Association of University Women, the Auxiliary to the Cleveland County Medical Society, Regent of the Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution and, until her retirement in 1981, a member of the Board of Trustees for the Cleveland County Memorial Library for many years.

Source: Personal knowledge

— Mary An Bridges

GLEE A. and ADDIE H. BRIDGES FAMILY

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The second of sixteen children born to Joseph Chancey and Sarah Ever Gold Bridges, Glee Acor was born June 27, 1894 in Cleveland County, North Carolina.

Following his childhood years on the farm and after completing his high school education, Glee took a job in a mercantile store in Kings Mountain. Soon afterward, he entered the retail hardware business with his uncle, R. Coleman Gold. He remained in the hardware business until his retirement when Bridges Hardware Store went into the hands of two of his sons, J.C. and Glee Edwin.

During World War I Glee served in the Navy. After returning home he met and soon married Addie Nelson Hamrick, daughter of Cleophas and Sallie Elizabeth Hoyle Hamrick. Addie was born in Polk County near Landrum, South Carolina on February 12, 1900. Glee and Addie had four children, three sons and one daughter.

Although their childhood years spanned the time of national depression, these four grew

up in a happy home with devoted parents who wanted the very best for their children.

There were always pets in seemingly endless varieties including dogs, rabbits, squirrels, goats, ponies, horses. The entire family enjoyed them.

Having grown up on a farm, Glee used several acres near the family home for farmland. The children shared in the farm chores and each had individual responsibilities.

Church activities were an important part of family life, and the family attended the local Baptist Church regularly. Glee served as deacon and held several other positions of leadership. Addie accepted leadership roles in the Woman's Missionary Union and Sunday School. Glee helped organize Boy Scout Troop Six in his church and served for several years as scoutmaster. Working with the boys, including his own sons, gave him great satisfaction. The outdoor activities and camping trips were as much fun for him as the scouts.

Singing was another of his pleasures. He was a member of the church choir. No family gathering was ever complete until everyone had gathered around the piano or old pump organ for a sing-along. On family-trips in the car he became the song leader for folk songs, fun songs and hymns.

When son J.C. became an aviation cadet and earned his military pilot's wings in 1944, Dad couldn't be left out. Not only did he take private flying lessons and obtain his pilot's license, he built Bridges Airport from part of his farmland! Soon sons Glee Edwin and Nelson also learned to fly.

During World War II J.C. was a pilot in the Air Force and Glee Edwin served in the Navy. Nelson was a radar navigator in the Air Force during the Korean Conflict.



Glee and Addie Bridges Family. Standing L to R: J.C., Addie Hamrick, Glee E. Seated L to R: T. Nelson, Emoene Bridges and Glee A.

By this time Glee was into county politics and represented Kings Mountain as a county commissioner. He became mayor of Kings Mountain in 1953 and served until 1961. Re-elected in 1963, he completed another two year term. While in office he led an effort to increase the town's water supply and saw construction of a new lake to meet this need. Under his leadership the town's natural gas distribution system was developed and put into operation.

Involvement in community life and civic affairs helped Glee express his friendliness and his real love for people. He never met a stranger. Everyone called him by his first name which he liked very much. Innately energetic, he was constantly visible anywhere and everywhere throughout the town in his jeep.

He was a charter member and served as President of the local Kiwanis Club. A thirty-second degree Mason as well as a Shriner, he and Addie enjoyed membership in the Eastern Star. He became charter worthy Patron of the Kings Mountain Chapter, instituted in 1950. Addie was Worthy Matron in 1960-1961 and served as treasurer for many years.

Glee died March 23, 1966.

Addie was a devoted and loving mother who nurtured her children, her number one priority. An accomplished needlecrafter, her hobbies include sewing, crocheting, quilting, and tatting. Friends and family members delight in the lovely pieces of needlework she has made for them. An excellent cook, her specialty is baking cakes. Her family dinners are truly delightful.

Joseph Cleophas (J.C.) was born October 19, 1923. He married Edith Franklin of Hickory, N.C. Their four children are Edith Jo, Don Forrest, Janet Sue, and Joy Leigh.

Glee Edwin was born February 13, 1926. He married Martha Poythress of Savannah, Georgia. Their three children are Glee Edwin, Jr., Thomas William and Lynne Elizabeth.

Thomas Nelson was born June 26, 1928. He married Jeanne Cash of Burlington, N.C. and they lived in Marietta, Georgia. They have four children: Thomas Nelson, Jr., Debra Carol, Diane Kay, and Donna Sue. Nelson died November 13, 1981.

Sarah Emogene was born May 8, 1930. She married Robert Eugene Schenk of Waterloo, Iowa where they reside. Their children are Robert Eugene, Jr., and twin daughters Anne Marie and Glee Acor.

In addition to the fourteen grandchildren, there are presently fourteen great-grandchildren.

Sources: Information from Family Members, March 1982.

— Mrs. Glee A. Bridges

THE GLEE EDWIN BRIDGES FAMILY

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Glee Edwin Bridges was born February 13, 1926 in Kings Mountain. He is the second son of Glee Acor and Addie Hamrick Bridges. Glee grew up in a happy family of three boys and one girl.

As a youth he was active in life of the First Baptist Church. Glee played French horn in the high school band which traveled near and far winning many awards. This participation led to his playing with the North Carolina Symphony during his years at University of North Carolina.

During his pre-adolescence Glee and his brother, J.C., formed a business partnership that was to last a lifetime being interrupted only by World War II. At about the age thirteen the two boys raised and sold capons to their friends and neighbors. They took orders, dressed and delivered their chickens every Saturday. Glee grew up knowing the satisfaction of a job well done.

Each Bridges boy worked in a family hardware business. Their responsibilities included everything from unloading a boxcar of fertilizer to accompanying their Dad on a buying trip to New York. They were taught the value of hard work. Their Dad instilled into each child the idea that "any job that is honest is honorable."

During the fall of his senior year at Kings Mountain High School, Glee was privileged to take the entrance examination at the University of North Carolina and subsequently entered the university at the age of sixteen. Six months later, in July 1943, he joined the Naval Reserve and remained a student at Chapel Hill until the fall of 1944. From there Glee attended Midshipman School at Cornell University and was commissioned an ensign in the U.S.N.R. in April 1945. He served as Executive Officer on an LCI in the Pacific Theater and returned to civilian life in August 1946.

September 1947 Glee married Martha Ann Poythress of Savannah, GA. At this time he was in the hardware business with his uncle in Bessemer City. Later he joined his father and brother in the family hardware business in Kings Mountain.

Glee and his wife are parents of two sons, Glee Edwin, Jr. and Thomas William, and one daughter Lynne Bridges Fulton. At this writing there are three grandchildren. The family has, through the years, been active in St. Matthews Lutheran Church, participating in all facets of church life. Glee has served as a church councilman, Sunday School superintendent and teacher, choir member and building committee for both the church proper and the parsonage.

His interest in the Navy remained constant for many years. He served as Commanding Officer for the U.S. Naval Reserve Unit in Shelby and later in Spartanburg. In the spring of 1974 he retired from the Reserve with the rank of Captain.

At this writing he continues to manage the family business with his brother. He enjoys working in his flower and vegetable garden, regarding them as his "therapy patch". He is active in civic organizations, and a faithful supporter of the UNC Tarheels.

Sources: Information from family members

— Glee E. Bridges

JESSE WHITSON BRIDGES and WIFE JANE

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Jesse Whitson Bridges (b. 6 October 1845, d. August 1904) was the son of Jesse Bridges and his second wife, Malinda Dye of Cleveland County. On 10 of September, 1864 Jesse Whitson Bridges enlisted in the Confederate Army, Company E. Major Frank J. Hahr's Battalion. He is listed as a guard, stationed on the coast of eastern North Carolina.

On 16 September 1868 he married Mary Jane Hamrick born 18 September 1851, (daughter of David and Caroline Hardin Hamrick and great-great granddaughter of the Revolutionary Soldier Housen Harrill) of Lattimore. Jesse and wife Mary Jane moved to Jesse's large farm near Lattimore where they reared their family, six boys and one girl. Jesse's one goal was to purchase enough land so that each child could inherit a farm. This meant hard work for the family; however, the goal was reached after Jesse's death.

His widow, Mary Jane remained at the home place and lived a most productive life. She was accustomed to hard work. Her father was killed in the Civil War, leaving her mother Caroline, and her younger sister, Hester "Hess," to make the living for the family.

Jane told of these experiences to her grandchildren when she came for a visit. One such story was about riding a mule with a sack of corn on its back, from her home in Lattimore to Mont Cabaniss Mill on Brushy Creek in the Zion community. There she narrowly escaped drowning. Her corn and riding blanket were washed down the creek and she herself was washed off the mule, but the animal happened to step on her long skirt and she managed to get up and out of the swollen stream. There were few bridges then, and almost all the streams had to be crossed by fording.

Another story was about going to Lincoln-



Mary Jane Hamrick Bridges, 1851-1945.



ton with her uncle, Charles Washburn and the children, to see their first train. Mr. Washburn went to buy yarn and carried the children along on this two day trip to see the train, that being the nearest railroad station.

Jane, her mother and sister would walk four miles to all kinds of weather to attend "preaching services" at Beaver Dam Church. "We didn't get very cold," she said. "We wore heavy homemade shoes, all the kind we had, and long capes made of jeans, and then we warmed good before we went into the meeting house." Of course she had to explain how she warmed before she went in. "You see there was no way to make a fire in the church, and we always had a big fire of logs burning outside."

"Aunt Jane," as she was called by friends, lived to the ripe old age of 94. She was one of the sprightliest elderly women in the country. She was in good health and physically strong. She took long walks every afternoon. She suffered a broken hip in a fall which led to her death 9 October 1945. She and her husband are buried in the Double Springs Cemetery.

Their seven children were:

Lora Manassa (b. 18 December 1869; d. 20 October 1926) married first Jesse Guilford Blanton; their only child was John Samuel Blanton. Her second husband was James Albert Johnson; their children were: Durham, Aquilla, Mattie Lou, and Bernice. James Samuel (b. 3 March 1872; d. 17 January 1950) married Aquilla Hamrick. They lived in Macon, Georgia. Their children were: Hester, Jesse, Charles Jethro, and Daniel Woodrow. David Cicero (b. 11 July 1874; d. 23 December 1949) married Leona Magness. Their children were Dwight Thomas. MD and Hal, MD. Dwight practiced medicine in Lattimore. Charles Alexander (b. 24 February 1877; d. 2 March 1937) married Missouri Bridges. Their children were: Hettie Ray, Jesse, Charles, Johnnie J., and Kester. Andrew Dobbins, died young. Clarence (b. 28 January 1888; d. 7 November 1910) married Cleo Washburn. They lived in Macon, Georgia. Their only child was Elmo Bridges. Summey (b. 17 October 1897; d. 2 September 1892) never married.

Sources: Family records

— Mrs. Garva H. Blanton

J.C. and EDITH BRIDGES FAMILY

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J.C., named Joseph for his paternal grandfather and Cleophas for his maternal grandfather has lived in Kings Mountain his entire life. The first child of Glee A. and Addie Hamrick Bridges, he was born October 19, 1923.

With two younger brothers and one sister he enjoyed a happy childhood. Many activities centered around the family as well as school, church, and scouting.

One of his earliest memories is of going to pick cotton on grandpa Hamrick's farm. He recalls how he later earned spending money by raising chickens and capons which he sold in the neighborhood, delivering them alive on his bicycle to housewives all over town.

An avid Boy Scout, he earned the Eagle Scout rank.

After attending the local city schools he graduated from Kings Mountain Central High School and enrolled at Wake Forest College in the fall of 1940.

World War II interrupted his college career, and he entered the Army Air Corps as an aviation cadet, receiving his pilot's wings in 1944. For the duration of the war he instructed advanced single engine flying. He remained in the active Air Force Reserve until twenty-eight years later when he was placed in the inactive reserve with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

Following the years and upon returning to civilian life, J.C. went in to the family retail hardware business with his Dad and one of his uncles. This became his life long occupation, and he and his brother Glee Edwin, now own Bridges Hardware, having bought it in 1960.

Civilian flying instructing was one of J.C.'s favorite hobbies during the years immediately following the war. He taught many students to fly at the family's airport in Kings Mountain.

In 1946, J.C. and Edith Franklin were married. Edie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Marcus Franklin of Hickory, NC. Edie grew up in Hickory where she attended the city schools and graduated from Hickory High School. After attending Mars Hill College, she received

her bachelor's degree from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1944.

J.C. has accepted leadership roles in many civic endeavors throughout his adult life. A longtime member of the Kiwanis Club, he served a term as club president. He was a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Chamber of Commerce. He is presently a member of the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees and a Bank Director at First Union National Bank, Kings Mountain.

All of the family members have been deeply involved in life of the Kings Mountain Baptist Church where J.C. has served as deacon and many other areas of responsibility. Edie has served as church organist for many years.

Edie has taught first grade in the Kings Mountain District Schools since 1958.

J.C. and Edie have four children: Edith Jo who married Michael Eugene McRee; Don Forrest who married Carole Claire DeMille; Janet Sue who married Thomas Arthur Anthony, Jr. and Joy Leigh who married Myron Gregory George.

The five grandchildren are Joseph Marc McRee, Dale Forrest, Bridges, Emily Britte Anthony, Gregory Lee George, and David Hunter George.

Sources: Information from family members

— Glee E. Bridges



Sons of Joseph Chancey Bridges. Front row L to R: Elmo, Milan, Hugo. Back row L to R: Torrence, Glee, Ben, Durham.

THE JOSEPH CHANCEY BRIDGES FAMILY

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Our father, Joseph Chancey Bridges, was born December 3, 1865, in upper Cleveland County. He died January 17, 1944. His parents were Thomas Sylvanus Bridges and Martha Hicks Bridges. Our mother, Sarah Eva Gold, was born in the Double Springs Community of Cleveland County on January 6, 1872 and died August 3, 1941. Her parents were Benjamin Franklin Gold and Cynthia Narcissus Pannell Gold. Our parents are both deceased and buried in the church cemetery of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, where they were both faithful members.

Their marriage began in 1888 in Rehobeth Community near Lattimore. A few years later, with diligence, patience, faith in God, and a lot of hard work, they bought a farm in the Mt. Sinai community in lower Cleveland County where thirteen of their sixteen children were reared on the farm (three died in infancy).

We worked long hours but still had time for relaxation and fun. We grew our own vegetables (such as cabbage, potatoes, and turnips) and either canned them or stored them in a mound of dirt shoveled out of earth and layered with straw. We called this a vegetable "hill". Mostly, we dried our fruit. We also raised our own chickens and eggs, churned our own butter from milk-producing cows, raised our own hogs, curing them for ham and sausage. Oftentimes, we would exchange butter and eggs for the essential items we needed from the store.

Our father was a deeply religious man who saw to it that we went to church regularly every Sunday unless we were sick. He loved music and taught us early in life to sing the gospel hymns from the Christian Harmony Hymnal. We had our own choral group which gave us much joy on long winter evenings and Sunday afternoons. He taught music schools for many years in neighboring communities in the summer.

Our mother was an excellent cook and homemaker. She had quiet strength that was something amazing. A weekend barely passed without guests in our home, either relations or friends. Usually we baked on Saturday on a large wood stove with a reservoir on the side for heating water, as we had no plumbing conveniences that we have today. One of her favorite recipes was a stack cake, which was a light cookie dough baked in thin layers (eight to ten) spreading sweetened, cooked, dried fruit between the layers. Her guests always found this to be delicious. However, she was never too busy to carry a basket of food to a needy family, or sit all night with a neighbor's sick child. She was truly a lady who lived her Christianity each day.

We children attended Broad River Academy, a two-room, two-teacher school that taught grades one through seven. In 1924, my father bought a T-model Ford, with curtains that snapped on and off to keep out the snow and rain. My brother Milan and I drove this car for four years to Shelby High School, where we graduated in 1928. In 1929, when the stock



Daughters of Joseph Chancey Bridges. Front row L to R: Gertha Ellis Jolley, Wretha Westmoreland, Kate Blackburn. Back row L to R: Wilma Putnam, Lyda Williamson, Coie Biggerstaff.



Joseph Chancey Bridges and Sara Eva Gold Bridges

market crashed, the county was in a state of panic with the closing of the banks and the deep depression, but slowly, we pulled out of it.

What a privilege to have been born in this century with all of its changes. To have experienced two world wars, the stock market crash, the great depression of the 1930's, the electronics age with the advent of radio and television, and the introduction of the space age seems almost unbelievable in one generation.

The children in our family, listed in order of age, are: Torrence Festus (1890-1946), Lillian Coie (1892-1981), Lyda Lassie (1893-), Glee Acor (1894-1966), Lala Wilma (1896-1965), Gertha Gay (1899-1965), Wretha Ramer (1900-), Benjamin Foy (1902-1973), Durham Felma (1903-1964), Robert Hugo (1906-1962), Milan Garrett (1908-1979), Kate (1910-), Elmo Maxwell (1912-1972).

Sources: Family records and *Bible*, microfilm on Robert Gidney, personal memory, research papers of Rebecca Putnam Ellis.

— Kate Bridges Blackburn

THE JOSEPH REX BRIDGES FAMILY

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On December 26, 1906, in Gaffney, South Carolina, Joseph Rex Bridges married Oder Galena McSwain. Rex, the son of James Wayne and Mary Ann Beason Bridges, was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina on August 2, 1886. Oder, the daughter of Amos Wright and Alice Hamrick McSwain, was born in Cleveland County on September 8, 1890.

Rex had two brothers, Chivous Jefferson (1875-1932) and Xenophen Polk (1892-1976) and one sister, Cuttie (1882-1885). Oder had two brothers, Grover Cleveland (1893-1966) and George Thomas (1900-1962) and two sisters, Myrtle (1895-1898) and Betsy Ann (1897-1975). Rex and Oder were the parents of six children, Esley, Aaron, Mary, James, Lyman and Lucille.

The first home for Rex and Oder was located on what is now East College Avenue in Boiling Springs, North Carolina at the present site of Ladd Hamrick Fuel Oil Company. This house was destroyed during a storm on April 30, 1917. The family had been out all day on some farm land that belonged to Oder cutting corn stalks and turning land. Late in the afternoon their son Aaron became too sick to remain at work and had to be taken home. Dr. Yates Hamrick was sent for and he diagnosed double pneumonia. The doctor hadn't been gone long when the storm started. A number of other homes and barns in the community were also destroyed.

The family then moved to a house that had belonged to Rex's brother Chivous. This was located just to the east of the present Boiling Springs Town Hall.

In 1919 they moved into a house that once belonged to Tom Phillips. This was located beside their first home. They lived here about one year. Rex had taken work at the Bostic Brick Yard and the family moved to Bostic in April of 1920. Rex operated a pug mill which mixed water and clay to make the bricks.

On February 21, 1923 the family moved to Alexander Mills, North Carolina where Rex, Oder, Esley and Aaron worked in the Alexander Cotton Mill. This is the only time that Oder worked outside of her home. While here James and Lyman, along with eight other neighborhood boys, were bitten by a mad dog. All had to take the rabies vaccine for twenty-one days. Lyman's case was further complicated by a bout with chicken pox at the same time. Happily they all recovered from this bad experience.

In 1925 the family moved back to Boiling Springs to their new home on East College Avenue. They remained in this home until the children were married and moved and Rex and Oder remained there until their deaths. Rex farmed and also helped out in Mr. R.D. Hord's Filling Station and Grocery Store (located at the present site of the College Gulf Station). He also worked in his brother Zen's store which was located at the present site of Sally's Department Store in Boiling Springs.

In 1953 Rex took the job as caretaker of Boiling Springs Baptist Church. He remained in this position until his death.

Rex and Oder's six children all married and had children. Esley Winburn (1908-1965) married Sadie Beason and they had four children — Jerry (1932), Betty (1934), Alice (1937), and Michael (1941). Aaron Denton (1909) married Ruby Vassey and they had three daughters — Doris (1930), Geraldine (1932), and Jo-Neil (1939). Mary Wynonah (1910) married Elam Lovelace and they had two children — an infant daughter (d. 1928) and Donald (1930). James Wright (1913) married Lona Spuring and they had four children — James (1934), Robert (1935), William (1937) and Peggy (1940). Thomas Lyman (1920) married Elese Blanton and they had two children — an infant daughter (d. 1942) and Barbara (1947). Dorothy Lucille (1930) married Bruce Walker and they had two children — Joseph (1953) and Debra (1957).

One of the happiest memories of the children were the annual trips to Broad River. Each year after the crops were in the family would hitch a two horse wagon and go to the river for several days. Other local families would also gather there and each family would sleep in their wagon. Large fish fries were held and each family also contributed home grown vegetables. For entertainment families went swimming and then built camp fires at night and sat around and talked.

Oder Bridges died of cancer on August 31, 1967. Rex died of a heart attack on June 7, 1968. Both are buried in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Sources: Family records and interviews with Rex and Oder's children by Barbara Bridges Lovelace.

— Mrs. Robert Lovelace

LUTHER and MINNIE LEE HUFFSTICKLER BRIDGES

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Luther Bridges (b. Feb. 15, 1876 — d. April 20, 1937) was the son of William T. (b. Feb. 7, 1850 — d. May 23, 1924) and Sara McKee



Luther and Minnie Huffstickler Bridges and daughter Edith.

Bridges (b. April 29, 1848 — d. Sept. 3, 1925). He married Ellen Walker the first time and they had a son, Garrison Bridges. This marriage was very short.

Luther married Minnie Lee Huffstickler (b. Oct. 31, 1883 — d. Oct. 10, 1963) daughter of Albert and Martha Kennedy Huffstickler. Minnie was crippled by polio as a young child along with a sister Birdie. They were sent to a boarding school in Lenoir, North Carolina since they couldn't walk to school. Minnie remembered the school being at the bottom of a hill and apples from an orchard higher up rolling down the hill to the school. They traveled by wagon several days, camping out by night to get to Lenoir.

They had twelve children born of this union. Four of these died at birth or at a very early age. Eight survived to adulthood. Sara Nina Elizabeth (b. Aug. 22, 1907 d. Feb. 12, 1949) married Lee Roy Camp; Elizabeth m. William P. Anthony, Reba m. George Joy 2nd Frank Conner, Miles Richard d. m. Mary Herron: Brunell (b. Jan. 23, 1911) married Henry Bryant; Howard Bryant married Edna Bradshaw, Janet Dora Lee Bryant married Allen Fisher, Donald Bryant (not married); Lillian Frances Bridges (b. Feb. 23, 1913 married Homer Davis; Norman Davis, Kenneth Davis, Bobby Davis, Allen Davis: Clyde Bridges married Averice Eaker; Carolyn Bridges married Ed Wiggins, Janice Bridges married Dennis Beaty, Ned Bridges: Frank Hood Bridges (b. Jan. 25, 1920) married Faye Wright; Brenda Kay Bridges married Dale Gilliland, Barry Bridges, Bruce Bridges: Robert Arthur Bridges (b. April 10, 1922 d. Oct. 6, 1961) married Virgie Canipe; Douglas Bridges, Charlotte Jane Bridges: William Edward Bridges (b. Feb. 1, 1924) married Mildred Mullinax; Judy Bridges married Bobby Putnam, Terry Bridges: Edith Jane Bridges married Rommie Carpenter; Ronald Steven Carpenter married Carolyn Thrift, George Sidney Carpenter married Teresa, Larry Dean Carpenter married Myra

Mauney, David A. Carpenter married Dianne, Frances Elaine Carpenter married Richard Davis, Paul Edward Carpenter married Jane, Cynthia Diane Carpenter.

They sold their farm in the country because of Luther's asthma and moved to town. They bought a house on Stone Street in East Kings Mountain where they lived until they died. Luther died in 1937. He woke up one morning and told them that he dreamed that he had died. He went back to sleep and died in his sleep. He worked for many years at the ole Phenix Cotton Mill — at that time they worked five days and then he spent many weekends as a watchman. He was a very outgoing person and never met a stranger.

Minnie was later confined to a chair unable to use crutches but she cooked, ironed, and did most things any un-crippled person does to raise a big family. Her life couldn't have been easy but she didn't let it get her down. I never heard her speak of it. She died a month before her 80th birthday. Both are buried at Patterson Grove Baptist Church.

Sources: Family knowledge

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony



Luther and Minnie Huffstickler Bridges Family. Seated: Minnie. Standing L to R: Edith, Lillian, Frank, Brunell, Bill, Rob, Clyde.

ARTHUR CLARENCE BROOKS FAMILY

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Arthur Clarence Brooks (7-19-1893/9-2-1960) was the second son of Benjamin Taylor Brooks and Della Holland Brooks of Cleveland County. On June 3, 1917, he married Ida Matilda Stacy (7-3-1898/12-23-1973) fourth daughter of Julius Emery Stacy and Irena Hesentine Randall Stacy of Rutherford County. (For Ancestors of each, please refer to related articles headed "Ransom Brooks Family" and "Catherine Whitener" Stacy Family" in this book).

The following lists their three daughters and descendants by birth and marriage:

Bernice Burnette Brooks (10-12-1918) married Frank Selby (4-16-1923) of New Windsor, Maryland on July 15, 1946 in Cleveland County. They have one son, Phillip Arthur Selby (4-29-1947) who married Diane Ferguson of Ohio, on June 22, 1972.

Eunice Ruth Brooks (3-8-1922) married Joseph Thomas Hart (6-22-1910/10-13-1977) of Hartsville, South Carolina on May 5, 1955 in York, South Carolina. They have two daughters Laurel Ellen Hart (5-16-1957) and Janet Camille Hart (11-18-1960).

Muriel Wilda Brooks (3-8-1926) married Norman Wayne Edwards (7-15-1927/6-14-1977) of Missouri on September 15, 1947 in Cleveland County. Their children are: Alesia Babette (8-31-1948) who married Robert G. Meyers of Provo, Utah and they have five children: Robert George, Jr. (6-21-1970), Michelle Nicole (7-6-1972), Kristen Alisa (8-29-1974), Candace Lauren (1-3-1977), and Pamela Ann (2-15-1979).

Wilda Elaine (7-15-1951) married Joseph Victor Portner of Thurmont, Maryland and they have one son, Joseph Wayne (5-25-1976).

Brenda Waynette (7-26-1954) married Mario Ayerdis of Anchorage, Alaska and they have one daughter, Anna Maria (4-19-1976).

Barbara Ellen (1-3-1957) married John Trimble of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and they have one son, Benjamin Allan (4-7-1978).

Loretta Fay (12-12-1958) married Wayne Vanderpool of Maryland.

Norman Wayne, Jr. (9-27-1964/9-28-1964).

Arthur Clarence Brooks received his education at Pleasant Ridge School and the Padgett School both in Cleveland County. Ida Matilda Stacy attended Shiloh School in Rutherford County. After their marriage they lived in the New House Community, north of Lattimore, moved to Shelby in 1928, then, in 1933, they bought a home in Swainsville, six miles west of Shelby, and lived there until their deaths. They are both buried at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, Rt. 3, Shelby, North Carolina.

Their three daughters graduated from Lattimore High School, Lattimore, North Carolina with highest honors in their classes.

Arthur Clarence and Ida Matilda Stacy Brooks were both raised as children of farmers. After their marriage, and years of hard work at which they could hardly support their family, they moved to Shelby. Here he found work as a truck driver and he stayed with this same company until he retired.

He loved baseball and heard every game that come over the radio. After television came along, he saw every game shown, if he was at home. Their pleasures were few, but their devotion to their family and the church was great. They were greatly loved by all who knew them.

Sources: Personal memories, Word of Mouth, Family Bibles

— Eunice Ruth Brooks Hart

MALLARD GUY BROOKS, SR. FAMILY

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Mallard Guy Brooks was born September 17, 1903 as the fifth child and youngest son of Benjamin Taylor and Della Melissa Holland Brooks (For family and ancestors, see related article "Ransom Brooks Family" in this book). He was born and raised in the New House

community of Cleveland County. He attended the Padgett School in that community, and then the old Shelby High School, after his family moved to Shelby in the block where the Shelby Junior High School stands now.

In 1928, the family moved to Gastonia, North Carolina where they operated a small cafe.

In 1928, Mallard Guy Brooks went to Charlotte, North Carolina and secured work with the Nehi Bottling Company. It was here that he met and married Lila LeGrand (12-30-1902), daughter of John Henry LeGrand (3-22-1857/3-23-1926) who ran a general merchandizing store, and Emmeline Bladwin LeGrand (/October 1, 1906). The LeGrand's home was at Ellerbe, North Carolina in Richmond County. Their other children were: Lucy Elizabeth (1-22-1893/12-8-1972) who married Berta Goodman; Lola Virginia (7-17-1894/) who married Reid Dawkins; Sally Elmore (7-14-1894/3-4-1975) who married Paul Allen Covington; Bessie Mae (5-25-1898/11-27-1928) who married John Spivey; and Willie Baldwin (2-6-1900/6-28-1935) who married William Shuford Childress (2-17-1893/10-23-1927) on 8-4-1917; a son, not named, born and died of 6-13-1904.

Mallard Guy Brooks and Lila LeGrand were married August 27, 1931 in Charlotte and lived there where he continued his work with the Nehi Company.

In 1932, they moved to Shelby and bought out the Nehi Bottling Company Franchise. This first building was located on South Dekalb Street, but in 1942, a new plant was built on East Marion Street which is still in operation by the Brooks family.

Their children were born and raised in Shelby, attending the Shelby schools; the daughter going to Gardner Webb College and the son attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Appalachian State University at Boone.

They are listed here with their children and grandchildren:

Jacqueline LeGrand Brooks (11-19-1932) was married to Robert Welch Stone on July 9, 1948 and they had five children; one girl, (the first child) died at birth; Robert Welch Stone, Jr. (11-17-1955) married Cathy Henson and they have one son, Isaac Welch (3-26-78) and one daughter Sarah (3-8-81); Terri Brooks Stone (9-7-1957); Jacky Leeanne Stone (12-25-62); and Allyson Anne Stone (2-11-65).

Mallard Guy Brooks, Jr. (5-1-1935) was married to Betty June Hollander on October 10, 1954 and they have two children: Mallard Guy Brooks III (3-20-1956) who married Ann Dorsett Bowers; Mark LeGrand Brooks (3-7-1958) who married Patricia Ann Crawford.

Also, in June of 1935, Mallard Guy and Lila Brooks accepted the responsibility of raising the son and daughter of Lila Brooks' sister, Willie who died that year. The father of the children, William Shuford Childress, had died several years earlier. These children are: Lila Bernice Childress (8-12-1921) who married Robert Mason Latham on June 22, 1941. They have one daughter, Vickie LeGrand Latham (11-30-60); William Shuford (Jimmy) Childress, Jr. (11-4-1923) married Minna Gold

(Peggy) Putnam on February 2, 1942. They have one son, Malcolm Shuford (4-17-1948) who married Wanda Bostic.

Mallard Guy Brooks died October 6, 1979 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Family Bible; Cleveland County Census Records; Personal Memories; Word of Mouth

— Lila LeGrand Brooks
and Eunice Brooks Hart

RANSOM BROOKS FAMILY

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Ransom Brooks (1816/), born in Cleveland County, North Carolina, married Frances (Franky) Humphries who was born in 1819 in South Carolina. (Year of death and place of burial are not known.) They lived in the New House section of Cleveland County, as farmers, but owned their land. They had four sons and three daughters; Nancy (1835/), William (1837/), Benjamin (1839/1862), Caroline (1841/), Samuel (1843/1930), Evelina (1845/), and Lawson (1847/).

Three of the sons, William, Samuel and Benjamin enlisted in the Civil War on September 2, 1861, in Rutherford County, but served with Cleveland County's 34th Regiment, Company B, known as "The Sandy Run Yellow Jackets." Benjamin died in camp at Goldsboro, North Carolina on March 15, 1862, and Samuel was wounded at Frazier's Farm and wore a steel plate in his head the rest of his life.

Here, we will trace only the son Samuel, my great grandfather. He was married on December 17, 1863 to Rebecca C. McKinney (6-17-1848/10-8-1908) daughter of Simeon and Letha McKinney of Cleveland County. They had four sons and four daughters; Rachel (1866/1948), Benjamin Taylor (1869/1930), Samuel Columbus (1867/1953), Joseph R. (1879/), James C. (1882/), Phoebe (1885/1973), Otis W. (1887/1974), Rebecca Melissa (1890/).

Samuel Brooks was a tall, very thin man. His wife Rebecca was a tall, large woman, but I am sure that he was the "boss" in the family. There was always a family reunion at their home on his birthday. All relatives and neighbors would attend. Tables were set up outside and food was plentiful.

Here we will trace only Benjamin Taylor, the eldest son of Samuel and Rebecca Brooks, who was my grandfather. He was born December 14, 1869 and died August 31, 1930. A native of Cleveland County, he grew up in the New House community. He was married in 1890 to Mary Cordelia Melissa Della Holland (4-29-1874/6-23-1936), the daughter of Landrum Lafayette and Martha Potter Holland who had come to Cleveland County from South Carolina. Her brothers and sister were; Perry Morgan, General M. Mattson, John Landrum, James and Laura.

Benjamin Taylor and Della Holland Brooks became the parents of six children; Alonzo Preston (1891/1932), Arthur Clarence (1893/1960), Eury Lester (1896/1946), Vernie Vell Zora (1899/1962), Mallard Guy (1903/1979), and Virgie Willa (1910/1981).

"For related articles on two of the sons, see "Arthur Clarence Brooks Family" and Mallard Guy Brooks, Sr. Family" in this book.)

Benjamin Taylor and Della Brooks lived near New House until about 1927, when they moved to Shelby, then to Gastonia in 1928 where they operated a small cafe until his death there in 1930. Then Della Brooks moved to Charlotte to live with a daughter until her death in 1936. Both are buried at Sandy Plains Baptist Church where they were lifetime members.

Sources: Cleveland County Census Records; Roster of the 15 Militaty Companies of Cleveland County, dated 1861-1865; Personal memories; word of mouth

— Eunice Brooks Hart

BAXTER CLIFFORD BROWN

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Baxter Clifford Brown, son of William Thomas Brown and Fannie Jane Casey, was born in Shelby, NC, April 23, 1930; married Emiko Miura, Born July 5, 1931 in Beppu Oetaken, Japan.

During World War II, Baxter served in Korea and Japan. He retired from the Army to Miami, Florida and was operating a lounge when he was killed June 19, 1969 by the underground world. He had refused to give payoff money to them, feeling he had served his country and earned the right to have his own business. Baxter is buried in Miami.

Born to Baxter and Emiko were: 1. Junji, January 8, 1950, Beppu Oekaken, Jampa, married Jill Carolyn Mouton, Miami, Florida, March 12, 1978. 2. Jannet, July 17, 1955, Kanagawaken, Japan, married Lyle Jessie Petty, Miami, Florida, June 4, 1978. 3. Maki Ann, August 26, 1956, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. 4. Mary Emiko, July 22, 1962, Fort Dix, New Jersey.

Sources: Family Knowledge

— Mrs. John B. Blanton, Jr.

BOYCE REID BROWN

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Boyce Reid Brown, son of William Thomas Brown and Fanny Jane Casey was born June 19, 1921 in Caroleen, North Carolina. On July 16, 1941 he married Ola Elizabeth Flynn, born July 31, 1924 to Hubert Lee Hoyle Flynn and Cora Elizabeth Self of Shelby, North Carolina.

Boyce played football for Shelby High School (1935-1939), Appalachian State Teachers College, and Wake Forest College. He was a member of the Cleveland County National Guard (1937). During World War II he served in the Corps of Engineers, earning three battle stars. He retired from the Army in 1962 as a Major. As a civilian he was chief instructor of the Niki X Branch, Missile Support Division, Department of Mechanical and Equipment. He was a member of the Society of American Military Engineers. In addition to English, Boyce spoke German, Russian, Vietnamese, and French, learned from study and service tours in Germany (1947-1950), Alaska (1956) and Viet Nam (1959-1960).

Boyce died December 7, 1972 in El Paso, Texas, and is buried in the National Cemetery

there. Ola still lives in El Paso.

Children of Boyce and Ola are: 1. Blyce Reid, Jr., born in Shelby, November 27, 1942; married June 8, 1967 to Lynn Merick, one son Boyce Reid, III, born November 11, 1969, Honolulu, Hawaii, where his Dad is a lawyer. 2. Sandra Gwendolyn, born April 24, 1946, Shelby; married March 2, 1974 in El Paso to Julio Rajos. 3. Donna Elaine, born March 2, 1948, Frankfort, Germany; married June 18, 1975, Ralph Kruegar, daughter Julie Elaine, born November 15, 1977, San Bernadine, Calif. 4. Steven Thomas, born January 30, 1951, Fort Belvoir, Virginia; married October 15, 1974, Judy Lee, daughter Jasmine Lee, born June 15, 1977, El Paso, Texas; son, Steven Thomas, Jr., born February 11, 1979, San Jose, California. 5. Marcus Lee, born June 30, 1962, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. 6. Misty Elizabeth, born March 31, 1966, Fort Belvoir, Virginia.

Sources: Family Knowledge

— Mrs. John S. Blanton, Jr.

GUY BENJAMIN BROWN

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Guy, son of William Thomas Brown (1887-1955) and Fannie Casey (1884-1959) was born December 12, 1909, Spartanburg County, South Carolina. He was married November 14, 1931 to Eula Seville Blanton, born January 8, 1908 in Cherokee County, South Carolina, daughter of William Pinkney Blanton (1882-1949) and Antoinette Turner.

They had one son, Thomas Eugene, born in Shelby, North Carolina, April 26, 1933. He married Shirley Kever of Charlotte. They had one son, Thomas Eugene, Jr., born November 12, 1955. Thomas Eugene died February 18, 1956 in Charlotte where he is buried.

Guy played football at Shelby High School and Lenoir Rhyne College. He was a member of Cleveland County National Guard. He moved to Charlotte in the 1950's where he owned a small craft shop and worked as a baker for Colonial Stores until his death March 22, 1965. He is buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery. Eula lives on Enderly Drive in Charlotte.

Sources: Family Knowledge

— Mrs. John S. Blanton, Jr.

RAY EVERETT BROWN

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Ray Everett Brown, son of William Thomas Brown and Gannie Jane Casey, was born September 26, 1913, Union, South Carolina. He died in Chicago, Illinois, May 4, 1974. He is buried at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Cherryville, North Carolina. He married November 26, 1937, Mary Witherspoon, born March 15, 1916 to Don Witherspoon and Margaret Norvell of Murphy, North Carolina. Mary Brown now lives in Durham, North Carolina.

Children of Ray and Mary are: 1. Margaret Witherspoon, born January 15, 1940, Shelby, North Carolina; married Lorand Spyers-Duran, July 1961; daughter Mary Margaret, born February 7, 1962, Chicago, Illinois. 2. Mary Norvell, born April 30, 1943, Chicago, Illinois;

married July 1964 to James Kennedy, daughter Kelly Cathleen, born December 24, 1965, Pensacola, Florida; son Kyle Robert, born December 3, 1965, Pensacola, Florida; daughter, Margaret Witherspoon born November 7, 1974, Livermore, California. 3. Barbara Casey, born June 17, 1947, Chicago, Illinois; married December 30, 1967 to William Loveday; a son Alixe Casey, born December 29, 1971, Long Beach, California; a daughter, Michele Brown, born May 8, 1973, Long Beach, Calif. Barbara's second marriage May 1978 was to Larry Ralston.

Ray played football at Shelby High School and Gardner-Webb College. In 1937 he received a Bachelor of Science degree, with a major in economics at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, where he was president of the student body and later assisted in planning and staffing Memorial Hospital there. He was made a member of Phi Beta Kappa honorary fraternity and the Beta Gamma Sigma, an honorary accounting society.

After graduation he returned to Shelby as Cleveland County auditor from 1937 to 1940 and was superintendent of Shelby Hospital from 1940 to 1942. He completed his masters and doctorate in hospital administration at the University of Chicago and then served from 1943 to 1945 as administrator of North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Returning to the University of Chicago (1945-1963) he was superintendant of the Clinics, Director of Graduate program in Hospital Administration, Professor in Graduate School of Business and Vice President of Administration at the University. During this time he was President of the American Hospital Association (1953), President of the American College of Hospital Administrators, and recipient of the distinguished Service Award of the American Hospital Association (1963).

From 1964-1967 he was at Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, as director of the Graduate Program in Hospital Administration and founded the National Forum.

The next three years he was a professor and Executive Vice President of the affiliated Hospital Center, Inc. at Harvard University, Boston, Mass.

From 1970 until his death, he was Executive Vice President of McGraw Medical Center and professor of graduate studies of hospital and health services at Northwestern University, Chicago, Illinois.

Sources: Family Knowledge

— Mrs. John S. Blanton, Jr.

WAYNE LYTLE and BEATRICE WHITWORTH BROWNE FAMILY

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My father, Wayne Browne, was born in Cherryville on October 8, 1888, the eighth of ten children born to William and Matilda Rhyne Browne. His brothers and sisters were, in order of birth: Frank, Georgia (m. Dr. Tom Goode), John, Ed, Annie (m. John Booker), Mollie (m. Monroe Beam), Will, McBride

(Mac), and Hazel.

Mother, Beatrice Lambert Whitworth (more often called 'Beadie'), was the youngest child of John W. and Nancy Putnam Whitworth. She also had nine brothers and sisters: Jim, Margaret (or Maggie, m. Lee Dellinger), Eurie (m. Dan Stroup), Ella (m. John Hord), Mollie (m. Will Hord), Crowder, Maude, Everette and Ausborne. Mother was born on July 24, 1892, at the family home, located at Cleveland County southwest of Waco.

Mother was not attracted to the red-haired, freckled-faced young man at their first meeting. However, she soon became aware of his unique sky-blue eyes. They were married in Waco on November 3, 1912.

Daddy worked for a sawmill the first winter of their marriage, and they lived in a tent near his work. Sometime after that, Daddy began working on the Seaboard Airline Railroad. In April, 1919, while working as a brakeman on the railroad, he fell beneath the train and lost both his feet when the train ran over them. After some days in the hospital, in his delirium he leaped from the bed and landed on one leg. This caused additional injury and more of that leg had to be removed.

There were no rehabilitation programs or centers for the handicapped at that time, but if there had been, any would have been proud to claim Daddy as a product of their work. Mother enjoyed telling how they walked to the top of Chimney Rock sometime after his accident. Others who sat down half-way up the mountain suddenly found new energy when they were passed by this man walking with two artificial legs! He drove a car expertly and some of my earliest memories include Daddy laughingly chasing me. He remarked once while hunting with his grandsons that he couldn't understand why they wanted to go inside to warm — his feet weren't cold!

My parents built their house on Main Street in Waco around 1918 and lived there the rest of their lives. The house was originally painted brown, which prompted jokes about the Brownes living in the brown house. I remember it being painted white about 1935. Main Street was also paved about this time.

Daddy became postmaster in Waco in 1925. A bank building had been built in 1911, and when the bank failed in the early thirties, he acquired this building. Then the post office was moved from a small store building on Main Street to the bank building on Railroad Street, where it remains at the present time. While he was postmaster, he was also station agent for the railroad. Mother often helped in the post office.

Mother originally had dark hair, but her hair turned gray prematurely and she was noted for her beautiful gray hair. She was an avid reader — the Bookmobile stopped regularly at our house for many years. She was a good cook and an exquisite seamstress. But her most visible talent was her ability to grow things. Ours was one of the first (if not the first) yards in Waco to be sown with grass and become a 'lawn.' Her beautiful flowers were given in evidence and for many years her talent for growing and arranging flowers was enjoyed in the Baptist Church in Waco. Because of this, a

brass flower container was given to the church in her memory by one of her nieces.

Daddy was an active Mason and member of the Presbyterian Church in Cherryville. At times during the year the family would attend church with Daddy. However, Mother was a member of Waco Baptist Church and their children became active members there. Much of the family's activities centered around school and church. We lived close enough to walk to the operettas, music recitals, plays, sports, cantatas and Christmas programs.

The oldest child, Hal Lytle, was born October 1, 1915. He married Virginia Watts, daughter of Jeff and Kate Webb Watts. Their only child, Patricia (Patti), married Jerri Williams and they have two daughters, Lynn and Stacy. Hal was a conductor on the Seaboard Railroad when he died suddenly in 1968. Except for his college years, he lived in Cleveland County all his life. He is buried in Cleveland Memorial Cemetery.

Their second child, Nancy Ruth, was born November 14, 1921, in the new house. Nancy lived only four days and is buried in Capernaum Cemetery, about two miles south of Waco.

Ruby Jean, born October 16, 1923, married Hugh Randall, son of Alec and Ethel Randall of Cleveland County. They have one child, Nancy. Jean taught first grade for thirty one years. Hugh recently retired as Superintendent of City Schools of Hendersonville City Schools.

The youngest child, Doris Jane, born August 12, 1926, married Cline Borders, son of Mike L. and Dona Cline Borders. Their children are: Cline Jr. (m. Jonina Swingle); Timothy (m. Paulette Fincher), two children, Lana and Melissa; Cheryl Jean; Daniel Browne. Doris is a past-president of the North Carolina Ministers' Wives and in 1968 became the first woman to be elected to the Cleveland County Board of Education. Cline became a Baptist minister and is presently Director of Missions of Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

Daddy died at the age of 79 in 1968. Mother was 79 at the time of her death in 1971. Both of them are buried at Capernaum. The family home burned about two years after Mother's death.

Sources: Family records and personal knowledge

— Doris Browne Borders

WILLIAM THOMAS BROWN

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W.T. Brown, son of Marion Benjamin Brown and Mary Leticia Horne (1872-1963), daughter of James Bartley Horne (1850-1919) and Julia Pricilla Hardin (1856-1898), was born November 30, 1887 at Cross Anchor, Spartanburg county, South Carolina. He married around 1907 Fannie Jane Casey, born also at Cross Anchor on May 12, 1884 to Thomas Henry Casey (1856-1921) and Mary Jane Fowler (1857-1927).

He attended Boiling Springs High School, Boiling Springs, North Carolina. At that time there were five children born in South Carolina: Guy Benjamin (1909-1965), Thomas Frank (1912-1926), Ray Everett (1913-1974), Ruth

Audrey (1915-1959), and Mary Louise (1919-). To help support the large family several boarders were kept. Boarders remembered were C.C. Horne, "Pop" Simmons, and Jesse Bridges. Two children were born later, Boyce Reid (1921-1972) and Rachel Annette (1924-). A pastorage at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Cherryville, North Carolina, he continued ministerial study at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, North Carolina, graduating in 1927.

Three children were born in Wake County: Eunice (1925-), Edwin Robert (1925-1926) and William Thomas, Jr. (1927-1973). Three children died in Wake County and were buried at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Cherryville, North Carolina: Eunice, Edwin Robert and Thomas Frank.

He was pastor of several church while living at Bunn, North Carolina. Even though the community was most supportive with poundings and the family members supplemented by picking cotton and delivering papers, W.T. decided to return to Cleveland County.

The family moved to Shelby in 1929, living first in South Shelby behind Cameron Morrison and beside Marvin Blanton and it was there Boxter Cliffor (1939-1969) was born. Later, when working at Ella Mill, the family lived at 206 Earl Road.

W.T. Brown served as assistant pastor at Second Baptist Church taught the Men's Bible Class, led the Baptist Young People's Union, and was visiting minister for many Cleveland County Church revivals. He retired from active ministry in 1947.

In 1943 he moved to Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, to be near his eldest son, Guy. There he taught the Thomasboro Baptist Church Men's Bible Class.

He died in Charlotte September 26, 1955, and Fannie died March 25, 1959. Both were buried at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Cherryville, North Carolina.

For information on their children see related articles: Guy married Eula Blanton, Rey E. married Mary Witherspoon, Ruth married Wade Ferguson, Louise married John S. Blanton, Jr., Boyce R. married Ola E. Flynn, Rachel married Samuel High, William Thomas, Jr. married Pat , Baxter C. married Emiko Miura.

Sources: Personal knowledge, birth certificates, newspaper clippings, and answers of questionnaire from family members.

— Mrs. Louise Brown Blanton

WILLIAM THOMAS BROWN, JR.

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William Thomas Brown, Jr. (Buck), son of William Thomas Brown and Fannie Casey Brown, was born May 22, 1927 in Wake County, North Carolina. He married Pat M. of Greenville, South Carolina. They were divorced after the birth of their two children:

1. Donnis, was married to Mike Garrett
2. Willetta, was married to Denny Pennington

"Buck" attended No. 3 High School, Cleveland County. He played professional baseball

in Greenville, South Carolina. During World War II, he served in Korea. He worked as a commercial fisherman out of Florida and Texas. He died April 1, 1973 at Port Arthur, Texas. His ashes were scattered over the Gulf of Mexico. A memorial stone is at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Cherryville, North Carolina.

Sources: Family Knowledge

— Mrs. John S. Blanton, Jr.

BRYDGES-HOPPER

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Thomas Hendrick was born about the year 1774. He lived in Virginia near Fairfax courthouse, in or adjoining Mecklenburg County.

He married Miss Mary (Polly) Newton of that place. About the year 1800 he came to Cleveland county, then known as Rutherford county, to purchase land for a new home for himself and family. He died on his return trip to Virginia. However, a few months later, his widow with her four children and son-in-law, George Royester, moved to Rutherford county, now known as Cleveland county.

William (Bill) Hendrick (17 -1859) was the third child of Thomas Hendrick and Mary Newton Hendrick. He was born in Virginia. He married Miss Charity Love of Shelby, who was a sister to James Love. She was born 1805 and died July 21, 1884. She was buried at Double Shoals by the side of her husband. They had



Mary Ann Hopper & Rev. Joseph Bunyan Brydges. Wedding Day, April 5, 1899.

eight children. Their first child, Mary Ann (Polly) Hendrick (September 19, 1823 — April 12, 1885) married Thomas Wilson (1821 — August 12, 1872), a brother of Crocket and Joe Wilson. They settled on the west side of what is now known as North Lafayette Street in Shelby; it became known as the John W. Hopper "old homestead" or "Hopper's Park." They had two children, Sarah Ann Eliza and Charity Margaret. Sarah Ann Eliza (November 3, 1842 — October 8, 1899) was first married to Anonymous London, and they had two children who died in infancy. Anonymous died in the Confederate War (December 16, 1864).

Eliza Wilson married a second time to Mr. T.S. Putnam. They had two children; S.C. (died in infancy) and T.W.M. (Marion).

T.S. died in 1870 from tuberculosis due to exposure while in service during the Confederate War.

Eliza Wilson married a third time to John W. Hopper, (July 8, 1852 — March 26, 1915) son of John Alexander Hopper (1815-1892) and Julia Ann Harry (1818-1892), and they had six children: An infant who died March 9, 1872, Major (August 22, 1875 — February 5, 1953), John W. (July 21, 1876 — August 8, 1901), Margaret Mary Ann (November 14, 1878 — March 10, 1956), Eliza Vedella (November 10, 1883 — January 24, 1900), Stough Hopper (September 15, 1881 — March 1, 1942).

John Hopper was known as Irish John Hopper because of his quick Irish temper; also as the man with six names, John William Burton Philmore Henry Clay. His six older sisters had each picked a name for him.

Mary Ann Hopper, the fourth child of Eliza and John W. Hopper, was married to Jasper Bunyan Brydges (J. Bun) on April 5, 1899, son of Thomson Wallace Brydges (February 9, 1843 — December 1, 1912) and Patience Durham, (March 12, 1840 — December 31, 1879). He was born August 6, 1875 and died January 6, 1921.

The first time Mary Ann saw J. Bun, he was preaching at Ross Grove Church. When they became interested in each other, her brothers did not approve of him as they thought he was a Republican. It was only after he brought letters to them from some prominent Democrats of Shelby that he was allowed to call on her. She told her children that when she was a little girl, she actually believed that if you were not a Baptist and a Democrat, you would surely go to Hell when you died. During their early married life he preached one Sunday a month at four different churches and taught school through the week.

They had eight children:

1. Marion Harold (March 12, 1900 — January 24, 1928) married Katie Ruth Housman of Texas. They had two children: Marion Harold Jr. (July 21, 1946) and Betty Ruth, who died February 24, 1928.

2. Anna Ruth (April 12, 1902) married Clarence M. Morrison of Shelby. They had three children: Sarah Margaret (September 30, 1925), Charles Avery (June 8, 1927 — June 27, 1927), Carl Lee (June 21, 1929).

3. Eliza Frances (January 7, 1904) married Robert Hubbard Hamrick of Shelby. There are two children: Mary Lucinda (June 29, 1927),

Ada Ruth (January 31, 1933).

4. Irma Hortense (July 26, 1905) married William Albert Grayson of Bostic, N.C. They had four children: Margaret Gwendolyn (December 21, 1926 — January 12, 1947), William Albert Jr. (July 15, 1928), Julia Irene (March 13, 1931 — May 9, 1933), Jasper Glenn (July 25, 1934).

5. Jasper Bunyan Jr. (August 6, 1907 — July 17, 1981) married Nellie Fay Smith of Shelby. There is one child, Charles Hartwell, (May 15, 1937). He was married a second time to Helen Harding of Yadkinville, N.C.

6. Mary Irene (July 29, 1909) married Alfred William Pett of Providence, R.I. There are three children: Mary Irene (April 26, 1934), Ruth Eva (May 23, 1937), Alfred William Jr. (June 3, 1946).

7. Harlan Shumaker (August 4, 1911) married Azalea Blanton of Shelby. There is one child — Mary Alice (May 6, 1936).

8. Margaret Ray (November 4, 1915) married Neil Goldsmith of West Virginia. There is one child — Linda Ray (July 21, 1944).

Mary Ann Hopper Brydges was kind, thoughtful and generous and the most courageous woman I have ever known.

Sources: From family records — mostly from Frances Brydges Hamrick and Robert Hubbard Hamrick.

— Mrs. Irene Pett

THE WILLIAM BUMGARDNER FAMILY

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Preacher John Bumgardner b. April 6, 1817 d. April 8, 1890 m. Jemima Pruett b. September 18, 1823 d. October 7, 1899. Their children were Dave, killed in the Civil War, Edie Ledford, William, Wheeler, Katie Buff, Webb, Amos, Gaither, Lewis, and Fannie Crotts.

William Bumgardner b. November 17, 1845 d. March 27, 1927 and Susan Newton b. February 19, 1848 d. April 2, 1942 were married February 18, 1866 at the home of Preacher Hullender. William, who had entered the Civil War with the 18 yr. olds, had just returned from the war where he served four years with Co. F 55 N.C. Inf. CSA. He was reluctant to talk about the war because so many of his friends were killed.

William and Susan had eleven children. Dove Swofford b. March 1, 1868 d. September 5, 1950; Sarahann Navey b. June 22, 1870 d. February 3, 1938; Amanda Newton b. March 30, 1873 d. February 12, 1948; John F. b. March 15, 1875 d. November 1, 1940; Mary Proctor b. January 17, 1877 d. October 10, 1935; Etter Hoyle b. February 20, 1879 d. February 10, 1973; Benjamin T. b. September 25, 1880 d. February 11, 1968; Rosie Ramsey b. December 14, 1882 d. October 13, 1952; Cary Propst b. January 29, 1885 d. July 23, 1980; Bessie Conner b. March 29, 1887 d. May 5, 1965, and Texie Wortman b. July 12, 1890.

Source: Zion Cemetery; Bible

— Sue P. Wells



William & Susan Newton Bumgardner.

WILLIAM and SUSAN NEWTON BUMGARDNER FAMILY

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William Bumgardner was born November 17, 1845 near Casar. Susan Newton Bumgardner was born 1848 near Casar. William was the son of the Rev. John Bumgardner b. 1818 and wife (m. August 15, 1838) Jemima Pruitt Bumgardner b. 1824 and the grandson of Louis Bumgardner. Susan was the daughter of B.B. "Captain Ben" Newton and his wife Millie Norman Newton.

William Bumgardner had the following brothers and sisters: Webb, married Lynn Hudson; Wheeler; David; Albert, married Ellen Ferguson; Louis, married Della Chapman; Gaither; Amos; Edith, married Fred Ledford; Sally, married Joe Buff; Fanny, married Edgar Crotts; and Kate, married Edgar Buff.

Susan Newton Bumgardner had the following brothers and sisters: Thomas, married Mary Elmima White; Robert, married Sarah M. White; B. Frank; John A., married Ellen Canipe; Sarah, married Henry Bumgardner, Mary, married Emanuel Crotts, II.

William and Susan Bumgardner made their home near Zoar Baptist Church, Casar, North Carolina. They had the following children: Dovie Frances born March 1, 1868, married Joseph Martin Swofford on January 6, 1884, Dovie died September 5, 1950 and Joseph died January 21, 1934; Sarah Ann married Joshua Navy; Amanda married Melvin Newton, son of Rev. B. Frank; John Franklin married Catherine Handcock; Benjamin married Leila Newton, daughter of Andrew J.; Mary married Andrew Proctor, son of Samuel; Etta married Peter Hoyle, son of William H. and Hilda Buff Hoyle; Rosa married Edgar Ramsey; Carrie married James O. Propst, son of Albert W. and Mary Hudson Propst; Bessie married John Connor; and Texie married Charlie A. Wortman, son of John and Sarah Wright Wortman.

William and Susan Newton Bumgardner were married February 18, 1866. They are buried in the Casar Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sources: Family Knowledge

— Elizabeth S. Cofer

ROBERT JONES BURTON

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Robert Jones Burton was born in Bethel, North Carolina on January 8, 1918 to Cleve-

land Manning Burton and Cecil Jones Burton. He served as a captain in the United States Marine Corps during World War II. Following his discharge from the USMC in 1946 he served as a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation until his death in Garden City, New York on February 8, 1964.

On August 4, 1945 in Shelby, North Carolina, Robert married Betty Ann Lutz, daughter of Roscoe Eli Lutz and Mary Jane Austell Lutz. They had three sons.

The oldest of these son is Robert Jones Burton, Jr. (b. May 22, 1946). He married Hilda Meyers of Laurel Springs, North Carolina. They have one son, Michael Patrick Burton (b. May 22, 1969). They live in Cincinnati, Ohio.

The other two sons are William Lutz Burton (Bill) born in Charlotte, N.C. March 16, 1951, and Cecil Manning Burton born in Flushing, New York on October 3, 1954. Bill and Cecil live in Shelby.

Following the death of Robert, Betty and their three sons moved to Shelby. She is a teacher at Shelby Junior High School.

Sources: Family knowledge

— Betty Lutz Burton

CHARLES I. CABANISS and DESCENDANTS

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Charles I. Cabaniss was born February 17, 1856, in Cleveland County. The Cabaniss family originated in France; however, soon after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685, the family fled to Switzerland, then to Rotterdam, Holland, and from there to London, England. Henry Cabaniss, his wife, and possibly a child, left London aboard the ship Mary and Ann "in search of religious freedom and political sanctuary in the new world." The party arrived at the mouth of the James River in Virginia on July 23, 1700, after a thirteen weeks passage. Henry had three sons; the third son, George, migrated from Virginia to Rutherford County (now Cleveland) about 1806. He became an extensive landowner and was one of a committee of six representing the eastern portion of Rutherford County, who prepared, circulated, and presented a petition to the 1840 General Assembly, asking that a new county be formed. The result was the formation of Cleveland County in 1841. The descendants of George Cabaniss have a yearly reunion at Zion Baptist Church in July.

Charles I. Cabaniss was the sixth of nine children of Athel Montcalm Cabaniss, born March 13, 1822, in Shelby and died March 5, 1900; and Perthenie Elizabeth Elliott, born May 22, 1826, in Rutherford County (now Cleveland) and died on December 13, 1918. Athel Montcalm was enlisted in the Cleveland Guards, Company D, 55th Regiment, in October 1860 and was discharged in 1864 as a First Lieutenant, Army of the Confederate States of America. They are buried in Zion Baptist Church Cemetery.

Charles I. was married on April 13, 1881, by Rev. A.C. Irvin to Mary Hester Harrill, born May 24, 1862, daughter of Nathaniel S. and

Susanna Lovelace Harrill. (The Harrills are buried in Beaver Dam Church Cemetery.) Charles and Hester built a home on Brushy Creek, northwest of Shelby, on land that had been her "dowry." Several extra rooms, including an upstairs, was added later as the family grew. They were members of Zion Baptist Church where they were active and very influential. Mr. Cabaniss was one of the most substantial farmers in the county. His obituary stated that "his life was one of usefulness, and he was held in highest esteem in his community and town for his exemplary character and noble deeds." Mr. Cabaniss died unexpectedly of a heart condition at age seventy-six on February 13, 1920, at his home.

Mrs. Cabaniss was a beautiful woman of regal stature with a delightful wit which made her a favorite with all. A treasured family heirloom is a tapestry she received in school which reads, "To Hester Harrill for the most headmarks." She died January 19, 1939, of a heart attack. She and her husband are buried in Zion Church Cemetery. There were six children: Precious Bessie born May 14, 1882, died December 26, 1963, married September 27, 1908, Audley M. Lattimore born November 21, 1882, and died June 17, 1955; Willie Clyde born July 23, 1883, and died February 12, 1948; Mont Glenn born March 2, 1884, died September 15, 1967, married December 19, 1909; Bessie Jane Horn born April 29, 1886, died November 17, 1980; Lottie Sue born May 37, 1887, died May 11, 1977; Lee Nathaniel born May 2, 1900, died September 17, 1964, married Susie Gold born Aug. 25, 1896; Ollie Blance born December 18, 1893, and died July 1, 1944. The only survivor at this writing is a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Lee N. (Susie) Cabaniss, Hwy. 226, Shelby. Descendants include six grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren and nineteen great-great grandchildren.

Sources: *Henry Cabaniss and His Descendants*, interviews with family members, and family records

— Vernie C. Piercy (Mrs. Brooks E.)

GEORGE TURNER CABANISS

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George Turner Cabaniss (b. 29 November 1890 d. 30 January 1982), a native of Cleveland County, was the son of Thomas Poole and Laura Gold Cabaniss. When Turner was born, his greatest heritage was farmlife and religious ardor. He spent most of his ninety-one years cultivating the two.

Zion Baptist Church and the surrounding community, as well as the whole of Cleveland County, have reaped the benefits of his toil.

Through the years he has performed many tasks and served in many offices in his church "I've done just about everything except preach; I even conducted a few funerals back during the big 'flu' epidemic," he once said.

A retired farmer, he was a tax lister for Cleveland County for forty years and served as registrar for the Double Springs precinct. He was a member of Zion Baptist Church, where he was a deacon, a Sunday school teacher for twenty-five years, superintendent for fifteen years and church clerk for sixty years. He was president of the alumni association, a graduate of Piedmont Boarding School, and a mason at Camp Call Lodge 534.

On November 24, 1915, he married Bryte Beam (b. 2 September 1897; d. 16 December 1972), daughter of William Joe (Joseph) and Etta Ford Beam and great-great-great-granddaughter of John Teeter Beam of Hamburg Germany, who landed in Charleston, South Carolina, in 1767 and settled in Cleveland County, North Carolina. Bryte Beam's parents died; she was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Wilkins of Shelby. In 1963 Bryte was nominated as Cleveland County's mother of the year by the County Home Demonstration Club Council. She was a devoted wife and mother and was admired and respected by her many friends.

From this union there were ten children: Elizabeth (Mrs. Kenneth H. Blanton), employee of Cleveland Memorial Hospital lives in Lat-



George Turner and Bryte Beam Cabaniss on their 50th Wedding Anniversary.

timore; Sarah (Mrs. Raymond E. Johnson), employed at Home Health Agency lives in Oak Ridge, Tennessee; Joseph E. Cabaniss, President of First Federal Savings and Loan, Shelby, North Carolina, married Norma Farmer of Blue Field, West Virginia; Robert G. Cabaniss, owner of Cabaniss Insurance Company, Shelby, North Carolina, married Evelyn Woodall; Doris married Ralph Wright, lives in Indian Harbor Beach, Florida; George T. Cabaniss, Jr. is an employee of Fiber Industries of Shelby, is married to Janis McSwain; Hal Cabaniss, employed at Eagle Roller Mill in Shelby, wife Martha Green Cabaniss; Carolyn (Mrs. Robert P. Diehl) lives in Raleigh; Brenda (Mrs. Steve Curtis) is a teacher in the Cleveland County School System, and lives in Shelby.

Sources: family Bible; article by Martha Mason (*Times*) obituary (*Star*)

— Mrs. Kenneth Bridges

THE CABANISS FAMILY

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The Cabaniss family came to America in the year 1700 by way of London England, with a group of men, women, and a few children. They were members of a group of French Hougenot Party who were seeking political sanctuary and religious freedom of which the French government had denied them. They were headed for the mouth of the James River in the state of Virginia. The party landed on July 23, 1700 after a long hard journey in the good ship "Mary Ann."

These records have been researched and proven to be correct from records of the Virginia Historical Society of "Prince George County;" from deeds, court records, Bible records and personal memory of people living at the time the history was written.

Henry Cabaniss was a leader of the group. He was a member of the Reformed Church of France, and a very religious man.

The group had been given a land grant by the Queen and they were able to set up a small settlement and get started living in their new found land. Henry had with him his wife and small child named Henry. Later, two other children were born; namely, Matthew and George. The Cabaniss family spread out into Virginia and down into the Carolinas. George was the one who came to Rutherford County, North Carolina, in the year 1806 and he is the father of most all North Carolina Cabanisses. He was a surveyor and helped a group of men form and separate Cleveland County from Rutherford County in the year 1846.

It was grandfather George who settled and raised the family on the banks of the "First Broad" river where he owned and cultivated lots of land. His son Montcalm Cabaniss, a member of the fifth generation, born in 1822 — d. 1900 in Shelby, Cleveland County was the grand and great-grandfather of most of the families in Cleveland County. He enlisted in the Cleveland Guards Arms of the Confederacy in 1860 and was discharged in 1864 as a first Lieutenant. In 1865 he married Elizabeth Elliott. They raised nine children. He was a farmer and an extensive land owner. He and grandmother raised their family of six boys

and three girls in the "Zion Church" community. Many of the family still own and live on the land that he settled his family on, which is Number 7 township in Cleveland County.

Both grandparents are buried in Zion Church Cemetery and so are many members of their family. Each year in July the Cabaniss families gather at Zion Church for a reunion in honor of our forefathers and to keep alive the kinship we have enjoyed over the years.

Their children were: Willie Minor Cabaniss, who married Thomas Franklin Green, (b. 1848; d. 1894 at Cedar Hill Texas). Essley E. Cabaniss (b. 1850; d. 1929) who married Lillian Beatty. William A. Cabaniss (b. 1852; d. 1909) who married Margaret Botts. Joe T. Cabaniss (b. 1853; d. 1888) who married Paethie Washburn. Parmelia Jane Cabaniss (b. 1855; d. 1935) who married Charlie Blanton. Charles Cabaniss (b. 1856; d. 1920) who married Hester Harrill. Thomas Poole Cabaniss (b. 1860; d. 1942) who married Laura Gold. Mary Elizabeth Cabaniss (b. 1863; d. 1903) who married Gus Borders. Frank Cabaniss (b. 1860; d. 1939) who married Katie Lattimore.

This is intended to be an abbreviated record of the fifth generation of the descendants of George Cabaniss, who migrated to Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina, about 1806. Hopefully the dates are correct.

Sources: Family knowledge

— Mrs. Robert Hawkins

DR. JAMES WILLIAM CABANISS

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Dr. James William Cabaniss was born August 2, 1807, son of George and Jane (Jincy) Elliott Cabaniss who immigrated from Mecklenburg County, Virginia, to Rutherford County, N.C. which is now a part of Cleveland County, N.C. Jincy was the oldest daughter of Martin Elliott and Anne Finch Elliott who immigrated to North Carolina from Virginia at the same time.

James William Cabaniss entered Transylvania Medical University, Lexington, Kentucky November 12, 1832.

On November 26, 1835 he and Elizabeth Donoho Elliott, daughter of John Crenshaw Elliott and Mary Donoho Elliott were married by the Rev. Drury Dobbins. They moved on March 16, 1837 to their new home on the main public road leading from Rutherfordton to Lincolnton (Location two miles west of Polkville, N.C.).

Eleven children were born to Dr. James William Cabaniss and Elizabeth Elliott Cabaniss. Seven of the children either died at birth or in early childhood. The other children were: Louisa Yandel Cabaniss born September 13, 1839 and married Francis Marion Stockton July 23, 1857. They had eight children: Charles D. Stockton who died at age one; John J. Stockton married Martha Hord; Esther E. Stockton married Julius Gettys; William Worth Stockton married Della Robbins; Jesse F. Stockton married Ida Walker; Virginia Ann Stockton married Oliver Beam Elliott; Nancy Lucy Stockton married Amos Jones and Mary

Jane Stockton married D.M. Davis. Mary Slade Cabaniss was born July 26, 1844. She never married and lived with her parents. Western Carolina Cabaniss born March 25, 1846 married John A. Finch May 4, 1871 and moved to Eagle Lake, Texas August 8, 1871. They had one daughter, Bessie Jane Finch who married Walter Ben Welhousen, and had one son, Ben Byars Welhousen, Corrinah Elizabeth Cabaniss born November 26, 1848 never married and made her home with her parents.

Dr. James William Cabaniss was a practicing physician; joined the Methodist Episcopal Church July 25, 1845; appointed Deputy Marshall for the year 1850 by Col. George Little, United States Marshall for the District of North Carolina, and took the first census of Cleveland County that year: Free Inhabitants 8,636, Negroes 1,747, Federal Pop. 10,383.

He served on the School Committee 1857 for District No. 9 for Cleveland County, North Carolina, along with J.E. Lattimore, and W.M. Elliott and engaged the services of A.B. Grigg as the teacher of the school for that District. John R. Logan was Chairman of the Common Schools for the county.

Dr. Cabaniss kept a notebook or diary in which he recorded births, deaths and happenings. The notes in the diary are written in beautiful script and legible although the pages are yellow with age. He was a well educated man often writing quotations in Latin and translating them in English. He also wrote quotations from Walter Scott's "Lady of the Lake" and from Shakespeare. The following excerpts are taken from this diary which is dated 1850:

"Friday the 14th of January, at night, commence snowing, and fell to the depth of six inches. Precisely about the same time on the next Friday, the 13th, the same month, it snowed again, and it fell to the depth of 13 inches — some day 15 inches. This was in the winter 1856.

Again on the 26 of the same month and the same year, it fell to the depth of six inches more. The ground than being covered by the 3rd one to the depth of two and three inches. 1856.

Just 8 days from the falling of the 3rd another, the 4th, fell to the depth of 4 to 5 inches. This is one of the hardest winters we have had for the last 40 years. February 26, 1857."

"Receipt for Making Blackberry Wine"

"The berries should be placed in a vessel and well mashed — let them ferment 12 hours, then strain, and to every 3 quarts of juice add 3 lbs. of brown sugar and quart cold water, stir well, then let it stand and ferment, taking the froth often until the fermentation ceases which will last about 18 or 20 hours — the liquid then must be carefully strained, taking out all the sediment. Place the wine in jugs, cork it tight; let it thus remain 'till the March, when it would be carefully poured off, and bottled for use. July 1st 1859." J.W.C.

"Blackening"

Snuff bottle nearly full of soot. Put in a good drink of whiskey, same quantity vinegar, shake well and it will make first rate, glossy blackening. Try it!"

"Cure for the Itch"

"One oz. of sulphuric acid to one of hogs lard, rubbed on the skin several times, and taking a small dose of Epson Salts every other day, and light diet, will cure the above named troublesome and harrassing complaint. The acid and lard must be rubbed up in a mortar."

October 12, 1861 — "I was taken with a severe chill on Sunday, and afterwards succeeded by fever. The next day I had a sore throat and bronchitis, and was confined to my bed until 22 day of June, 1862, when I put in the carriage and rode out without any inconvenience or making me sick." J.W. Cabaniss — "Died at his residence in Cleveland County on the 28th of September, 1862 — Dr. James W. Cabaniss in the 55th year of his age — He sleeps in Jesus." Written by a relative in Dr. James W. Cabaniss' Book "1850." Died at her residence in Cleveland County, N.C. on the 7 day of July, 1873 Mrs. Elizabeth E. Cabaniss — age 64 years.

They are buried near their old homestead on the Lincoln — Rutherfordton Road.

Source: Dr. James William Cabaniss' Book 1850.

— Mary Gordon Elliott

JOE TURNER CABANISS FAMILY

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Joe Turner Cabaniss (b. 4 Oct. 1888 — d. 17 Jul. 1973) was the youngest child born to William Athel Cabaniss (b. 12 Apr. 1852 — d. 9 Sept. 1909) and Margaret (Maggie) Botts Cabaniss. He grew up in the Zion Church Community, Cleveland County.

On 2 Nov., he drove his horse and buggy to the home of Gertrude Mae (Gertie) Beam (b. 17 Apr. 1895 — d. 24 June 1965) where he took her as his bride on that Sunday afternoon. Gertie's father was C. Columbus Beam (1860-1938), son of Joshua and Susan Heavner Beam, grandson of the pioneer John Teter Beam.

Gertrude's mother, Jenny Elizabeth Baker (1864-1951), was the daughter of Allen and Elizabeth Plonk Baker.

Joe Cabaniss was a master mechanic. He and Gertie were life long residents of Cleveland County and members of the Baptist church. Both are buried in Zion Church cemetery, along with four young sons. Two of the boys were stillborn and unnamed; the other two were: Columbus Earl Cabaniss (b. 6 Nov. 1918 — d. 9 Jan. 1919), and Joseph Mills Cabaniss (b. 3 Aug. 1917) who died on 20 Jan. 1918, eleven days after his brother's death.

Buford Lawson (Boots) Cabaniss was their oldest child (1914-1973). In 1940, he married Eva Brathel Abernathy (1912-1972), of Newton, NC. They continued to live in that area where they reared their two children: Nancy Gertrude (Judy) Cabaniss (b. 1940). She married Charles Luther Perrell of Morganton, N.C. Their three children are: Kelly Cabaniss Perrell, (b. 1967); Paige Wiseman Perrell (b. 1969); and Charles Luther (Pepper) Perrell (b. 1972). They are now residing in Charlotte, N.C.

Thier other child is Buford Lawson (Buddy)

Cabaniss (b. 1943). In 1965, he married Mary Ann Isenhour of Newton, N.C. They have three children: Laura Ann Cabaniss (b. 1966); Amy Michelle Cabaniss (b. 1969); and Buford Lawson (Boots) Cabaniss III, (b. 1973).

Joe and Gertie's fourth child was Margaret Jane Cabaniss (b. 1920) who married William Leland Gardner (b. 1918). They live in Georgetown, Texas and have two children, William Leland and Margaret Jane. William Leland Gardner, Jr. (b. 1948) married Elizabeth Strain. They live in Bryan, Texas and have two daughters: Jessica Lee (b. 1977) and Katherine Jeanne (Katy) (b. 1980). Their second child, Margaret Jane Gardner, (b. 1952), married Michael Lee Dukes (b. 1951). Their three children are: Timothy Gardner (b. 1976), Daniel Lee Decker (b. 1977) and Stephanie Jane (b. 1980).

Cance Juanita Cabaniss (b. 1923) first married James D. Minton of N. Wilkesboro, N.C. Their only child was a daughter, Melloney Maria Minton (b. 1947), married Richard Garland Jones of Norfolk, Va. Richard Garland (Ricky) Jones, Jr. (b. 1966) was their only child. Melloney's second marriage was to William E. Randolph, III, of Las Vegas, Nevada. Cance's second marriage was to John Stephen Marcoux of Boston, Mass.

Gertrude Eugenia (Jeanne) Cabaniss (b. 1925 — d. 1973) was first married to Jack K. Whitaker of Hendersonville, N.C. They also had three children: Brenda Joyce Whitaker (b. 1948); Deborah Jeanne Whitaker (b. 1951) and William Calvin Whitaker (b. 1951). Brenda first married Charles Edward Rhodes, Jr. of Vienna, Va. and they have two children: Michelle Reneigh (b. 1966) and Michael Gene (b. 1968). Her second marriage was to Charles Richard Campbell (b. 1948) of Pittsburgh, Pa. Their son is Jason Robert (b. 1971).

Deborah Whitaker's first marriage was to Kenneth E. Rhodes, and they have two daughters: Tana Michelle (b. 1971) and Brett Christina (b. 1974). Her second marriage was to James Michael Earman of Arlington, Va. Their daughter, Margaret Denise (Maggie) was born 1969. Jeanne's second marriage was to Bob Pond of Washington, DC.

Joe Turner Cabaniss, Jr. (b. 1927) was married to Mableen Self (b. 1928). Their three daughters were born in Shelby, N.C.: Mae Kathleen (b. 1954), Connie (b. 1956) and Crystal (b. 1959). Their son, Chris (b. 1962) was born in Orlando, Fla. Mae Kathleen (Cathy) married Richard Graham Merrill (b. 1954) of Hendersonville, N.C. They have two children: Emily Kathleen (b. 1978) and Mark Richard Merrell (b. 1980). Connie Cabaniss married Dale Edwin Willis (b. 1954). Crystal is unmarried. Chris Cabaniss, married Linda Faye Garrison (1961) of Lincolnton, N.C.

Nell Ann Cabaniss (b. 1931) was first married to Dwight Crane and they had one daughter, Donna Jo Crane (b. 1946). Donna's first marriage was to Clayton Williams and they had three sons: Henry Lewis (Hank), Clayton Scott, and Timothy Dean. Her second marriage was to Albert Bruce Leatherman and they have a daughter, Kimberly Hope (b. 1977). Nell's second marriage was to Louis Throckmorton of Mt. Airy, NC. Their two children are:

Lewis Earl and Lou Ann. Lewis Earl (b. 1951), married Roberta Gayle McManus of Monroe, N.C. Their daughter is Tara Shane. Lou Ann Throckmorton (b. 1961) married Billy Joe Mills, Jr. and they have a son Billy Joe Mills, III.

The last child born to Joe and Gertie was Charles William Cabaniss (Bill), (b. 1933), who married Sarah Margaret Hull of Memphis, Tenn. Their daughter Jane Ellen was born in 1961; and their son, Charles Douglas was born in 1963. Bill and his family live in Marion, Illinois.

Sources: Family Bible, personal knowledge

— Mableen S. Cabaniss

THE MONT GLENN and BESSIE HORN CABANISS FAMILY

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Mont Glenn Cabaniss is a seventh generation descendant of Henry Cabaniss, a Huguenot who fled France in the Seventeenth century. He is a direct descendant of George Cabaniss who migrated from Virginia to Rutherford County (now Cleveland) about 1806 (see Charles I. Cabaniss and Descendants).

Mont Glenn was born in Cleveland County on March 2, 1885, one of six children of Charles I. Cabaniss, (born February 7, 1856, and died February 13, 1920), and Mary Hester Harrill (born May 24, 1862, and died January 19, 1939). Mont was named for his grandfather, Athel Montcalm.

Mont Glenn attended school in the Cabaniss School, located just behind his parents' home. He married Bessie Jane Horn, daughter of James Alexander ("Cobb") Horn (see James Alexander Horn and His Descendants), and Loucreasa Lattimore Horn on December 19, 1909. They began housekeeping on a farm near the home of her parents on Brushy Creek where their first child, Vernie Louise, was born on March 20, 1914

In 1914 they moved to the Double Shoals area near Bessie's parents. In 1917 they built a modern home on Highway #226, north of Shelby, on land known as the Poston property, which was deeded to them as a wedding gift by her father. On January 13, 1918, their son, Charles Clay was born.

Mr. Cabaniss was a landowner and a farmer, growing mostly cotton with the help of tenant farmers. He was tall, erect, soft-spoken, and unassuming. His judgment was well respected, his integrity unquestioned, and his counsel was sought in community and especially in church affairs. He was a member of Zion Baptist Church, of which he served as a trustee and where he was a deacon for forty-two years. He and "Miss Bessie" seldom missed a church service. After being in ill health for approximately three years, on September 15, 1967, he died of a heart attack at Shelby Hospital. He was buried in Zion Baptist Church Cemetery.

Bessie Jane Horn Cabaniss graduated from Piedmont High School and attended Mars Hill College. She was a member of Zion Baptist Church where she taught the Adult Ladies

Class for many years and was very active in the Woman's Missionary Union. She led a family devotional at the end of each day, reading her Bible and praying for each member of the family individually, as well as her neighbors and friends. Mrs. Cabaniss was also a member of the Home Demonstration Club and was recognized by all who knew her as an exceptionally good cook.

She died at age ninety-four on November 17, 1980, after a lingering illness (for fourteen years) of myasthenia gravis. She was buried in Zion cemetery beside her husband.

Vernie Louise, the oldest child, married on June 21, 1938, Brooks Ervin Piercy, born January 10, 1915, in Burnsville in Yancey County. They met while teaching in Boiling Springs High School, and have lived in Boiling Springs since their marriage. They had two sons, Brooks Ervin, Jr., born August 13, 1940, and another son, who died at birth, born on June 12, 1942.

Vernie graduated from Lattimore High School in 1931, attended Lenoir Rhyne College, Boiling Springs Junior College, and Meredith College, receiving an A.B. degree with majors in English and history in 1935. She did further study at North Carolina University at Chapel Hill and North Carolina State University.

She was a teacher, teaching English for thirty-six years in Boiling Springs High School, Lattimore High School, and Crest High School, retiring in 1976. She is a member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church where she has served as Sunday School teacher, library worker, choir member, and on various committees. She is a member of the N.C. Chapter of Retired School Personnel, the Flint Hills Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Boiling Springs Garden Club, the Homemakers Extension Club, and the Boiling Springs Citizens Planning Council. Formerly she has served on the Royster Hospital Board and the Crawley Memorial Hospital Board, as a member of NCEA, NEA, and Delta Kappa Gamma, teachers' sorority.

Brooks Ervin, Jr., a teacher in West Mecklenburg High School, Charlotte, has three children; Lisa Anne Piercy, born November 30, 1963; Pamela Elizabeth Piercy, born April 22, 1966; and Charles Ervin Piercy, born May 21, 1973.

Charles Clay, the son, married on July 4, 1939, Bertie Lee Hord of Lawndale, born February 11, 1918. They have four children: Bertha Jane born October 16, 1940; Charles Clay, Jr. born February 23, 1944; Nira Catherine born July 30, 1948; and Michael Glenn born April 26, 1954. Clay graduated from Lattimore High School in 1937 and attended North Carolina State University.

He is president of Shelby Auto Parts, Inc. and Lawndale Auto Supply and is a partner in C and H Realty Company. He is a member of Zion Baptist Church, where he serves as church treasurer, a deacon and trustee, having replaced his father as a trustee at his death. He is a former Sunday School teacher and choir member. Clay is a Mason and a member of the Scottish Rites of Freemasonry, Gideon International, the Piedmont Shrine Club, the South

Mountain Shrine Club, and the Shriner Oasis Temple. He has served as President of Shelby Lions Club (1967-1968) and is a former Director of the North Carolina Automotive Wholesalers. He is a member of Cleveland County Club and his favorite hobby is golf.

Jane married May 13, 1961, Gary Bryon Gragg, born January 25, 1938. They have two sons: Gary Bryon, Jr., born February 23, 1964, and Jason Daniel born May 10, 1967; Charles married August 4, 1963, Karen Beth Floyd born December 7, 1947. They have two daughters: Amy Karen born January 27, 1965, and Jada Carol born December 29, 1968; Nira Catherine married April 5, 1969, Ronald David Ledbetter born November 23, 1949. They have three sons: Ronald David, Jr. born December 27, 1969, Robert Steven born September 8, 1971, and Jonathan Thomas born August 9, 1973; Michael is not married.

Sources: *Henry Cabaniss and His Descendants*, Mont G. Cabaniss *Bible*, family interviews

— Vernie C. Piercy (Mrs. Brooks E.)

THOMAS POOLE and LAURA GOLD CABANISS

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Thomas Poole Cabaniss was born May 26, 1860 at the old homeplace, on a large farm in Cleveland County. He was the son of Athel Montclair and Elizabeth Elliott Cabaniss.

My father graduated from Bell's Academy in Shelby, North Carolina. He boarded with Mr. and Mrs. Lee Greene, who were friends of my grandparents.

After my father's graduation from Bell's Academy he was employed as a school teacher in Cleveland County.

While my father was teaching he met a beautiful young lady, who was also a school teacher, Laura Gold. They were married in Cleveland County, North Carolina on December 24, 1889 by Reverend A.C. Irvin. His father gave them a farm and helped them build a large home on the farm.

They spent many long hours working on the farm. My father also helped his father operate the grain mill and cotton gin. My great grandfather owned the first grain mill and cotton gin in Cleveland County.

God blessed my parents with ten children: George Turner, Pleas Buren, Elizabeth Elliott, Mary Francis, Charlie, Margaret, Minnie, Tom, Nina and Thelma.

George Turner Cabaniss was born November 30, 1890. He married Byrte Beam on November 24, 1913. They had ten children: Aileen, Elizabeth, Joe, Sara, Robert, Doris, George, Carolyn, Hal and Brenda.

Pleas Buren Cabaniss was born on February 15, 1892. He married Dorcas Depriest on December 19, 1920. They had a daughter, Laura Jane.

Shortly after Pleas Buren Cabaniss was born, my father had a serious illness, typhoid fever. He was so ill that his parents had him move back to their home. Mother and the little boys, Turner and Pleas, went to her parents until my father was well.

Almost a year passed before daddy was able

to move back home. He was not strong enough to do farm work so he opened a general merchandise store out in the country.

On March 2, 1894 they were blessed with a lovely daughter, Elizabeth Elliott Cabaniss. Elizabeth married C. Reuben Spangler on October 11, 1917. They had three children: Thomas Norris, Ralph Reuben and Golda Elizabeth.

On July 6, 1896 another daughter was born, Mary Frances Cabaniss. She and Vaughn O. Moore were married March 18, 1919. They had three children: John Morris, Vaughn O., Jr. and Mary Frances.

A son, Charlie Cabaniss was born on June 15, 1898. Charlie and Marie Mintz were married June 29, 1919. They have two daughters, Dorothy and Nell, an adopted son, Charlie, Jr.

A daughter, Margaret Cabaniss was born on August 16, 1900. She married Hugh Neal on November 18, 1928. They adopted a son, Tommy.

A daughter, Minnie Gold Cabaniss was born February 2, 1903. She was never married.

A son, Thomas Evans Cabaniss was born on January 20, 1905. He and Mayme Gettys were married on May 3, 1925. They had three children: William, Nancy and Jo Ann.

A daughter, Nina Cabaniss was born August 1, 1908. She and Robert Lee Rudasill were married January 13, 1930. They had four children: Robert, Ora Belle, Ann and Thomas Michael.

A daughter, Thelma Cabaniss was born on July 19, 1910. She and Yates Brooks were married on November 2, 1930. They had four children: Patsy, Milton, Betty Lou and Golda.

My father and mother spent many long hours working on the farm and in the store. Mother was a great cook and a good seamstress. They loved to have friends and relatives come visit them. They both were members of Zion Baptist Church where they attended regularly. My father served on the Cabaniss School Committee for years. They are both buried at Zion Church Cemetery.

Sources: Family records

— Nina C. Rudasill

WILLIAM ANTHEL CABANISS

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In 1903 William Athel and Margaret Botts Cabaniss bought the Monroe Grigg farm, three miles north of Shelby on the McBrayer Springs Road and moved their family from the Cabaniss community in the Number 7 township to be able to get closer to Shelby where some of the family worked. They raised six children some of them lived in and owned the old homestead as long as they lived.

Their children: Lawson Athel Cabaniss (1878-1958), married Lillian Kendrick of Cherryville, North Carolina; Willie Georgeiana Cabaniss (1876-1950), single; Cancie Cabaniss (1880-1967), married Grover Nanny, buried at Zion Church Cemetery; Clarence Broughton Cabaniss (1883-1952) married Margaret Roberts, buried at Sunset Cemetery; Hester Cabaniss (1885-1955), married D. Mills Cline, buried at New Prospect; Joe Tur-

ner Cabaniss (1887-), married Gertrude Beam, buried at Zion.

Lawson A., the oldest son, bought a small farm which was a part of the Dr. T.E. McBrayer homeplace adjoining his father's farm and moved his family, to the "Ross Grove" church community. They raised eight children in this community. The old homeplace is standing yet.

He was a graduate of the "Old Piedmont High School" at Lawndale, North Carolina and later at Cherryville High School.

With some help from Mr. J.Y. Irvin, who was principal at Cherryville and later became Superintendent of Cleveland County Schools, he taught seven years in the county schools. During the time he was teaching, the state passed a Compulsory Attendance Law requiring children between the ages of six and sixteen to attend school.

He was hired as truant officer and worked at that several years. He made a school census that was possibly the first in the county.

This was during governor Charles B. Aycock's years in office. He did more for rural schools than any governor we had up to this time.

He had ten children, eight of whom are still living. He was very interested in seeing everyone get an education.

He was interested in his Church, which was Ross Grove Baptist Church, where he and his wife are buried.

He served as a deacon, Sunday school superintendent, and a teacher for many years. No one ever enjoyed his big family more than he. He was a good father who believed obedience was the first law of Heaven. His long, useful, happy life lasted eighty years. He retired at seventy-seven, after 27 years with the Cleveland Hardware Store, along with his farming.

His motto for living: "Matters not that you won or lost, but how you played the game."

Sources: Family knowledge

— Mrs. M.C. Hawkins

THE WILLIAM RALPH CAMERON FAMILY

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On January 20, 1962 the Cameron family moved to Earl, North Carolina located in the southern portion of Cleveland County. This is a short account of the W.R. Cameron family in Cleveland County.

William Ralph Cameron, Sr. (W.R.) born in Lugoff, South Carolina July 10, 1922 was the last of six sons of John Thomas Cameron and Ada Maude Jones Cameron. Both Jones and Cameron families were "settled" in the Lugoff area of Kershaw County. W.R. had five older brothers — John Thomas Jr., Edwin, Robert Oliver, Eugene, Paul Arthur and one sister, Emily. W.R. graduated from Camden High School in 1941 and went to work for Seaboard Railroad. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 and upon discharge returned to work with the railroad. After moving to Charlotte, he met and married Mary McSwain of Cleveland County.



The William Ralph Cameron Family: Front row: L to R: William Sr., Mary, Carol. Second row: L to R: William Jr., Elizabeth, Brian, Melba

Mary Martha McSwain was born on April 15, 1923 in Earl, North Carolina as the third child to Grover Cleveland McSwain and Lunie Irene Wylie McSwain. Mary had a brother, Walter Cleve McSwain, and a sister Clara. Mary attended Earl Elementary and graduated from Number Three High School in 1940. Mary's father, Grover McSwain, died when she was six years old. He helped a farmer friend put out a fire in his barn and shortly thereafter caught double pneumonia and died. Her mother, "Mama Mac," lived to see Mary grown with children of her own. Both are buried in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery.

W.R. and Mary married on February 17, 1951 in Gaffney, South Carolina. They made their home in Paw Creek, near Charlotte, N.C. and had four children. William Ralph Cameron, Jr., Melba Jane, Richard Brian, and Carol Ann were born in Mecklenburg County at Mercy Hospital in Charlotte.

In 1962 the Cameron family moved to Earl where W.R. continued his work with Seaboard as an agent in Shelby, N.C. Bill Jr., Melba, Richard and Carol attended Earl Elementary (the same school their mother attended) Number Three and South Cleveland before graduating from Crest High in 1970, 1972, 1974 and 1979 respectively. The Cameron family attends New Hope Baptist Church in Earl where W.R. served as a deacon.

William Ralph Cameron, Jr. (Bill) was born on December 1, 1951. He was a three sport athlete in high school and very successful scholastically. At N.C. State University, he majored in science and English. In 1978, he received his master's degree from Western Carolina University. Bill married Elizabeth Vee Poston (Beth) on December 17, 1977. Beth is the daughter of Dan Issac Poston and Eunice White Poston of Shelby. On May 2, 1980, a son, William Christopher Cameron was born in Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby, N.C.

to Bill and Beth Cameron. Bill and Beth are both teachers in the Cleveland County school system. Bill coaches football and baseball and teaches science at Crest Senior while Beth teaches math at Crest Junior High School.

Melba Jane Cameron was born on February 8, 1954. While attending Crest, Melba was very active in community, church and school activities. She graduated from Appalachian State University in May 1976 with majors in Educational Media and P.E. In 1978, she received her master's degree from ASU in Reading Education. Melba married Donald Ray Chandler on June 30, 1979 at New Hope Baptist Church in Earl. Born in Greenville, South Carolina, Donnie was living in Asheville, North Carolina during the time they dated. Donnie is the son of Mrs. Sona Ruth Chandler Stoots and the late Roy Chandler of Marshall, North Carolina. Melba is employed by the Cleveland County school system as librarian at Crest Senior High School.

Richard Brian Cameron was born August 6, 1956. Richard was elected class officer several times during his high school years and active in sports. He attended N.C. State University one year, then transferred to Appalachian State University. After graduating in 1979 with a major in computer information systems, he began work for Sperry Univac Corporation in New Orleans, Louisiana. In 1982, he transferred to the Sperry Univac office in Charlotte, N.C.

Carol Ann Cameron was a Valentine's baby born on February 14, 1961. She moved to Earl at the age of one. Carol was active in school activities and played softball and basketball for her school and church. Carol attends Appalachian State University where she is a junior, majoring in business.

Sources: Personal knowledge and memories, interviews with family members

— Melba Cameron Chandler

ABRAHAM and ELIZABETH RANDALL CAMP

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Abraham Camp born in 1831, son of Joseph Alexander and Lucretia Taylor Camp married Elizabeth Randall. They had three children: Nitey Elizabeth Camp, Dickson Camp and Marcellia Camp.

Nitey Elizabeth Camp married Jonah Bell and they were the parents of ten children: David Bell who married Ollie Lovelace, Tid Bell who married Mandy Ledford, Lee Bell who married Sally Ledford, Mary Bell who married Dave Lovelace, Martha Bell who married Monroe Lovelace, Dick Bell who married Minnie Ledford, Jonah Bell who married Mae Oates, Annie Bel who married Eiam McSwain, Essie Bell who married William Wright, and Sam Bell who married Jennie Wright.

Dickson Camp married Alma Rene Victor, Venia "Sally Ann" Joanna Lee Sanders. She used the name Sally Ann most of the time. They had two daughters; Docia Lee Camp who married Lee Hamrick and Lizzie Lillian Camp who married Reuban Ross (they later separated and she and their son used the name Camp).

Marcellia Camp married James Allen and lived in the Earl section of Cleveland County: Their children were; Mandy Jane Allen who married Clint Hamm, Julia Allen married Joseph "Bud" Leigh, Nigtey Elizabeth Allen — died at early age, Dovie Lee married Sam Bowen, Dora Allen married Joe Ellis, Nora Allen married Irvin Mayhew, Jacob Allen married Alice Wright, Sandy Allen married Charlie White, Grier Allen married Ila Mayes, Viola Allen married Richard Curry, Lula Lee Allen married Greenberry Lovelace, Molly Allen married Bill Bowen, Venrhi Allen married Dwight Lemons, and Nannie Allen died at an early age.

Abraham Camp returned home on an emergency leave from the Civil War — one of the children was seriously ill. He was cleaning his gun and accidentally shot himself. He was buried at Pleasant Hill Church. I can find no records as to where or when Elizabeth Randall Camp died or was buried.

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony

DIXON and SALLY SANDERS CAMP

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Dixon Camp, born on April 23, 1853 to Abraham and Elizabeth Randall Camp, was the second child. He had an older sister, Niety Elizabeth, who later married Jonas Bell and a younger sister Marcellia, who married James Allen. He was eleven years old when his father, who was a soldier in the Confederate Army came home because one of them was seriously ill, accidentally killed himself while cleaning his gun. This took place in October 1864. Times must have been hard for them. He was a farmer all his life, usually working a farm for a percentage.

He married Sally Ann Sanders. Sally's full



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name was Alma Rene Victa Vena Sally Ann Joanna Lee Sanders. She was named by the doctor who delivered her. She was the daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Sanders. They moved to Cleveland County from South Carolina. She remembered going to her Grandmother Cohen's house in Union, South Carolina to visit. She said the young black girls on the plantation always wanted to hold her and carry her around. She also remembered an old woman who lived in a ditch with her children, because they were very poor. I have a chest, given to Sally by her Grandmother Cohen, who bought it from a family going west in a covered wagon. She was the youngest girl of the family. Her brothers were Joshua, Griffin, Dan, Asbury, John and young Washington. Her sisters were Nancy, Mary and Liza. John and Asbury went to Georgia and lost track of the family. Dan was killed in the Civil War. Washington died at age five. Joshua married Lula Bragg and moved to Converse, S.C. Griffin married Lizzie Sparks; Nancy married Bartlett "Will" Goins; Liza married Allen Thrift and Mary never married. The Sanders family had come over from Norway and there were tales of the land of the mid-night sun.

Dixon and Sally lived in the area around Shelby after they were married. They were parents of two daughters; Docia Lee (who was a great beauty) and Lizzie Lillian. The family attended Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and the four of them are buried, beside each other, at Pleasant Hill. Most of the families on both sides are also buried there.

Docia Lee Camp married Lee Hamrick and they were the parents of four children: Sally Ann Hamrick who married Jack Mintz; she is now a widow and resides in Bessemer City. Lily Belle Hamrick who married Jewel Harrelson, is now a widow and lives in Bessemer City with her sister. Clyde Hamrick, who married

Beulah Falls and they are the parents of two daughters; Norma Lawing and Frances Thornburg of Bessemer City. There are two grandchildren, Lisa and Jonathon Cobb. James Hamrick was the youngest child, and he married Hattie Casey from Kinston, N.C. They now live in Orange, California. Their two daughters are Rita Ann Cose, a widow, lives near her parents with her four children; Elizabeth and husband, Sam Young, a lawyer, live on the San Francisco Bay with their three children. Docia Hamrick lived to be ninety-five and died in 1970. Ten years later, son Clyde died, a victim of cancer.

Younger daughter, Lizzie Lillian Camp, married Reuben C. Ross, son of Moses and Mary Ledford Ross. They were the parents of a son, Lee Roy Dixon Ross. When Roy was about three years old they separated and Lizzie went back home to her parents and Reuben went into service; it was the Spanish-American War. They never got back together. Lizzie started calling herself Camp and son Roy also used the name Camp.

Roy married Nina Bridges, daughter of Luther and Minnie Lee Huffstickler Bridges. They were parents of three children: Elizabeth Lee who married William P. Anthony and has a son, Neal; Reba Frances who married George Joy and then Frank Conner. Her children are: Kimberly, Donna, Jill and Viola Joy. Miles Richard Camp married Mary Herron and their children are Sara, David, Robert and Randy. Miles Richard Camp drowned in a boat accident in 1977 at Lake Wylie, S.C. Nina Camp died in 1949 following surgery and Roy died of cancer in 1958. They are buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. Lizzie Lillian Camp (Ross) died July 3, 1962, one month before she was eighty-five.

Dixon Camp died June 14, 1924 at age 71. He had plowed for someone the day before and



Lizzie Lillian Camp Rose

it was thought that he suffered a stroke. Sally Sanders Camp lived with her daughter Lizzie and grandson Roy and as she grew older became totally blind. At some point after she became blind, they had bought a radio, and hearing the announcer talking, she called her daughter aside and whispered and asked if that man was going to spend the night. She died in 1936 at age eighty-six.

Sources: Family History

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony

JOSEPH ALEXANDER CAMP

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Joseph Alexander Camp, born in 1800, son of William Camp was married twice. He was first married to Lucretia Taylor, born in 1801, daughter of Henry and Priscilla Naylor Taylor. They had seven children: Abraham, who married Elizabeth Randall and fathered three children — Nitey Elizabeth, Dixon, and Marcellia before he went to fight in the Civil War. He returned home when one of the children was very ill. He was sitting on the back door steps cleaning his gun and accidentally killed himself. Nitey Elizabeth Camp married Jonas Bell and they were the parents of ten children; most of this family lives in the Oak Grove Community of Cleveland County. Dixon Camp married Sally Ann Sanders and they had two daughters: Docia Lee Camp Hamrick and Lizzie Lillian Camp Ross. Marcellia Camp married James Allen and they were the parents of fourteen children whose descendants are throughout Cleveland County.

Joseph and Lucretia had a son Tom, killed by a horse and a daughter Nighty, who died at an early age.

Their son Abner Camp married Sophia Putnam and they had two children Peter and Attie. Abner was a Civil War Veteran.

Joseph Alexander Camp, Jr. was born 2-3-1841 and was also a Civil War Veteran. He was married twice; first to Marcella M. Roberts born 12-8-1850. Their children were: Panola, who married Lawson Kendrick, Iron Tyson who married Minnie Roberts, Hughie Jackson Camp who married Lula Rippey; Cromwell Camp, who died at a very young age — he used to say his name was “Arthur William Come here.” Lizzie Nora, who married Dave Beam; Maudillian who married Dave McCarter and lived in Grover; Leola Cam, who married Dave Byers from Blacksburg, S.C.; John Camp married Laura Allen of York, S.C. Josiah Ottas died when he was almost one year old. Joseph Camp Jr. married a Hambright after Ellen Camp died in 1888. There were no children of this marriage.

John Camp born in 1828 was married first to Jane, and their children were Bonner, who married a Philbeck; Lucretia Ann who married Bud Blalock; Bun Camp, who married Angeline Parker; and Mary Jane Camp, who married a Philbeck — brother of Bonner’s wife. John married Isaac Randall’s widow the second time; Sarah A.B. Randall. Her children who were Randall’s were William M., Martha Randall, Walter Randall. According to the 1870 Census there is a Priscilla age ten and a Mar-

grate age seven — either Camp or Randall — probably Camp, since a last name is not given.

Tyrell Camp, youngest son of Joseph A. and Lucretia Taylor Camp, married Elizabeth and their children were Lucretia Jane, who married Jake Bowen, and Tom who married Harriett Bridges; Tyrell married Naomi Logan the second time and their children were: Neely, who married Dovie Evans, Calvin Camp, Hattie Camp, who married Isaiah Thrift, Cordia Camp, who married George M. Allen. Two other children lived only a short time. Joseph Alexander Camp, Sr. married Dulcene Conner the second time. They had three sons: Rollins-Pinkney Camp, Granger Camp, who married Maurey Putnam and Edney Camp, who married Amelia Kendrick.

Joseph Alexander Camp was a blacksmith by trade. From all I have found on him in my research and been told by my Grandmother Lizzie Camp(Ross), he was a true pioneer who people looked up to. It is believed that he was a decendent of Thomas Camp, who settled at Island Ford in Rutherfordton, N.C. Thomas had a large family of twenty children and he had a son William born in 1753, who could have been the William Camp, father of Joseph Alexander Camp born in 1800. Joseph Alexander Camp has many decendents in North Carolina and other states. I know of many professions and trades that boost their talents.

Sources: Family Histories

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony



THOMAS PICKNEY CAMP

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Thomas Pickney Camp came to Cleveland County as a young man from the Flat Rock section near Hendersonville, North Carolina, in the mid 1870’s. He settled in the Patterson Springs area of Number Three Township.

Tom, the son of Lawson and Peggy Hardin Camp, married Amanda Connor February 7, 1878. Nine children were born to the couple during the next twenty years. Only two of these children survive today.

Baxter, the eldest child, married Minnie Moore. Their children and descendants live in Cleveland and Mecklenburg Counties. Ella, the eldest daughter, married Greeley Martin. Their children and descendants live in Cherokee County, South Carolina as well as in Florida and North Carolina. Hilyard married Anthie Martin. After her death he married Lula Hawkins. There are no surviving children, but the descendants live in Cleveland County. Joseph Lester married Nora Arrowood. They had no children, but Nora still lives in their home near Patterson Springs. Thomas Rollins married Lois Neal. One of their two children now survives and resides near Kings Mountain, North Carolina. The other descendants live in Georgia. Bessie married James William Ellis. Will died a few years after the birth of their only child, a son. He and his descendants live in Cleveland County; Ida, the youngest child, died in 1900 at two years of age. Edna and Novella never married. They now reside at Fair Haven Home near Forest City, North Carolina.

Tom Camp was a blacksmith and farmer. In the farming off-season, he followed the blacksmith trade to accumulate funds to purchase land. He acquired considerable acreage, and as his sons married, he gave each of them a



Thomas Pickney Camp Family: Standing, L to R: Lester, Eller, Baxter, Hilyard, Rollins. Seated, L to R: Novella, Tom Camp, Amanda, Bessie, Edna, Baby Ida seated on mother’s lap

farm. He was a skilled craftsman. He constructed his own home and out-buildings. Tom devised intricate wooden locks and keys, some of which are still in use today. In the late 1800's he made coffins for deceased members of the community. He began repairing wagons and buggies with metal bolts that he made with a tap and die set he ordered from Germany. His workshop still stands near the large white frame house on Highway 226 near Buffalo Creek. This house was furnished with Tom's handcrafted furniture made of oak, pine and walnut cut from his land.

Tom was also a very good farmer, producing most of the food for his family and tenants. The smokehouse always contained an ample supply of cured hams and shoulders, poked sausage and middling meat. Sweet potatoes were abundant, and the cane mill and molasses boiler were permanent fixtures on the farm. This smokehouse is now restored and is owned by his great-great-grandson.

Tom was a quiet God-fearing man, and he played an important role in the early days of Patterson Springs Baptist Church. The first pews were made of virgin timber cut from his land. The seats and backs were each one solid board. Tom, Amanda, and several of the children were charter members of the church which was organized in 1895.

Amanda was as skilled as her husband. She made most of the family clothes, including carding, spinning and weaving the wool. Her daughters became quite skilled at crochet, embroidery and doll-making. Amanda's pantry was always full of canned and dried foods. Many friends would visit and enjoy the good food that graced their table and their warm hospitality. Tom enjoyed playing his fiddle for family get-togethers and community dances. Their love of music was evidenced by the formal parlor which housed an ornate walnut reed organ.

Since Tom's smokehouse was always filled with a supply of meat, it was a temptation for someone to break in and steal. One morning Tom found the smokehouse had been broken into and some meat stolen. After an ample breakfast of country ham, eggs, grits, red-eye gravy, home made biscuits, jelly and coffee he set about repairing the damage. Soon one of the tenants came along and offered to help. As Tom discussed with the tenant the theft, he realized that this man must know something about it. He pointed his finger at the man and said, "You are the man!" The man readily admitted his guilt. Tom, being a man of kindness, forgave the tenant of his wrong.

Tom and Amanda set a good example for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Tom passed away January 21, 1937 and Amanda on April 30, 1949. They are buried in Patterson Springs Church Cemetery.

Sources: Dates and Births: Camp Family Bible

— J.D. Ellis



William E. Campbell Family, 1981: L to R: James, Kathryn, Frances, William, Mary, William, Jr.

THE JOHN DAVID and LUCILLE NORTH CAMPBELL FAMILY

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John David Campbell Senior was born in York County, South Carolina, July 11, 1897 to William Miller and Florence Ethel Johnston Campbell and died May 26, 1958. He came to Shelby, North Carolina in the early 1920's to become a cotton broker. It was here he met Lucille North; born January 1, 1898 and died April 2, 1977.

Her mother, Katie Lee Bridges North, the young widow of John Egbert North of Grover, North Carolina, was managing the Courtview Hotel which was located on the north side of the Court Square. They were married on February 22, 1925. They had two children, John David Campbell, Junior born December 13, 1926 and William Egbert Campbell born May 19, 1928. John Campbell had a great love for horses and the land. He trained five gaited horses and his sons rode them in the shows winning many blue ribbons. He raised cotton in Cleveland County and in York County, South Carolina. Later with Willis McMurry, he owned and operated the J.D. Campbell and Company, Incorporated, Cotton Merchants.

John David Campbell, Junior graduated from Shelby High School and Georgia Military Academy. John served with the Air Force in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He attended UNC-Chapel Hill for two years; returned to Shelby to work for Charles A. Hoey Insurance Agency, now Cleveland Insurance Agency. He married Betty Hull Newton, of Shelby (Born: 1927, Died: 1980). They had two children: Alison Newton Campbell, born July 21, 1952; and John David Campbell, III, born October 12, 1953. John returned to college, graduating from Presbyterian College in

Clinton, South Carolina and on to Columbia Seminary in Decatur, Georgia. He served Presbyterian churches in Georgia and North Carolina.

William Egbert Campbell attended Shelby schools, and graduated from Shelby High School in June 1945. He attended Davidson College receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1949. He immediately went to Memphis, Tennessee to work for Weil Brothers Cotton, Inc. from 1949-1950. It was there he met and became engaged to Frances Elizabeth Bodley, daughter of Dr. James Wiley and Frances Taylor Bodley. She was born February 7, 1930 in Memphis, Tennessee; where she attended Lausanne School for Girls. Upon graduating from there, she attended Holton Arms Junior College in Washington, D.C., graduating in 1950. She was Tennessee Princess in the Cherry Blossom Festival in 1949.

William Campbell served in the United States Army Signal Corps during the Korean War, 1950-1952, as a First Sergeant with 578th Signal Construction Company. He married Frances on April 25, 1953, at Calvary Episcopal Church in Memphis, Tennessee. A son, William Egbert Campbell, Junior was born on August 4, 1954 in Memphis. Two months later, William moved his family to Shelby where he worked for the J.D. Campbell and Company, Incorporated. He later joined the Prudential Insurance Company of America in 1956 and moved to Winston-Salem as Division Manager. While there, a son, James Bodley Campbell was born on February 7, 1959. He returned to Shelby with Prudential in the summer of 1959. In June, 1962, he became General Agent for Security Life and Trust Company, Inc., now Integon Life Insurance Corporation. He became active in the Red Cross 1962-1980. He is past president of the Shelby



Rotary Club, Toastmasters, The Cleveland Association of Governmental Officials, Cleveland Country Club, Shelby Swim Club, a member of the Shelby Planning and Zoning Board. He has served on the Shelby City School Board since 1961.

Kathryn Taylor Campbell was born on November 7, 1967.

Active in the Shelby Presbyterian Church, William Campbell has served as Sunday School teacher, Superintendent, Deacon and Elder and is a member of the Men's Bible Class. Frances has taught Sunday School and served on the Board of the Women's Auxiliary. Frances also has been active in civic affairs: past-president of the Shelby Junior Woman's Club; past president of Junior Charity League Sustaining Members; 1981, Chairman of Debutante Ball, 1965; Secretary to Debutantes, 1975 and 1982; board member of the Shelby Swim Club.

William Egbert Campbell, Junior, attended Shelby City Schools and graduated from The Hill School, Pottstown, Pennsylvania in 1973 where he was captain of the Swim Team; listed in Who's Who for High School. He graduated from North Carolina State College in 1978 with a B.S. in Zoology where he lettered in swimming, member of Gamma Sigma Delta, honor society. In 1978, he entered Bowman Gray School Medicine in Winston-Salem; he married Mary Ann Sullivan, on June 23, 1979; and graduated from Medical School in 1982.

James Bodley Campbell was captain of the Shelby High Swim Team, 1974-75. He graduated from Pine Crest School in Fort Lauderdale in 1977 where he lettered in Swimming and went on to swim for the University of North Carolina. In May 1981, he graduated from The University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill with a B.S. Degree in Administrative Criminal Justice and was commissioned a second Lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps.

Kathryn Taylor Campbell has proven to also be a good swimmer having received top awards from the Shelby Swim Club; Most Improved and Best Around Swimmer. She has been co-captain of the cheerleaders at Shelby Junior High School. She plays the first flute in the Junior High School Band.

William Egbert Campbell, Senior received the Cleveland County Citizen of the Year award in 1980 for his outstanding and dedicated work in the community.

Sources: Bible records, Scrapbook, Family Bible, Baby Books, Clippings from Shelby Daily Star, Files from William Campbell's office.

— Frances Bodley Campbell
(Mrs. William E. Campbell)

RUTH DIXON CARNES

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Ruth Edna was the third daughter of Edgar William Dixon and Hettie Sarah Gantt Dixon born September 14, 1921 in Belwood. The family later moved to Shelby where she grew up on Grover Street. She graduated from Shelby High School in 1937, having served as a marshall, member of the Honor Society, and was valedictorian of her class.

Upon her graduation she went to North Wilkes-

boro, N.C. and graduated from the Heshaw School of Cosmetology. From there she went to Kannapolis, N.C. and began as a beauty-operator. In Kannapolis is where she met her husband, Luke Carnes, an overseer for Cannon Mills, therefore making Kannapolis her permanent home.

They have four children. William Jeffrey (Jeff) born August 14, 1947. He is 34 years old, had two years at Wingate College on a Cannon Scholarship, then graduated with honors with a business major. He now lives in Tampa, Florida where he is a fireman and thoroughly enjoys his work. He has one fourteen year old daughter, Elizabeth.

Mary Anne, born July 4, 1950 is 31 years old and is now head of data department with S. & D. Coffee in Concord, N.C. She married Bill Bauer, who is electronic maintenance supervisor for the Phillip Morris Plant. They have 2 daughters; Shannon, 10 years old, and Erin, 5 years old.

James Keith (Keith), born May 22, 1959, is

23 years old and is a senior at North Carolina State in Raleigh. He had a four year scholarship from Cannon Mills. He was salutatorian in high school and as a senior received an appointment to the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland but preferred to go to State. He is a dean's-list student, majoring in textile chemistry.

Karen Elizabeth born August 20, 1960, is 21 years old and is a nurse at Charlotte Memorial Hospital on the heart floor. She graduated from Rowan Tech and finished in the top ten percent nationally.

Ruth keeps Mary Anne's children while she works, and loves every minute of it. She is a proud grandmother and says these children truly light up her life.

Sources: Family Knowledge

— Ruth Dixon Carnes



Anderson P. Carpenter (1846-1912) and Family



THE ANDERSON P. CARPENTER FAMILY

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When the patents were issued for the land selected by Hans (John) Zimmerman, C. 1690, the clerk at Philadelphia, following an old order of William Penn, the names of all persons to whom land grants were made were Anglicized. Thus, the name became Carpenter, its English equivalent.

The Zimmermans were of Swiss origin — native of the Canton of Bern (German section), the country thereabouts being known as Zimmerwald, or in English "The Forests of the Carpenters".

The Carpenters first settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Sometime later, some members of the family, hearing of the bountiful lands between the Catawba and the Yadkin Rivers in the Carolinas, decided to come here to settle.

Peter Carpenter (d. 1817) was summoned from Pennsylvania by his half-brother, Jacob, a large landowner in Lincoln County, N.C. to come south to join him. Peter came and Jacob divided his land with him. Jacob and Peter both are buried in Lincoln County.

Peter married Barbara Deppen (d. 1816) and their eighth child was Frederick (1770-1840). He married Catherine Kiser with marriage bond signed with the German spelling of Zimmerman. Both are buried in a graveyard on the plantation in Gaston County, N.C.

William Carpenter, Frederick and Catherine's first child (1818-1900), married Elizabeth Baker (1819-1905). Buried at St. Mark's Church, Gaston County, North Carolina.

This union produced the following children: Anderson P. Carpenter (1846-1912) m. Caroline (Callie) Hoke (1861-1937); Marcus m. (1848-1928) m. Frances Rudisill; Sylvanus; Frances (1852-1928) m. Christian Crouse. Anderson served as a 17-year-old in the Civil War.

Two of the brothers, Anderson and Marcus, came to Kings Mountain, formerly called White Plains, in 1874. They were cousins to the two Mauney brothers, W.A. and Jacob S., who came two years before that — all four were early settlers of Kings Mountain.

The Carpenter brother's businesses consisted of a general store selling everything from nuts to furniture to farm machinery; a brick yard from which they built one of the first brick store buildings in 1878. This building remained standing downtown until recent years and was occupied by Phifer Hardware Company. Now the Blazer Building stands on this land.

Another business of the brothers was operating a tin mine on land near Lincolnton. My mother and her sisters and brothers tell of the fun they had as children visiting this underground mine, going from shaft to shaft carrying lighted lanterns.

These bachelor brothers also bought a block of East Mountain Street on the south side running from Piedmont to Gaston. Together they built a two-story white house with porches across the front both upstairs and down, with white "palings" all around the lot.

Later on they added a barn, stables, a cow and a garden out back. (There was also a well which the grandchildren still remember as it stood underneath a tremendous grape arbor loaded with purple grapes in summer. The wellhouse, no longer in use, contained a rocking horse and other toys memorable to our childhood. Today, 1981, the Kings Mountain Post Office stands on this ground.)

My grandmother, Caroline (Callie) Hoke, moved to town from Shelby and Lincolnton with her father, Col. Peter Philo Hoke, after the death of her mother, Faith Goforth Hoke. When she was still a girl, she went into the Carpenter brother's store to buy a spool of thread. After she walked out my grandfather, Anderson, said, "I'm going to wait for that girl to grow up and marry her. He did just that. He was fifteen years older, and they were married in 1887.

My grandparents lived in the white house the brothers had built until after three of their six children were born. At that time they built their own home on the far corner of the same block — where it is still occupied by their youngest daughter, Frances (Fanny). The lots in between the two houses were left vacant "for the children" when and if they wanted them. My parents, Lula Carpenter Herndon and Marion Elmer Herndon and we three children, benefited from this as we built our house "in between" in 1921. Warlick's Insurance Company and Kings Mountain Woman's Club now occupy this land.

My grandmother, Callie, was one of the three women who organized the First Baptist Church and devoted her life to home and church. Anderson and Marcus, with his wife Fanny (Rudisill), remained staunch Lutherans from their Swiss-German origins and were among the founders of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Anderson's and Callie's children are as follows: Clara, b. 1887, d. 1965 m James Vernon Phillips — Issue: 3, Lula, b. 1889, d. 1935 m Marion Elmer Herndon — Issue 3, Daisy, b. 1891 m Oscar R. Long — Issue 7, Clarence, b. 1893 d. 1965 m Elizabeth (Bess) Webb — Issue: 2, Charles Troy, b. 1896 m Aileen Ormand — Issue: 4 and Frances (Fanny), b. 1898 — lifelong teacher.

Sources: *Counting Kindred* by Deppen (pgs. 226-313); *Carpenters A Plenty* by Robert Carpenter to be published soon.

— Hazel Herndon Fryer



George Moore Carpenter

Eskridge. Her paternal grandparents were Minnie Eddins and William Joshua Roberts, Sr.

Many of her ancestors were well known in the area. Her maternal greatgrandfather, Burwell Blanton, was a prominent Cleveland County farmer and Shelby banker. Another maternal greatgrandfather Elijah Eskridge, and her paternal greatgrandfather, William Roberts, were large landowners and farmers in Cleveland County. An earlier direct paternal ancestor, George Washington Williams, was a prominent South Carolina lawyer.

She was born in the Eskridge family's Victorian home then located in Shelby at 522 West Marion Street. The house is now situated at 515 West Sumter Street. Except for the first six years of her life spent with her parents in a home next to the First Baptist Church, she has resided her entire life in her present home at 521 West Marion Street in Shelby. She moved there with her parents and her sister, Mary Adelaide, at age six and after her parents' deaths, she continued to live there with her husband.

As a young girl, her two principal school interests were music and drama. Her musical talent was derived from the grandmother she was named for, Minnie Eddins Roberts, who was known as the "Mockingbird of North Carolina". She came to Shelby as a young girl from Yorkville, South Carolina, with her mother, Adelaide Williams McAfee, and her stepfather, Colonel Leroy McAfee, and later taught music at the Shelby Female Academy. The younger Minnie Eddins' interest in drama evolved from her mother, Frances Eskridge Roberts. She graduated from Shelby High School in 1924.

Minnie Eddins Roberts attended Woman's College, now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where her mother had graduated. She later transferred to Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where her sister, Mary Adelaide was a student. Both sisters studied music, and Minnie Eddins graduated

MINNIE EDDINS ROBERTS and GEORGE MOORE CARPENTER

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Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter, was born on August 12, 1908, in Shelby. She was named for her paternal grandmother, Minnie Eddins Roberts, who died on August 12, 1892. Her name was chosen by her parents, since her date of birth was the same month and day as her grandmother's date of death.

Minnie Eddins was the daughter of Frances Margaret Eskridge and William Joshua Roberts, Jr. Her maternal grandparents were Mary Judith Blanton and Abram Richard

with a B.A. in music in 1928. After a year of public school teaching in Gastonia, she returned to Shelby where she either taught public school music or primary grades in the Shelby public schools until 1943.

On May 31, 1942, Minnie Eddins was married to George Moore Carpenter of Forest City. The Carpenters have made their home in Shelby where like her mother, Minnie Eddins Carpenter, has been very active in civic and church affairs. For a few years, she directed the First Presbyterian Church choir. She has been most active in her own church, the First Baptist Church. She has served at different times there as a choir member and for many years was a Sunday School teacher of women's classes. She also has been a member and president of the Frances Eskridge Roberts Missionary Circle, named for her mother. She and her sister decorated the church's parlor in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.J. Roberts, Jr.

he moved to Shelby where he has been a sales representative and merchant. For many years he was co-owner of Roberts-Carpenter Men's Shop. He has been a member of the Shelby Rotary Club and is an active member of First Baptist Church.

Although the Carpenters had no children of their own, they have been a loving aunt and uncle to their niece, Mary Adelaide Austell Craver, who was the daughter of her sister, Mary Adelaide Roberts and Charles Benjamin Austell. The children of her niece, Adelaide, and her husband, Richard Davidson Craver, are as grandchildren to the Carpenters. Their names are Joseph Newton Craver II, born January 12, 1975; and Adelaide Austell Craver, born July 16, 1976. Minnie Eddins and George Carpenter, as of this writing, remain active residents of Shelby.

Sources: Personal knowledge.

— Mary Adelaide Austell Craver

CARL GORDON and ANNIE RUTH PROBST CARPENTER

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Annie Ruth Propst was the seventh child born to Thomas Clyde and Bessie Ellen Ledford Propst. Born on December 17, 1926, at the family farm near St. Peters Methodist Church at Belwood, she was the only red-head among the eight children, having inherited it from her grandmother Mary Jane Spurling Ledford.

Annie Ruth graduated from Belwood High School in 1944. It was here she met her future husband, Carl Gordon Carpenter. Annie Ruth was salutatorian of her senior class while Carl was valedictorian of the same class. She graduated from the Newton Business School in 1945, living in Newton with her Aunt Dora Lingerfelt. Her first job was secretarial with Southern Engineering Company in Charlotte. She worked there one year and shared an apartment with Witts Mull Warlick and Roberta Sain Crotts, former Belwood girls working in Charlotte as secretaries. She also worked a year in the office of Southern Friction Materials Company.

On June 22, 1947, she married Carl Gordon Carpenter at Carpenters Grove Baptist Church. Carl's brother, Rev. Ralph Carpenter, performed the ceremony. After a honeymoon to Cherokee and the North Carolina mountains, they settled on the Carpenter farm four miles north of Belwood School. His parents had some land that joined the Propst property. Annie Ruth and Carl remember as children hoeing corn in the bottom-land and waving to each other across the creek.

Upon graduation from Belwood High School, Carl joined the Navy for a fourteen months tour of duty.

Annie Ruth and Carl lived with Carl's parents, James Gordon Bennett and Vertie Pruett Carpenter for two months while they fixed up the former house Carl's parents had lived in. After moving in the nearby house they continued to be partners on the Carpenter farm with Carl's parents. Upon the death of his father on November 25, 1950, Carl and Annie

Ruth bought the farm consisting of about 135 acres. In 1948, they switched from cotton farming to dairy cows because of the boll weevil. Starting with five cows, they increased to 30, and bought some new machinery too. Annie Ruth was a vital part of the operation by helping milk the cows, haul hay, cut grain and silage.

Their first child, Myra Ruth, was born October 2, 1948, at Edwards Clinic in Toluca. A second child, Joseph Carl, was born September 6, 1950, also at Toluca. In 1956 they built a new house beside Carl's mother. Both children attended Belwood Elementary School. The school bus was a major concern for the parents because the route never came by their home. Myra graduated from Burns at Fallston High School in 1966. Joe graduated from Burns High School in 1968. Both children were members of the Beta Club.

Myra went to Mars Hill College and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History. She married Gerald Strickland on June 20, 1970. They have one child, Leslie Jill born on February 25, 1980. Myra teaches at Crest Junior High School and lives near and attends Poplar Springs Baptist Church.

Joe graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1972 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry. In 1975 he also earned a Masters degree in Environmental Science from Clemson University. He lives in Atlanta, Georgia, and works for the Environmental Protection Agency.

In 1961, Carl and Annie Ruth sold the dairy cows and Carl went to work at Fiber Industries as a mechanic. Annie Ruth was a homemaker and seamstress, and sewed for many people in the community. In 1967 she also went to work at Fiber Industries.

The church was always an important part of the family's life. They faithfully attend and support Carpenters Grove Baptist Church where Carl serves as deacon, trustee and former Superintendent.

Carl retired from Fiber Industries in 1977, and now tends a small herd of beef cows. Annie Ruth has worked at Fiber Industries for fifteen years, but continues to enjoy sewing for her family.

Sources: Family Bible, personal knowledge.

— Annie Ruth Propst Carpenter

WAYNE JACK CAUDILL FAMILY

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This Wayne Jack Caudill family came to Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina, August 1952. Wayne Jack Caudill was born at North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, November 10, 1923. His parents were Charles Lester Caudill and Queen Victoria Hudson. There were three brothers, Paul Warren Caudill, Howard Caudill, and Charles Lester Caudill Jr.

Wayne was educated in the North Wilkesboro Public Schools, graduating in 1940. He received a B.S. degree from Appalachian State University, 1946; M.D. degree from the University of North Carolina, 1954; and an ad-



Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter

Minnie Eddins has been very active in civic affairs in her community, supporting Red Cross and Girl Scout work and leading many local campaigns for charitable funds. In 1952 she was selected Shelby's Woman of the Year. She was also appointed a member of the first Human Relations Council for improving relationships between the black and white races of her community.

She has also been a charter member of the Junior Charity League, the Contemporary Book Club, the Twentieth Century Book Club, the Cecilia Music Club and many social organizations.

George Moore Carpenter was born in Forest City, North Carolina, on May 8, 1907. He was the son of John E. Carpenter and Margaret Padgett Carpenter. He has two younger brothers, Spurgeon Carpenter, now of Brevard, and Howard Carpenter, now of Rutherfordton. After his marriage to Minnie Eddins and having served in the army in World War II,

vanced Principal's degree from the University of North Carolina, 1964. From 1943 to 1946, he served in the Army Air Corp.

He began, in 1947, his career in education as a fifth grade teacher at the Appalachian Elementary school, Boone, North Carolina. In 1948-49 he was a principal at Mills Mill School, Parker district, Greenville, South Carolina. From the fall of 1949 to 1952, he was an assistant principal and coach, South Park School, Winston-Salem, North Carolina. In August 1952, Wayne became the Principal of Shelby Junior High School, Shelby, North Carolina. He served in this position until 1955. From 1955 to 1970, he was principal of Shelby Senior High School. He spent four years in the Cleveland County school system at Waco. He retired after 30 years in public schools June 1977.

Wayne Jack Caudill married Sarah Jacqueline Lowry, March 25, 1948. They have two sons, Wayne Jack Caudill, Jr. born November 29, 1949, and Walter Lowry Caudill born July 6, 1957.

Jacqueline Lowry Caudill was born May 1, 1926 at Jefferson, South Carolina. Her parents were Walter Clyde Lowry and Sallie Jones Gregory. She has two sisters and one brother, Editha Grace Lowry, Laura Frances Lowry, and Walter Clyde Lowry, Jr.

Jacqueline was educated in the public schools of Jefferson, South Carolina, graduating in 1943; attended Queens College 1943-1944; and received a B.S. degree from Appalachian State University, 1947.

She taught in 1947-1948 at Avery Sherrill School, Statesville, North Carolina; in 1948-1949, Dunean School, Parker district, Greenville, South Carolina. After moving to Shelby, she was a teacher at Marion School, 1952-1956. For the past 17 years, 1965-1982, she has been a teacher at Elizabeth School in the Cleveland County School System.

The Caudill family are members of the First Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina. Wayne Jack Caudill, Jr. was born at Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He attended the Shelby Public schools and graduated from Shelby High School in 1968. He received a B.A. degree in psychology and business from East Carolina University in 1972.

Jack married Maryrita Clarke, a graduate of East Carolina University, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, August 15, 1971. They have one son, John Clarke Caudill, born May 1, 1977, at Charlotte, North Carolina. Jack and Mary work for Aetna Life and Casualty Company, Hartford, Connecticut. Jack is a senior administrator, employee relations and Mary is a financial analyst. They live in Vernon, Connecticut.

Walter Lowry Caudill was born at Shelby, North Carolina. He attended Shelby public schools. After graduating from Shelby High School in 1975, he received a B.S. degree in chemistry from the University of North Carolina in 1979. Lowry is attending Indiana University Graduate School of Chemistry, Bloomington, Indiana.

Lowry married Susan Elizabeth Self from Durham, North Carolina on December 27, 1980. Susan is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and a registered pharmacist in

Bloomington, Indiana.

Sources: Family knowledge.

— Mrs. Wayne J. Caudill

JAMES HOWARD CAVENY FAMILY

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James Howard Caveny was the third son born of Charles Spurgeon and Lillian Belle Sarratt Caveny on August 14, 1917. His father owned and operated grocery stores in the Belmont and Lilly Mill villages until his death during the flu epidemic of 1920. His mother, along with her two other young sons Charles Ramseur and John Camillus Caveny continued to reside in Shelby. After selling the store his mother became a seamstress, and with the aid of her sons the family was able to stay together during hard times which included the Great Depression era.

Early in life Howard had a paper route, mowed lawns, jerked sodas, pumped gas, fixed flat tires, and bagged groceries, which taught him the virtues and rewards of hard work.

He attended Shelby High School, Alexander Hamilton Institute of Business, and Indiana State University Decorating School.

From 1950-1955 he was vice-president and Sales Manager of Shelby Supply Company. He always had a burning desire to have his own business and the opportunity came in 1955 when he and his brother Charles were able to get a Glidden Paint franchise for five (5) Counties with Howard operating the Shelby Glidden Store and Charles the Hickory Glidden Paint Center. The partnership continued until Charles retired in 1975 and they divided their assets.

In 1952 Howard met and married Muriel Cline, a registered nurse from Lincoln County. Muriel has been employed in several health care facilities including physicians office, hospital, nursing instructor at Cleveland Technical College and currently working as a Public Health nurse.

To this union was born two lovely daughters. Janet Lillian in 1955 and Karen Renee in 1958.

Janet graduated from Shelby High School and UNC at Chapel Hill. Shortly after graduation she married "the boy next door." John Landrum Hawkins, Jr. also a graduate of Shelby High School and Wake Forest University. They graduated together from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas in 1979. Janet received a Masters degree in Religious Education and John a Masters degree in Theology. John is on the church staff at Hope Baptist Church in Ft. Worth, assigned to the youth ministry at Texas Christian University, with Janet supporting and assisting him in this endeavor. Together they own and operate All Clean Cleaning Service providing a service for commercial and residential customers.

Karen Renee graduated from Shelby High School and the University of Tennessee at Knoxville with a BS degree in Public Health Education and a teachers certificate in Health and Science. While at U.T., and working with

Young Life at Webb High School she met and fell in love with Scott E. Anderson, a U.T. student from Memphis, Tennessee. They were married her senior year in college and moved to Atlanta, Ga. where she completed requirements for graduation in field work at Dekalb General Hospital and Peachtree High School. Scott graduated with a Masters degree in Counseling and Psychological Services from Georgia State University, and is currently at the University of Tennessee enrolled in a Counseling Psychology doctoral (PhD) program. Karen stays busy caring for their active one year old Sarah Renee and being a consultant for Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc.

Even with a full work load, Howard has always been very civic minded and has been active in a number of organizations including Jaycees, Lions Club, Merchants Association, Chamber of Commerce, Elks, Masons and Shrine. He has served in various capacities in most of these organizations including presidency and board of directors.

Central United Methodist Church has always held an important place in their hearts and lives, Howard being a life time member and Muriel since their marriage. Each has served in various leadership and service roles and they remain faithful in their attendance and in support of the church and its programs.

Due to his business accomplishment, Howard was recognized in The 1975-76 Edition of Who's Who in Finance and Industry; 1977 Edition of Personalities of the South; and 1978-79 Edition of Who's Who in the World.

Howard retired in 1980, selling his inventory to the Glidden Company but retaining ownership of the store building. This has left him with time to improve his golf score and to do some gardening. He and Muriel are now able to spend more time at their cottage on Lake Norman where they enjoy boating, fishing and entertaining. They also look forward to more frequent visits with their children and to watching their grand-daughter grow.

Sources: family records, organization records, Who's Who.

— Muriel C. Caveny

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C.O. Champion was born August 27, 1857, in Cleveland County to David B. Champion (August 7, 1832 — August 27, 1860) and Amelia Jane McBrayer (December 21, 1833 — October 20, 1919). Amelia Jane McBrayer was the daughter of Samuel McBrayer and Rhoda McIntire Champion. David B. Champion was the son of George Champion (December 28, 1792 — April 25, 1851) and his second wife, Elizabeth Boswell Champion (May 13, 1799 — February 7, 1900). George was the son of Richard Champion and Margaret Goodell. Richard Champion's ancestors had come to Surry County, Virginia, from England in the 1600's. They came to Granville County, North Carolina in 1760, and to York County, South Carolina and Rutherfordton County, North Carolina in the 1780's. Richard Champion's will was probated September 14, 1796, in the

York County, South Carolina Courthouse. He was the son of John Champion of Granville County, who died in 1787.

George, his wife Elizabeth Boswell and son David and other relatives are buried in the Boiling Springs Cemetery.

Dr. Champion had one sister, Mattie, who married Tom Petty of Gaffney, South Carolina. His father, David died when he was three years old. Later his mother married Amos Petty Austell (December 14, 1833 — September 16, 1919). Amelia Jane and Amos Austell had five children: Charles E., Samuel, Belle, James Petty, and Claud Love.

Carrie Alice Crowder was born November 25, 1869, in Lattimore to Matthew Crowder (October 15, 1823 — July 31, 1897) and Amelia Wells Crowder (April 4, 1840 — September 27, 1916). Carrie Alice's brothers and sisters were: Hester, Julius, James, Sidney and Maude.

After graduating from the Atlanta Medical College, Dr. C.O. Champion and Carrie Alice Crowder were married by Rev. A.C. Irvin on December 10, 1890, at New House. They built a brick home in Mooresboro, which is still in the family.

Dr. and Mrs. Champion had three children. Bettie (Elizabeth Boswell) was born March 3, 1892, and died October 19, 1918. Bettie was a talented music teacher. She married Dr. Yates Hamrick of Boiling Springs. She died in the flu epidemic of 1918 leaving an infant daughter, Katherine Champion. Bettie is buried at Boiling Springs Cemetery.

Herbert Otis was born March 4, 1895. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a pharmacist. In World War I he won the American Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism. He is married to Hazel Brumley Champion, daughter of Frank and Margaret Clayton Brumley. They live in Waynesville, North Carolina.

Clifton Ormond was born April 24, 1904, at Mooresboro and attended Carolina Military Academy and Boiling Springs Boarding School. He married Edna Blanton, daughter of John B. and Lillian Purcell Blanton of Mooresboro. They had two children. Constance Alice married Carlos Young of Shelby. Clifton Ormond, Jr. married Martha Martin of Anderson. C.O. later married Zona Carroll. Their children are Betty Ann, who married Gary Smith; Michael Herbert, who married Jayne Issacson; and Richard Clifton, who married Kathy Bridges and later, Debbie Page.

Dr. Champion had a wide practice as a country doctor. In a letter to her brother, his wife said, "Doctor rides (horse and buggy) day and part of the night, so many people are sick." He helped form the Lattimore Telephone Company and was at one time Vice President of the Mooresboro Cotton Oil Mill and President of The Mooresboro Bank. He was a member of the Volunteer Medical Service Corps in World War I. He was an active member of Sandy Run Baptist Church.

Dr. Champion died November 2, 1922. From his obituary from the newspaper, "Dr. Champion was one of the best known physicians in the county; operated a drug store and was prominently identified with the public

affairs in his community and county."

His wife Alice lived in the homeplace many years after her husband died. She was a dedicated member of Sandy Run Baptist Church, where she sang in the choir. She enjoyed being a member of the Cleveland Guards Chapter of the U.D.C. in Shelby. She was interested in family history and kept many family letters, momentos, business papers and newspaper clippings which were used as a source of information for this article. Alice Champion died September 19, 1944.

Dr. and Mrs. C.O. Champion and son C.O. are buried at Sandy Run Baptist Church Cemetery in Mooresboro.

Sources: Herbert O. Champion's records of the Champion family history; Family Bible; Family papers and records and letters; Boiling Springs Cemetery; Sandy Run Church Cemetery; U.D.C. records — Matthew Crowder — Civil War Veteran; Myra Champion; Newspaper clippings.

— Constance C. Young (Mrs. Carlos)



Margaret Glenn and Ezra Champion

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This Champion family originally came to upper Cleveland County by way of South Carolina. Ezra, born November 3, 1847, died September 11, 1903, had nine brothers and one sister. Of these, brother, William settled in the Cabiness Community; brother Asa lived at Metclafe; brother George near Waco; sister Lizzie married and lived near Shelby; while Ezra and his wife, Margaret Misenar Glenn, born November 29, 1844, died October 23, 1919, owned a farm at the Union Community, South of Polkville.

Ezra was a Civil War veteran, a Magistrate and a builder. His wife, "Aunt Mis" as she was called, bore him four sons and four daughters, of whom most shared his love of Cleveland County and remained to live, work the farm-lands, raise their children and to die there. Their children were Banks, John Eppley, Grayson, Clayton, Lola Emmaline, Etta, Lily (who married Plato McEntire, and moved to reside in Arkansas) and Tina (who died as a child).

The daughter Lola married William Jackson

Powell while Etta married William Miller, both daughters remaining near the homeplace. Many Powell and Miller descendants still live in the area and once a year all of the Ezra Champion descendants are invited to gather for a reunion at the Union Church, where Ezra and "Aunt Mis" are buried.

This Church, Union, would not stand today without the efforts of Ezra Champion and others who built it with their own hands. Indeed, Ezra truly gave his life to the building of Union Church, for while constructing it he contracted pneumonia and died to be one of the first buried there. Lovely stained glass windows commemorate him and others, most of whom are his descendants.

It is said among the family that "all Champions love to sing" and at the song-fest which is always a part of the family reunion one cannot help but look at the sun streaming through those beautiful windows of that old Church and wonder if Ezra is pleased and singing along, too.

Sources: Family Bible, Union Church Cemetery records, letters, interviews.

— Ann Powell Whitmire

DR. JEFFREY CHIT-FU CHANG 336

Dr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Chit-fu Chang and their three children, sons Paul Wei-sung, John Weikung and daughter Margaret Jong-hwa formally immigrated from Taiwan, China to the United States of America in August, 1967. They have been living in Boiling Springs, Cleveland County, North Carolina. They received their citizenship of the United States in November, 1973.

Jeffrey Chit-fu Chang was originally from Canton, China. Frances Hung-wen Lin Chang (Mrs. Jeffrey C. Chang) was originally from Peking, China. They have been married since August, 1946. Because of the civil war in China, they went to Taiwan in May, 1949. The three children were born in Taiwan.

Jeffrey C. Chang worked for the Taiwan Government before he came to the United States in September, 1963. Then he enrolled at the Western Illinois University in Macomb, Illinois. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in mathematics in 1965, 1966 respectively. In 1966, he started teaching at the Gardner-Webb College. He received his Ph.D. degree in statistics and computer science from the University of Georgia, Athens, Georgia in August, 1973.

Frances L. Chang (Mrs. Jeffrey C. Chang) was graduated from the National College of Arts in Peking, China with a B.A. degree. She is an artist and she is members of the Shelby Arts League and the North Carolina Arts Society. She came to the United States with the three children in August, 1967 with the permanent resident status. Paul Wei-sung graduated from the Gardner-Webb College with a B.S. degree and now he is working as industrial computer programmer with Homelite Inc. Margaret Jong-hwa graduated from the Gardner-Webb College with a B.S. degree and then she went on to the graduate school of the Clemson University, Clemson, S.C. She re-

ceived a M.S. degree in computer science and operations research and now she is working with IBM as a system engineer. John Weikung graduated from the Duke University, Durham, N.C. with a B.S. degree in mathematics and computer science and now he is working as an engineer with the Pertec Computer System Inc.

Source: Family history

— Mr. & Mrs. Jeffrey Chit-Fu Chang

WILLIAM S. CLAY FAMILY

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William S. Clay was born about 1839 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. He became a farmer and on September 17, 1861, he volunteered to serve in the Civil War. Records show that at the age of 23 his description was six feet one inch high, fair complexion, grey eyes, and light hair. He served as a private of Captain A.G. Waters and D.R. Hoyle's Company F, 34th Regiment, North Carolina Troups and was killed June 27, 1862 at Gaines Mill, Virginia, and was buried in a grave with others at a fork of two creeks about 12 miles from Richmond.

He was married to Catherine Carpenter, who was born on July 15, 1834, and died on November 8, 1893. She was buried at New Prospect Baptist Church. They had two daughters: Mary and Dora Alice.

Dora Alice Clay was born May 27, 1862 and married Rufus Marion Grigg, son of William Grigg. He was born on March 27, 1857. They had six children: Johnny W. Grigg, who died February 28, 1963. He married Molly Howell, who died April 1, 1968. Charlie Grigg married first to Betty Beam and the second time to Gertie Coffey. Minnie Grigg married first to Will Glenn and the second time to Arthur Putnam. Dovie Grigg married Albert Colbert. Nora Grigg married John Lawson Wright (see family history). Furman Rufus Grigg was born April 6, 1889 and died July 5, 1889.

Dora Alice Clay Grigg died April 18, 1889 and was buried in New Prospect Baptist Church cemetery. After Dora Alice died, her husband, Rufus, then married her older sister, Mary Clay, who was born on December 22, 1860. They had six children: 1) Jasper Grigg married first to Ola Putnam and second time to Josephine Ross. 2) Clara Grigg (single). 3) Zula Grigg (single). 4) Alonzo Grigg married Dovelena Glascoe. 5) Eula Grigg married Verus Williams, son of Minnie Wright Williams. 6) Elta Grigg married Melvin Wright.

Rufus Marion Grigg died on January 11, 1937 and Mary Clay Grigg died January 8, 1943 and both were buried in New Prospect Baptist Church cemetery located east of Shelby.

Sources: Military records, death certificates, cemeteries, and interviews.

— Mrs. Arlene Wright Myers



William S. Clay, 1839-1862. Civil War Veteran

EDWARD BENJAMIN CLAYTON FAMILY

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Edward Benjamin Clayton was born in Brevard, North Carolina. The son of Joseph Ezra Clayton. His grandfather was E.B. Clayton, a medic in the War between the States. His great-great-great-great-grandfather Lambert Clayton fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain, Guilford Courthouse and Eutaw Springs. His mother Isabelle Wood was the daughter of Thomas Wood who came to the United States from Scotland in 1864.

Edward graduated from Brevard High School, Brevard Junior College and received an A.B. degree from Furman University. He holds a M.A. in Education degree from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill and a Specialist in Education degree from Appalachian State University.

An athlete, interested in all sports and an active participant, he was a halfback on the Furman University football team and a catcher on the baseball team. His interest in sports was continued when he was active in supporting and coaching Little League Baseball, Babe Ruth Baseball, Midget Football, Pop Warner Football, also officiating college and high school football. He was a member of the N.C. High School Officials Association and Clinic Leader of the North State Football Officials Association for 15 years.

He spent five years in the U.S. Army with service in Iceland and the Phillipines and earned a rank of 1st Lieutenant.

For thirty-five years he has been a dedicated and influential person in the field of education, having been a coach, teacher and principal. The past twenty-five years have been spent as principal of Crest Senior High School. Under his leadership Crest Senior High School has become one of the outstanding high schools in North Carolina. He continues to lead and direct the young people of Cleveland County as a conscientious and dedicated principal.

Millie Jocelyn Magness Clayton, daughter

of Carl Jackson Magness was born in Lattimore, North Carolina. She is a direct descendant of Captain Benjamin Magness, soldier in the Revolutionary War who fought at Kings Mountain. Her mother was Dorcas Greene. She is the granddaughter of W.T.D. Greene, well-known as a musician. A hymn "Traveling Home," was written by Mr. Greene and published by Rubush Publishing Company. Jocelyn is the granddaughter of Thomas Greene, a teacher issued a temporary teaching certificate by North Carolina in 1854. He served in the War between the States.

After graduating from Lattimore High School, she received a B.S. degree from Asheville Teachers College. She has spent the past thirty years teaching first grade in the schools of North Carolina. The joy she has received from her work is indicated in this statement appearing in a scrapbook compiled when she was chosen Teacher of the Year from Boiling Springs School, "Surely there is no other profession so exciting, challenging or rewarding." She continues to teach in the Boiling Springs School as a dedicated teacher.

Edward Benjamin Clayton and Millie Jocelyn Magness Clayton were married on July 30, 1948. To this union were born three children.

Edward Benjamin Clayton, Jr. who graduated from Crest High School and Appalachian State University is currently employed by the North Carolina Employment Security Commission in Shelby, North Carolina.

Carl Thomas Clayton was graduated from Crest Senior High School and Appalachian State University. He is well known in North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia for his expertise in basketball handling skills. He teaches in college basketball camps over the states during the summer. He is currently Graduate Assistant Basketball Coach at Appalachian State University.

Jocelyn Isabelle Clayton Tolleson was graduated from Crest Senior High School and graduated cum laude from Appalachian State University. In 1981 she received her M.A. degree in ESL — Teaching English as a second language — from San Francisco State University. She is currently employed as an instructor in San Francisco Community College and the University of San Francisco in California. She is married to Robin James Tolleson, musician and writer.

— Jocelyn Clayton

THE WALTER SHIELDS and JULIA HUNT CLAYTON FAMILY

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Julia Cathleen Hunt was born in Lattimore, North Carolina to Robert Lee Hunt and Alma Harrill Hunt, Sept. 6, 1918. (See Robert Lee Hunt, D.D.S.) Graduating from Lattimore High School in 1935, and Gardner-Webb College in 1937, she was an outstanding and popular student. In the spring of 1939 she received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from Meredith College, and began teaching home economics at Bethware High School that fall. She also taught home economics at Ellenboro High School, and was a home supervisor with the Farm



Security Administration.

On March 8, 1947 she married Walter Shields Clayton, D.D.S. of Cliffside, the son of Joseph Ezra Clayton (B. 12-23-1867 — D. 8-9-1933) and Isabelle Wood Clayton (B. 12-23-1874 — D. 10-22-1942) of Brevard. His grandfather Wood came to America from Glasgow, Scotland at the age of nineteen to manage the Clough Farm in Brevard. It is remembered that he walked from Charleston, South Carolina to Brevard! Walter is a graduate of Wake Forest University and received his D.D.S. degree from Emory University. He taught and coached at Carthage and Burlington High Schools several years before entering dental school.

While living in Cliffside their three children were born in Cleveland Memorial Hospital: Walter Jr., Feb. 11, 1948, Robert Hunt, July 11, 1949; and Julia Anne, March 11, 1953. They enjoyed their years in Cliffside and have many friends and memories that they cherish. However, in March of 1953, Walter was called back into military service during the Korean War. In June the family moved to Ft. Bragg.

After two years in the air force, they moved to Brevard, Walter always wanting to go back to the mountains and his hometown. They are members of First United Methodist Church, and both have served several terms on the administrative board.

Walter was a member of the Transylvania County Board of Health for twenty-one years. Having played football and baseball at Brevard College and Wake Forest University, he continues his interest in high school, college, and professional sports. He enjoys golf and has been Club Champion and Senior Club Champion several years at Glen Cannon Country Club.

Julia has been very interested in church work — teaching in Sunday School and holding various offices in the United Methodist Women. She received the Special Membership Award in 1975. She has been active in Brevard Garden Club for over twenty years and Glen Cannon Ladies Golf Association — holding various offices in both.



Walter Shields D.D.S. and Julia Hunt Clayton

Walter Jr. attended Brevard College and is a graduate of North Carolina State University. He played on the golf team in high school and at Brevard College. Also, he enjoys skeet shooting, hiking, and skiing. He served four years with the United States Air Force — spending one year in Vietnam. While there, he was awarded The Bronze Star.

He married Anne Rodgers Marchman, daughter of William Rodgers Marchman and Charlotte Wood Laidlaw Marchman. They have two children Richard Marchman (B. 6-23-1973) and William Shields (B. 1-15-81). He is a teacher at Rosman High School.

Robert, a graduate of Brevard High School, was President of the student body his senior year. In 1966 he was selected to attend Boys State at Wake Forest University. He graduated from Brevard College, University of North Carolina and UNC School of Dentistry (1975). An outstanding athlete, he played on the basketball and golf teams at Brevard High and Brevard College.

He married Carol Wratten, daughter of Joseph Wratten and Theresa Talbot Wratten. She is a graduate of UNC Medical School. After living a year at Chapel Hill, they moved to San Antonio, Texas where she completed her residency, and is practicing Obstetrics and Gynecology there.

Robert was an associate professor in the School of Dentistry at The University of Texas at San Antonio. He was held in high esteem by his students and peers, and in 1979, he received the Teacher of the Year Award. For twelve years he was a victim of Hodgkins Disease, and died on March 8, 1982. He is buried in Gillispie Cemetery, Brevard, NC. They have one son Robert Matthew (B. 7-31-80).

Julia Anne, a 1971 graduate of Brevard High School, attended Brevard College and graduated from Asheville-Buncombe Technical College in dental hygiene. She was a high school cheerleader and enjoyed scouting, swimming, diving, and dancing. She is married to H. Stephen Blythe, son of Homer Roger Blythe and Ann English Blythe. They have two children, Stephanie Anne (B. 11-9-75) and Robert Clayton (B. 6-16-79). Steve is employed as Shift Supervisor at Olin Corporation in Brevard. They enjoy bowling, gardening and collecting and refinishing antiques.

Sources: Family Bible. — Julia Anne Clayton Blythe

AMBROSE HAYWOOD CLINE

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Ambrose Haywood Cline, one of the eight children of David Anderson Cline and Rachael Charlotte Lattimore, was born November 15, 1855 in Cleveland County on a farm north of Double Shoals. He was a direct descendant of Sebastian (Bostian) Klein who came to America in 1739.

He married Eudorah Hessentine (Hester) Hendrick, daughter of Chappell and Mary Ann Wellmon Hendrick of Shelby. Hester was born March 8, 1856 on her parents farm at Shelby (Now called Rose Hill and owned by the



Ambrose Haywood and Hester Hendrick Cline

Meachams). She was a faithful worker in Sunday School and the church at New Bethel Baptist Church, East of Lawndale.

Six children were born to this union: D. Augustus Cline, born September 27, 1880 and died May 21, 1942, who married Eloise Stamey, born June 20, 1883 and died July 2, 1929; Zeb Vance Cline, born November 14, 1885 and died April 20, 1960, who married Hattie Pearl Borders; Dona, born January 2, 1884 and died September 20, 1962, who married Mike L. Borders, born March 10, 1881 and died June 8, 1978; Clayton, (1888-1911) who married John Allen Dixon; V. Otho Cline, born July 6, 1893 and died June 10, 1973, who married Kate Tucker and J. Raymond Cline, born February 5, 1895, who married Leola Borders, born July 26, 1893, and died October 18, 1955, and who married the second time to Vertie Champion, born May 17, 1894 and died December 8, 1977.

Ambrose and Hester also reared their granddaughter, Ruth Dixon, daughter of Clayton Cline and John Allen, who were murdered in 1911. Ruth married Doctor Walter Lackey of Fallston.

Ambrose's brothers and sisters were Katherine (1850-1935) who married Zimri Falls; David Anderson Cline, Jr. (1853-1908), who married Mattie DePriest; John F. (1847-1923) who married Mary Hoyle; Jerome F. (1859-1921) who married Louisa Beam; Henry Sylvester (1862-1934) who married three

times: Alice Dickson (1861-1890), Willie Warlick (1864-1897) and Louise Stockton (1867-1944); Mag Cline (1865-1963) who married Frank Hendrick of Shelby and Lou (1869-1954), who married Tom Stamey of Fallston. Incidentally, Frank Hendrick was a brother to Ambrose's wife, Hester.

Ambrose built a home on a tract of land on which he was born near Double Shoals between Fallston and Lawndale. The family lived there until the children were of school age and they then moved to Shelby, living on Lee Street and then on North Morgan Street in the vicinity of the Lutz Furniture Company location. Hessestine, or Hess as she was sometimes called, was a believer in education and spent many hours tutoring her children. While living in Shelby, Ambrose operated a grocery store, but in the 1890s moved to a large farm located on Buffalo Creek East of Shelby which he purchased from Preacher Thomas Dixon. He later bought additional land increasing the acreage. This farm was known throughout the county for its many acres of rich bottomland. The farm was surveyed in 1876 by Surveyor J.R. Logan and the road passing through the farm was known as Old Post Road and/or Mill Road and later as Stoney Point Road.

In later life, he moved back to Shelby where he died at his home on North Morgan Street on November 4, 1929. The Cline farm remained in the Cline family, with sons Zeb and Otho establishing their farming and livestock operations. At this writing, three grandsons, John Dixon Cline, Buford D. Cline and Ambrose Borders Cline reside on parts of the original Cline Farm. All of the fine bottomland is now inundated by Moss Lake.

Ambrose was an active member of Elizabeth Baptist Church and he and Hester, who died August 25, 1936, are buried in the church cemetery.

He also served on a committee of men in the county who were responsible for dredging of Buffalo Creek throughout the county and other drainage work on which a book is on file at the County Courthouse.

This paragraph, taken from the Star in 1929, at the time of his death, perhaps describes him best:

"Mr. Cline was one of the county's most substantial and prominent citizens. He was a farmer and livestock dealer and his thrift, enterprise and fine business judgment crowned his life with success. In all of his dealings, he was honest and those who came in contact with him, loved him for his magnanimous spirit. He was devoted to his family and shared during his lifetime much of his competence with his children."

Sources: From Church and Family Records and Cleveland Co. Library.

— Mrs. A.B. Cline

DAVID ANDERSON and RACHAEL CHARLOTTE LATTIMORE CLINE

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David Anderson Cline, called "King" Cline, was the son of John Klein I (1799-1845) and



David Anderson and Rachael Lattimore Cline



Family of David Anderson Cline, Katherine Cline Falls not shown. Preacher Thomas Dixon seated on left.

Katherine Muehl (Mull). His great-great grandfather was Sebastian Bostian Klein, who came to America from Germany in 1739. (See article on Sebastian (Bostian) Klein.

Records of the first census in 1850 list the household of David Anderson Cline and family and he was shown as a farmer. He owned some 1200 plus acres of land in the area above Double Shoals between Fallston and Lawndale. In fact, the old two story frame King Cline home, which is now owned by David Beam, is still standing.

On July 23, 1846, he married Rachael Charlotte Lattimore, whose Father was Frank Lattimore. Records show they were married by Rev. Drury Dobbins, Baptist Minister.

David Anderson and Charlotte had eight children:

John Franklin Cline (1847-1923) who married Mary Elizabeth Hoyle.

Sara Catherine (1850-1935) who married John Zimri Falls, Jr.

David Anderson Cline, Jr. (1853-1908) who married Martha Jane DePriest (1861-1941). (See related article).

Ambrose Haywood Cline (1855-1929), who married Eudora Hessestine Hendrick (1856-1936).

Jerome F. (born June 7, 1859 — Died December 30, 1921) who married Louiza Beam, born April 8, 1861.

Henry Sylvester ("Ves") (1862-1934) was married three times. His marriages were to Alice Dickson, born May 12, 1861, died February 12, 1880; Willie Warlick, born July 23, 1864 and died August 19, 1897 and Lou Stockton, born October 1, 1867 and died July 16, 1944.

Maggie (1865-1963) who married Frank Hendrick.



David Anderson Cline, Jr.

Rachel Louisa ("Lou") who married Tom Stamey.

David and Charlotte were members of New Bethel Church East of Lawndale. Early church records show David joined in its first year of organization in 1848 and served for years as a Deacon. Records also indicate he served as Assistant to the Superintendent of the Sabbath School which he helped organize in 1865 and he served on a building committee, along with four other men in 1879.

David Anderson Cline died June 9, 1894 and his gravestone shows his age as seventy one years, six months and four days.

Charlotte died October 18, 1892 and the gravestone shows she died at the age of sixty four years, nine months and twenty one days.

Both are buried at New Bethel Baptist Church East of Lawndale.

Sources: From Family Records and Mr. Robert Gidney.

— Mrs. Ambrose B. Cline

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David Anderson Cline, Jr. was the son of David Anderson Cline and Rachael Charlotte Lattimore. He was the fifth generation of Clines, being a descendant of Sebastian (Bos-tian) Klein from Germany. David was born January 25, 1853 on a farm in Cleveland County located north of Double Shoals and between Fallston and Lawndale.

He married young Martha Jane DePriest, daughter of William Cansalor DePriest (1818-1897) and Rebecca Baber (1824-1899), who was of French descent. It is remembered her wedding gown was of grey silk. Martha Jane, known as "Mattie" was born April 15, 1861. The DePriests were from the Cherry Mountain area of Rutherford County.

By occupation, David was a farmer, owning considerable acreage in the Lawndale area

bordering Broad River and Maple Creek. He built and owned the Old Pearl Mill, which was located on Maple Creek. Their homeplace, a large two-story frame house, which burned in the 1920s, was located just East of Lawndale near Piedmont Hill. In fact, Piedmont School, which was chartered and incorporated in the 1900s became the second largest boarding school in the State and evolved into Piedmont Elementary and High Schools, was located on a part of the Cline Farm. A bungalow was rebuilt by Mattie on the home site after the first home burned and this house still stands.

They produced cotton, corn, grain, fruit and, of course, grew their own vegetables and meat, being quite self-sufficient. They had a huge room dug out on the hillside underneath large solid rock on Maple Creek, which they called the "Ice House". In the wintertime, they cut blocks of ice from the pond and stored it in the ice house until late spring and early summer.

David was once described by John F. Schenck, Sr. of Lawndale as "a happy fellow, brave and muscular and was what was called 'mutch of a man' ". He was known as a stammerer. He had light coppery colored hair and blue eyes and a fine sense of humor.

David Jr.'s brothers and sisters were John Franklin Cline; M. Sylvester Cline; Lou Cline, who married Tom Stamey; Mag Cline, who married Frank Hendrick of Shelby; Ambrose Haywood Cline, who married Eudora Hessentine Hendrick of Shelby; Jerome F. Cline, who married Louiza Beam; and Catherine, who married Zimri Falls.

Twelve children were born to David and Mattie as follows:

The first, Ida Ulysses, born May 11, 1878, died June 27, 1913, married William Crook Lee, born October 26, 1841 and died December 20, 1909. They had three children: Glenn, born March 31, 1903 and died April 1, 1959, who married Elizabeth McEntire; Cline Owen



Mattie Jane DePriest Cline, wife of David Anderson Cline, Jr.

Lee, born October 18, 1907 and died October 26, 1966, who married Beatrice Rose; and Martha Sedelle, born February 26, 1910, who married Neb M. Grigg.

The second child of David and Mattie was Jerome Bynum, who was born February 28, 1880 and died January 5, 1920. He was a bachelor.

The third child, William Frank, born December 22, 1881 and died May 7, 1965, married Bertha Gold and they had two children, Cleve and Inez. (See related article on William Frank Cline).

Thomas Cleveland was born April 13, 1884 and died August 22, 1893, at the age of nine years.

Gazzie Lou, was born December 18, 1888 and died June 25, 1889.

John Hoyte, born January 19, 1895 and died June 18, 1973, married Fairie Williamson, born April 7, 1901 and died February 26, 1978. Their children were Martha DePriest ("Chick") born September 29, 1926; Clifton Franklin ("Bub:") born January 12, 1928 and killed in a plane crash February 28, 1965; Carolyn Bertha, born February 28, 1932; Imogene Lee, born July 9, 1934; Nell, born August 27, 1938 and John Hoyte, Jr., born May 29, 1941.

Rebecca Pearle, born July 15, 1886 and died June 7, 1957, married D. Audley Gold, born August 3, 1876 and died July 8, 1958, and moved to Blacksburg, S.C. Their children were Thelma Gold (Thayer), born August 16, 1905, died October 27, 1937; Janet Gold (Owen), born November 4, 1907; Pauline Gold (Bridges), born June 18, 1913; De Audleen Gold, born February 17, 1917, and Daniel Audley Gold, born November 19, 1922.

Maggie, who married Doctor Will Shellum, moved to Ansonville where she lived until her death. They had two daughters, Catherine, who married Milton Smith and Virginia, who married Gene Bolick.

David Huss, born July 12, 1892. (See related article)

Paul Clark, born May 15, 1897 and died August 8, 1935, married Josie Smith, and their children are Paul Clark, Jr., born January 1, 1920 and Colleen.

Griffin was born September 2, 1902 and died August 2, 1921. He was a bachelor.

The twelfth child, Mattie Lee, was born February 22, 1900. She married Samuel McBride Poston and moved to Shelby (See related article on Samuel McBride Poston).

David died April 13, 1908 and his wife, Mattie, died December 29, 1941. Both are buried in New Bethel Baptist Church, East of Lawndale.

Sources: From family records, Cleveland County Library and Mr. Robert Gidney.

— Mrs. Ambrose B. Cline

THE FAMILY OF DAVID HUSTLER CLINE, ELLA LUTZ and VIVIAN ARLINE ODOM

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David Hustler "Huss" Cline (b. 7-12-1892 Lawndale, NC) tenth of twelve children, was

reared on his parents' farm located between Lawndale and New Bethel Baptist Church.

David Anderson, Jr. (b. 1-25-1853 Cleveland Co., d. 4-13-1908 Lawndale, NC), his farmer father, dealt in livestock and real estate, founded the Pearl Grist Mill on Maple Creek at Lawndale and gave the initial land on which to build the original Piedmont School. As the school grew, he sold additional parcels of land necessary for dormitories and building the grades thru high school, including an athletic field. Stockily built he was approximately 5'-10" tall, and had coppery red hair, a beard, and bright blue eyes. He died of Bright's disease. His farming parents were Charlotte Lattimore and David Anderson, son of David King Anderson.

Martha Jane DePriest (b. 4-15-1861, Cherry Mountain, d. 12-29-1941, Shelby), his mother, was a pleasant stately woman with dark brown hair and blue eyes. Her home seemed to be the gathering place for her twelve children to bring friends and cousins. She was a wonderful cook, and when preparing a meal, never knew how many would arrive in time to eat and always prepared large pots of food.

In addition to her children, she reared several grandchildren, following their mother's deaths. She was very industrious around the farm and home, even assisting her husband nail shingles onto the roof when building back following a fire. Her parents were William Canselar DePriest and Myra Rebecca Baber.

After the death of Huss's father, he helped operate the farm and married Ella Lutz (b. 9-24-1894, d. 8-6-1916 Lawndale, buried Shelby's Sunset Cemetery) who died giving birth to their third child, a son who died at birth. She was very beautiful, with brown hair, blue eyes, and a lovely disposition. Their children were:

"Mildred" Rebecca (b. 4-6-1913 Lawndale, d. 10-29-1964, buried Shelby's Sunset) married Ward Hunter Arey, Jr., of Shelby, (deceased), Children:

(a) Rebecca Carol "Becky" — husband



D. "Huss" Cline in 1934



"Vivian" A. Odom in 1918

Loyd Baxter Smith; children: Kimberly (Kim) Carol, Loyd (Kip) Baxter, Jr., "Scott" Wylie, "Seth" Anthony. (b) William Jackson (Jack) — wife Sara "Carole" Suttle; children: Mildred (Millie) Carole, William (Bill) Jackson, Jr. She later married Gastonia's Paul Vaughn (deceased).

David Hustler, Jr. (D.H., Jr.) married Veva Armour of Shelby, deceased, children: (a) David Hustler, III (Sonny) — wife Tenny Mullinax, children: Mellisa and David Hustler, IV. (b) Richard (Dick) Carrol — wife Jean Green; children: Jaquitha and Jeanna Lynn. His second wife, Debby Carpenter, produced son Ricky Jr. who died of cancer at age four. He presently lives in Florida with third wife, Debby, (c) Frederic (Fred) Eugene — wife Darlene Philbeck; Children: Kelly and Fred, Jr. D.H. Jr.'s second wife is Merlyn Black (Cherryville, NC) whose daughter is Janice Richards — husband Harold Watts; children: Janna and Johnny.

Following Ella's death in 1916, Huss realized \$200 from their entire farming year. Recalling the thrill and excitement he felt first seeing an automobile, he knew he wanted to be associated with that growing business. Not knowing how to accomplish this, he left Mildred and D.H., Jr., in the care of his mother and went to Detroit, Michigan. Obtaining production employment with Ford Motor Co., he saved enough to purchase a Buick sedan which he drove back to Lawndale to visit his family. He later sold this car making an excellent profit and began working for Lawrence Lacky of Shelby, NC, selling Buicks.

Vivian Arline Odom (b. 10-2-1898 Hertford Co., NC, d. 6-15-1978 Shelby/Sunset burial) was the last of six children born of Charles Richard and "Molly" Ann Deanes who died at Vivian's birth. Reared by her aunt, Lydia "Annie" Odom, and husband, James Mattison Tayloe, at Woodland, NC, she was a Chowan College music graduate and taught voice and piano several years at Piedmont School. She was 5'-2" tall and weighed about 115 pounds. She appreciated beauty where it was

found, was vivacious and enjoyed people. After marrying "Huss" (11-21-1918) in Rutherfordton, NC, they settled in Lawndale and began their family, who are:

(1) Mary Annie, married Robert (Buddy) Earl Armour of Shelby producing Ann Tayloe and Betty Ruth. Her second husband was Alex Keeler Barberree of Alabama.

(2) "Janie" Tayloe married Stough Alexander Wray of Shelby. They are parents of: (a) Stough Alexander, Jr. — wife Sarah Helen McEntire; children: Stough (Chip) Alexander, III, "Shelley" Hope, Sarah Louise (Lou Lou), "Rush" Aaron. (b) Janie (Jane) Cline married Daniel (Dan) Hugh Ledbetter (b. 1-8-1942, d. 5-23-1977, buried Shelby's Sunset) whose accidental death was from carbon monoxide poisoning at the Shelby Water Treatment Plant. Children are "Anna" Christine, Daniel (Danny) Hugh, Jr., Julia "Lee" and "David" Wray.

(3) "Lillian" Sue (b. 12-9-1923 Lawndale d. 6-20-1981 Atlanta) married Walter Everett (Bill) Haney of Marshville, NC children: (a) "Vivian" Eulalia — husband James (Jim) Fox; their child: Lillian "Leigh." (b) Walter (Walt) Everett, Jr. — wife "Lissa" Gayle Bomar; child Walter Wesley (Wess). Lillian's step-daughter is Linda Thompson — husband Robert (Bob) Prater children: Denise, Bobby Jr., and John.

(4) "Marshall" Odom married "Iva" Ellen Hoyle of Casar, NC, whose children are: (a) Lucile "Arline" — husband Claude Osborne Ross Children: Claude (Clay) Osborne, Jr. (b) "Marshall" Odom, Jr. — wife Cathy Powell Children: Marshall (Mark) Odom, III, "Adam" Micheal. His second wife is Terry Rogers.

By 1927, Huss and Vivian were settled into their 715 E. Marion Street, Shelby, NC, home and his car business was good. He soon acquired the Chevrolet Agency which he held until 1938 when he retired due to tuberculosis. After WW II, he continued his show horse hobby, opened Cline Motors, a Nash dealership, and retired in the early 1970's. Mar-



Stough A. Wray courting Janie T. Cline, Fall, 1936

shall owns and operates Cline Motors, an AMC/Jeep/GMC Truck dealership. "Huss" and Vivian also dealt in real estate. Both were kind and generous to their children throughout their lives.

Sources: Personal knowledge, family records

— Slough A. Wray, Jr.

DAVID MILLS CLINE

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My father, David Mills Cline, was born in Cleveland County, August 10, 1886, to John Franklin and Mary Elizabeth Hoyle Cline. His only brother was Jacob Spurgeon; his sisters, Lottie (Mrs. B.B.) Suttle; Artlisse (Mrs. William) Cornwell; Margaret (Mrs. Lumas) Klutz; Mittie (Mrs. Charlie) Cornwell; Eula (Mrs. E.L.) Webb; (She is still living and celebrated her 103 birthday Christmas Day, 1981. She can recount many childhood and adolescent happenings); and Nouvella (Mrs. Anderson) Kiser.

His father, John Franklin a farmer, was the son of David Anderson and Charlotte Lattimore Cline whose lineage can be traced to Sebastian Cline who arrived in America in 1739 from Germany. Also my grandfather was a Civil War veteran who served with the Cleveland volunteers in the 55 Regiment, Company F. He joined the Confederate Army when he was only sixteen years old. He and my grandmother are buried in New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery.

Daddy was reared on his father's farm which was located four miles north of Shelby between Broad River and Buffalo Creek. Today the McBrayer and Zion Church roads run through this property. The old Cline house still stands and reflects the late Nineteenth Century architecture. Daddy attended grade school (free school) at the Botts School which was located on the farm. Then he attended boarding school at Piedmont Academy, Lawndale, N.C. Later he enlisted in the Army during World War I. He served in the 81st Division, 317 Field Artillery, in France. He was proud that he served his country and never missed the reunion meeting of the 81st Division.

Upon returning home, he married Hester Cabaniss. They settled on a portion of the land that he was reared on and became a cotton farmer and mule dealer. He traded mules in Shelby at the old Hachett Blanton stables, once a livery stable. In addition to mule trading he loved to raise cotton. The tenant-landlord system was used. All cultivating was done by mules. A giant step (later an enemy to his mule-trading business) was taken when he bought one of the first John Deere tractors in the county around 1926 or 1927.

My mother, Hester, was a very versatile woman. She was an excellent cook. Her kitchen was her haven. Family, friends, and strangers were always welcome for a meal. She could prepare plain food into a gourmet meal. Her hands were busy ones. When not in the kitchen she sewed or visited, particularly the sick. She helped the doctor in various homes at the birth of babies. Laboring mothers would say "Call the doctor, and go for Hess Cline."

Through the years they were faithful members of New Prospect Baptist Church (both are buried here), attended many big meetings and memorial day services; they raised many cotton crops, hosted yearly corn-shuckings, planted big gardens, made gallons of molasses, operated a saw-mill and raised five children, two boys and three girls.

John William Cline born in 1920, a World War II veteran married Lillian Self. They reside at the homeplace, 1901 Fallston Road on a portion of grandfather's property. Their only child John William Cline, Jr. married Martha McDonald. They live in Fayetteville, North Carolina.

David Mills Cline, Jr. born in 1931 married Amanda Francis. He also is a veteran. They live on Zion Church Road on another portion of the original Cline land. They have two children David Mills Cline, III and Leslie Cline.

Margaret Arledge, born in 1922, married Thurston Arledge and live in Tryon, N.C. Their two sons are David and Michael Arledge.

Mary Shaw, born in 1925, married Johnny Shaw and live in Deland, Florida. Their children are Robert, Edward and Roger Wire and Karen Shaw.

Eloise Douglas, born in 1928, died in 1973, married Dick Douglas. Their children are Hester and Timothy Douglas.

Sources: family records, personal knowledge, and memories.

— John W. Cline

THE HENRY SYLVESTER CLINE FAMILY

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Henry Sylvester (Ves) Cline was born July 30, 1862 in Cleveland County, and died February 20, 1934. He was the son of David Anderson Cline (January 5, 1823 — June 9, 1894) and Rachel Charlotte Lattimore Cline (April 27, 1825 — October 18, 1892). They were also born in Cleveland County. He was the youngest of a family of eight children: Catherine (Mrs. Zimri) Falls, Lou (Mrs. T.A.) Stamey, Mag (Mrs. Frank) Hendrick, David, Jerome, John and Ambrose.

He was thrice married, the first time to Alice Dixon (May 12, 1861 — February 19, 1890) to which there were three daughters: Emma Jane (June 26, 1884 — May 13, 1961); Rachel Charlotte (February 24, 1886 — February 4, 1904); and Laura Lee (May 27, 1888 — August 30, 1975).

The second marriage was to Willie Mae Warlick (July 23, 1864 — August 19, 1897). To this union were born two sons: James Sylvester (June 29, 1891 — April 23, 1948) and William Robert (July 13, 1894 — November 24, 1965).

The third marriage was to Charity Louise Stockton (October 1, 1867 — July 16, 1944). To this union were born three sons: Thomas Fulton (November 12, 1893 — March 20, 1979); Edward Dewey (December 12, 1902 — May 24, 1956); Forest Floyd (July 11, 1908 — July 30, 1965); and one daughter Willie Mae (December 21, 1904).

He loved his family, his church, his fellow-

men. He was a faithful supporter of New Bethel Baptist Church and was an active member and a deacon. He was a man who enjoyed his family and made it a practice to hold an annual picnic for his children and grandchildren. A remarkable family relationship existed among all the children of Mr. Cline's. Even though there were three sets of children, they all felt and loved each other as full brothers and sisters.

He was one of the largest land owners in the county and also a dealer in livestock. Those who had dealings with him had confidence in his judgement and representations. He was never known to press a debtor unduly. He was quiet and assuming in his nature and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all who knew him. The strong family ties and love of the Fallston community made Fallston the choice of all eight of Mr. Cline's children and their families.

Emma Jane was the first born to Henry Sylvester and Rachel Charlotte Cline. She married William Franklin Hamrick (merchant) June 12, 1877 — March 1, 1963) to whom were born four children: Dillard Sylvester (1915-1964) who married Beatrice Howell and they have two daughters Mary Dee and Aretta; William Dixon (September 19, 1917 —) and is married to Elizabeth Bridges and their daughters are Elizabeth (Betsy) and Nancy; Lou Alice (December 27, 1919) is married to Joseph Carpenter Whisnant, and they have one son Joseph, Jr.; Alvin Houser (April 10 1922) married Pauline Willard and they have two daughters, Jane Celeste and Jean Paulette and one son William Alvin.

Daughter Laura Lee married Claude Connally Falls (farmer and fertilizer dealer) (May 17, 1879 — January 9, 1950). To this union were born these children: Robert Watson (March 14, 1912); Henry Sylvester (December 11, 1913) who married Zora Boggs and they have one son Claude Connally; Laura Alice (August 29, 1921) married David C. Garvin, Jr. and they have three sons: Stephen Edward, David Connally (March 13, 1947 — December 24, 1981); Richard Gary; Lillian Ann (November 25, 1924) married Robert Milton Michael (May 4, 1926 — November 7, 1976) and they have one daughter Laura Elizabeth; Jean Cline Falls (September 20, 1928) married Joseph A. Whitner and they have two children who are Laura Lee and Thomas Andrew; A son Ralph C. Falls, born July 2, 1909, died July 11, 1910.

James Sylvester, a son (lawyer) married Mary Mae Wise (August 23, 1903) to whom three children were born: Minnie Mae (May 7, 1921) who married John J. Boggs and they had one daughter, Johnette; Mabel Elenna (August 20, 1923 — June 7, 1925); and James Sylvester, Jr. (May 7, 1926) who married Yvonne Whisnant and they have four daughters who are Mary Elizabeth, Nancy, Virginia and Laura.

A son William Robert (farmer — livestock dealer) married Agnes Griffin and they had one son, James Robert. He married Claire Holling to whom were born two children, Candace, and James Robert, Jr.

A son Thomas Fulton Cline (merchant) married Tessie Estell Dellinger (October 5, 1900-

) to whom were born four children: Henry Sylvester (H.S.) (May 14, 1922 —) married to Dorothy Alene Crouse (February 10, 1923). Their children are: Judy, Dale, and Vicky; Carol Dellinger Cline (November 19, 1923 —) is married to Helen Lopez; Ralph Fulton Cline (September 7, 1928 —) is married to Jackie Warlick and they have two children: Susan Elizabeth and Cristy Jeanine.

Edward Dewey Cline (farmer and livestock dealer) married Ruby Louise Lattimore (November 27, 1889 — December 15, 1982). To this union were born two daughters, Dorcas Louise (January 2, 1923) who is married to Jack Hutchins White and they have three children: Jack, Jr., Nancy and Allyson; Dorothy Ann (December 8, 1925) is married to Dwight Beam Hord, DDS and they have three daughters: Anne, Jeane, Ellen, and a son Edward Cline Hord.

A daughter, Willie, married Austin Alexander Lackey, DDS (November 12, 1899 — April 4, 1965). They have one son Austin, Jr. He married Lenore Plonk and they have one son, Robert, and a daughter, Margaret Elizabeth.

Willie Mae Cline Lackey married William Judson Jones (January 29, 1893).

A son, Forest Floyd Cline (July 11, 1908 — July 30, 1965) married Ellen Josephine Ramsey (5/1/1905 —).

Sources: family records, news clippings, and tombstones.

— Mrs. Jim Cline, Jr.



Thomas Franklin and Sarah Cline

THOMAS FRANKLIN CLINE FAMILY

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Thomas Franklin Cline and wife Sarah "Sally" Jane Beam were both members of pioneer Cleveland County families of German origin. Mr. Cline was born July 11, 1858, the son of Lieutenant Henry Cline who served in the War Between the States, and wife Mary Willis Cline, daughter of Joseph and Sarah Boyles Willis.

Thomas F. Cline was the great-great-grandson of Jacob Kline (Klein) and Veronica Gertrude Maelick Kline, who came from Germany in 1735 to Hunterdon County, N.J. and settled at New Germantown.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline were married November 22, 1883, in Cleveland County, by the Rev. Thurman Poston. Mrs. Cline, born March 22, 1863 was the daughter of David Marcus Beam, a veteran of the War Between the States, and Lottie Nolan Beam, and the great-granddaughter of John Teeter Beam of Hamburg, Germany, who landed in Charleston, S.C., November 1767, and Elizabeth Rudolph Beam. John Teeter Beam settled on Beaver Dam Creek in Lincoln County but later moved to Buffalo Creek in Cleveland County. He is buried at New Prospect Church in Cleveland County.

Thomas Franklin and his father Henry Cline built and operated two stores on North Lafayette Street, Shelby, N.C. They also operated a roller mill. Franklin F. later traveled throughout the area selling textile machinery. The 1900 Cleveland County Census lists Tho-

mas Franklin Cline as the superintendent of the old Buffalo Cotton Mill. In 1901 he purchased from C.P. Miller the historic Adams Reep farm on the Lincolnton-Reepsville highway and since that time he and his wife made their home in Lincoln County. After retiring from operating his large farm he and Mrs. Cline spent their winters in Florida.

The Clines had five children: David Ambrose, born 1887, married Bessie Mae Smith. He still owns the family farm. Their children are Henry, who died in World War II, married Charlotte Jean Holder; Thomas Ray married Mary Annette Blanton of Lattimore. They live in Marion N.C. (See Roy Cline article in book); Marybell, married Horace Rhyne of Lincolnton; and Haywood Cline, who still operates the big Cline farm, married Louise Leanord.

Noah Henry (b. January 4, 1889, d. October 11, 1947) lived in Lincolnton, he never married.

Ollie Mae, born November 23, 1891 married

Rush Stroup of Cleveland County. Mrs. Stroup is a businesswoman and philanthropist. She is known for her work at Gardner-Webb and Mars Hill Colleges, and Wake Forest University. She has been a member of the board of trustees at all three institutions.

Mary Ethel, born 1894, married Earl Honeycutt of Rutherford County, N.C. Mr. and Mrs. Honeycutt made their home in Shelby. Their children are: Earl Jr., married Janis Roberts and Sarah Ellen who married Julian Hamrick.

Sources: Mrs. Earl Honeycutt, Lincoln Co. News Article, (1933) 50th. anniversary

— Mrs. Earl Honeycutt

THOMAS RAY CLINE and ANNETTE BLANTON CLINE

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Thomas Ray Cline (born 4 November 1917 in Lincoln County, NC) is the son of David

Ambrose (1887-) and Bessie Mae Smith Cline (1887-1971) and the grandson of Thomas Franklin (1858-1943) and Sarah Jane Beam Cline (1863-1948) who were all natives of Cleveland County (see Thomas F. Cline Article).

Ray was graduated from Appalachian State Teachers College (1938). After a very short career in the teaching profession, he enlisted in the United States Coast Guard. He was stationed at Manhatten Beach, New York during World War II as a Chief Petty Officer. After the war he became a partner in a chain of auto parts stores which he still operates.

On 15 August 1942, Ray married Mary Annette Blanton (born 21 April 1915) daughter of John Samuel and Garva Ella Harrill Blanton of Lattimore. They were married 15 August 1942, in "The Little Church Around the Corner" in New York City.

Annette was graduated from Boiling Springs Junior College (Gardner-Webb) and Appalachian State Teachers College (1939). She was chosen "Miss Appalachian" of 1939 and was elected to the May Court, and represented Appalachian as a soloist in their weekly radio broadcast from WBT Charlotte. She taught in the Kannapolis and Marion (NC) City Schools with a total of 32 years of service.

Annette and Ray are very active in the church and civic activities in Marion. Annette is soloist in her church choir and teaches a Sunday School Class. A former member of Sweet Adelines, has been chairman of the Advisory board for the McDowell County Nursing Homes, and is on the Advisory board for Agricultural Extension Service in McDowell County. Both enjoy golf as a hobby. Ray is a member of the Board of Directors for the North Carolina Automotive Association and the North Western Bank. He is a trustee of McDowell Technical College, secretary and treasurer of Marion Credit Company, former chairman of the Hospital Board, and a member of the cities

planning board. He is a deacon and treasurer at the First Baptist Church. They have two children: Thomas Ray, Jr., is a salesman for the Volvo and Mercedes Trucks. He and his wife, Shearon Holmes McIntosh Cline live in Greensboro. Their children are Estelle Holmes McIntosh Cline (9 May 1972) and Thomas Ray Cline III (28 January 1980).

Janis Annette is a teacher of the gifted in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System. Her husband Robert Henry Taylor, is an engineer with Aetna Insurance Company. Janis and her brother Thomas Ray, Jr., are graduates of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Sources: Family knowledge

— Mrs. Ray Cline

V. OTHA CLINE FAMILY

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Our daddy, V. Otha Cline, born in Cleveland County, July 6, 1893, to Ambrose Haywood and Hester Hamrick Cline. He was a brother of D. Augustus (Gus), Zeb, Vance, J. Raymond, Dona (Mrs. Mike Borders), and Clayton (Mrs. John Dixon). The farm, which daddy inherited, still is found east of Shelby on Kings Mountain's Moss Lake (formerly Buffalo Creek). The original homeplace was torn down and replaced with a modern brick home in 1938, using the sturdy 100 year old beams, and it is in this house that Buford, the oldest son and his family live. The Cline ancestry has been traced to 16th Century Germany. (See the Ambrose Haywood Cline History).

Daddy, his parents, and four of his brothers and sisters are deceased and buried in the Elizabeth Baptist Church cemetery. The one living brother, J. Raymond, makes his home in Shelby, North Carolina. Daddy died June 10, 1973; his wife, our Mother, died May 1, 1969.

To acquire a higher education than that offered in the one room schools of his day, daddy had the opportunity to attend Boiling Springs High School. Many "wild" interesting tales have been told and retold of these days.

V. Otha married Katherine Myrtle Tucker (Kate), born April 18, 1892, daughter of Columbus Alexander and Victoria Augusta Beatty Tucker, on April 20, 1916.

Daddy was a large scale farmer, as well as a well-known livestock dealer. The farm, formerly the Thomas A. Dixon land, and bought by our grandfather, (A.H. Cline) is rich in history and was known for its productivity. The bottom land, along Buffalo Creek, produced such big, tall corn that it was said: "You needed a ladder to reach the top ears of corn." Cotton was grown to provide the main money crop, and was cultivated and harvested with the help of several dependable tenant families and the "industrious" children of Otha and Kate Cline. We, as children experienced many cotton boll fights, "imagined" aching backs, and yes, some sore derrieres in the process of harvesting the crops.

Daddy's livestock business was begun around 1925, in partnership with his brother, Zeb Cline. He made many trips to Tennessee and South Carolina to buy mules, horses, and

ponies. The livestock stables were first located on what is now known as Trade Street, and later moved to Graham Street, when a blacksmith shop was added. In the early days of business, the livestock was shipped to Shelby by railroad cars, but soon he made his buying trips by truck, returning loaded with mules. He recognized and sold only "good stock", and he, too, always kept well-fed, well-trained mules and horses for his own farm use and pleasure.

"Horse lovers never die, they just fade away"; this statement could apply to our daddy. He never lost his interest and love for horses, owning many outstanding, beautiful Tennessee walking horses. His many silver trophies, and numerous blue ribbons won at horse shows in and around North Carolina are part of our heritage. He enjoyed his role as chief marshal for the great Cleveland County Fair for many years, another opportunity for him to ride one of his favorite horses. He served as Director of the Horses and Ponies Department, and was instrumental in beginning the pony races at the fair, and these proved to be a highly competitive event among youngsters of that day. The Cline children made up a large number of the entrants, the daughter, Helen, being the first girl in Cleveland County to ride in the pony races.

Soon after Mother and Daddy's wedding, April 20, 1916, they saw their first crops destroyed by the "big flood," but not their faith and love in farming.

Mother canned, pickled, and preserved from the beautiful garden and fruit trees. Meat was butchered and cured. Cows, chickens, pigs, mules, horses and ponies were tended for food, work and pleasure. "Mom" had many talents — an excellent cook, experienced seamstress, teacher, nurse, bookkeeper and a good manager of her resources. The kitchen was the heart of the home, filled with the aroma of her "melt-in-your-mouth rolls," country ham, and many other goodies, reason for full stomachs and happy hearts. Her hands were busy much of the time making garments and household articles. Before marrying, she taught at Sharon School, and she continued to use her teaching skills with her own children. Not only did she teach us the "basic 3 R's" but values which were priceless. She encouraged all of her children to use their potential and abilities to the fullest, pursuing a career through further education. She and Daddy lived to see this goal and dream fulfilled.

They were blessed with five children:

Buford Dempsey, born September 27, 1921; married to Wilda Reese. Their children are: Elizabeth (Beth), deceased; twins Raye, married to Janet Goodwin Atkins and they have three children — Britta, Donald and Zac; and Kaye (Mrs. Joe Broughton); they have two children, Bert and Barbie.

Joe Corrace, born January 11, 1924, married to Betty Bradley. Their children are: William Tucker (Tuck), married to Virginia Lightner; Jane (Mrs. Tim Yandle); and Steven.

Helen Eloise, born July 8, 1926; married to Robert Wilson Borders. Their children are: Robert Jr., married to Beverly Byrd, and they have one son, Will; Steven Cline married to



Thomas Ray and Annette Blanton Cline



V. Otha Cline Family. Front: Ben, V.O., Helen. Middle: Otha, Kate. Back: Buford, Joe

Cynthia Bettis, and they have one son, Ben; and Nancy.

Benjamin Eugene, born September 13, 1928; married Frances Scism. Their children are: Benjamin Eugene Jr., and Vickie. Ben was killed in a car accident, January 19, 1957.

V. Otha, Jr. born June 12, 1931; married to Jane Horn. Their children are: Karla Marie (Mrs. Johnny Patrick), twins Mark and William (Bill).

Sources: The family Bible, personal knowledge and memories.

— Helen Cline Borders
and Buford D. Cline

WILLIAM FRANK CLINE and DESCENDANTS

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William Frank Cline, born December 22, 1881, died May 7, 1965, was the son of David Anderson Cline, Jr. and Martha Jane DePriest. He was born on the family farm at Lawndale near Old Piedmont School. He was one of twelve children.

He started his education at Old Piedmont School at Cleveland Mills just above the homeplace in 1898. The school was later moved to Lawndale.

Frank married Fanny Bertha Gold, daughter of Dr. G.M. Gold and Sarah Josephine Packard Gold and they were married for sixty-one years.

His father, David Anderson, gave him some land from the Cline estate on which he built a home and acquired additional farm land. He was a good farmer and prospered. An outdoorsman, he loved to fox hunt and kept a pack of July Fox hounds, his favorite breed. He also enjoyed quail hunting and fishing immensely. He had a deep love for baseball, which was a favorite pastime in those days and was known quite often to slip away from his farming to umpire a game when Piedmont School played. When he called a play, no one

questioned his decision. He was a fair and honest man in everything. He was also an outstanding catcher and could play other positions just as well. The family lived on the farm from about 1905 until 1925 when they moved to their second home in Lawndale (on what is now NC 182), just a short distance from his birthplace. He was a staunch Democrat.

Bertha, who was often called "Easie", also attended Old Piedmont School at Cleveland Mills and there are commencement programs of Old Cleveland Mills still in the family. She, as well as Frank, was a member of New Bethel Baptist Church. She was baptized in 1906. Bertha was honored by New Bethel Baptist Church on her retirement as organist. She had been organist for forty years and missed only seven Sundays at the keyboard, due to sickness, and never missed a revival service. She was seventy-nine when she retired, but continued to serve as assistant organist, playing once a month. She continued to attend church until she broke her hip two and one-half years before her death at the age of 94 years, 11 months and twenty five days. She was born January 13, 1886 and died December 25, 1980. She was a kind and patient lady and of a quiet nature. Bertha was the head of a five generation family: Inez Cline Elmore, J.B. Elmore, Jr., Connie Elmore Grigg, and Scott Grigg. She lived to see four more great great grandchildren.

Frank and Bertha had two children:

Pearl Inez Cline, born July 27, 1904, married Johnnie B. Elmore on December 28, 1922. A homemaker, active in church work at New Bethel, she taught a class for thirty years. She has been a Home Demonstration member for more than fifty years and was county and district president. Johnnie was born March 10, 1903. He is a farmer. He also looked after the farming and worked for Cleveland Mill Company as Outside Foreman for thirty six years. He loved fox hunting, always keeping a pack of July Fox dogs, but his favorite recreation was square dancing.

Carroll Cleve Cline was born May 18, 1906 and died January 7, 1930. Cleve was killed in a tragic hunting accident. He was a star baseball and football player. A member of Shelby High's baseball champions and later starred in baseball and football at Blue Ridge and Boiling Springs College. He played with the Columbus team in the Southeastern League, and was known as "Rube" by western athletic followers.

Johnnie and Inez Elmore have three sons: J.B. Jr., Ben C. and Dan G. Elmore.

J.B. Elmore, Jr., born January 3, 1924, married Janice Wallace (born December 13, 1923). J.B. owns and operates Elmore's Auto and Tractor Service in Lawndale. He attended Piedmont High School and Boiling Springs College. They have two children: Connie Lydia Elmore, born November 25, 1945, who married Randy Grigg, born January 8, 1944. (Connie and Randy have two children, Scott Grigg, born December 12, 1964 and Wendy Grigg, born July 12, 1971.) John B. Elmore III, born March 10, 1956, who married Sandy Lang, born September 25, 1956.

Second son of Johnnie and Inez is Ben Cleve Elmore, born July 20, 1931. Married Barbara Dixon, born April 20, 1932. They have three children: Ben Steven, Jane Inez and Cleve Allan. Ben Steven Elmore, born September 20, 1953, married Patricia Passmore, born September 9, 1954, and they have two children: Tiffany Elmore, born October 5, 1974 and Patrick Steven, born November 7, 1978. Jane Inez Elmore, born October 9, 1956, married Donald Jenkins, born December 22, 1954 and they have one child, Kathy Jane Jenkins, born January 6, 1973. Jane Elmore Jenkins married Chris Newton, born January 25, 1957, and they have one child, Heather Lee Newton, born March 26, 1981. The third child of Ben and Barbara is Cleve Allan Elmore, born December 6, 1962, who married Anita Wright, born April 22, 1964. Ben and Barbara live on a part of the original Cline Farm. Also, Burns Sr. and Burns Jr. High Schools are located on parcels of the Old Cline Farm. Ben Cleve Elmore went in the army in 1953; in 1954 he was stationed in Eniwetok, Marshal Island, in charge of Heavy Equipment Operations used in Atomic Energy Division. He is engaged in farming and works for Eaton Corporation. He is a graduate of Piedmont High School.

The youngest son of Johnnie and Inez is Dan Gold Elmore, born October 7, 1938, married Beverly Brice Mitchell, born August 6, 1941. They have two children, Dan Gold Elmore, Jr., born September 24, 1962, and Lisa Elmore, born September 28, 1966. Dan Gold Elmore graduated from Shelby City Schools in June 1957. A varsity basketball player, he graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College with Bachelor of Arts Degree, June 1963. Currently he is with Burlington Industries as Division Planning Manager; he and his family live in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Sources: Family Records, Bible

— Mrs. Inez Cline Elmore





William Frank and Bertha Gold Cline, 50th Wedding Anniversary

ZEBULON VANCE CLINE 350

Zebulon Vance Cline, born in the Double Shoals community on November 14, 1885, was the second son of Ambrose Haywood (1855-1929) and Endora Hessentine Hendrick Cline (1856-1936).

He was born before the age of automation into a farming family. Mules were used extensively to cultivate the red clay hills of Cleveland County. Because of this need for "mule power", he made many trips to Greenville, Tennessee, with his uncle "Ves" Cline to buy mules for trade. On these earlier trips they drove the mules over the mountains but later were able to ship them to Shelby by rail. This early experience led to a life-long interest in the trade which he later developed into a prosperous business with his brother, V. Otho.

When he was about sixteen, his father

bought 420 acres from Rev. Thomas Dixon and moved the family to a farm out on Buffalo and White Oak Creek. He subsequently met and married Hattie Pearl Borders (1886-), daughter of Elzie Caveney Borders (1857-1941) and Susan Wilson Borders (1857-1947). They had five sons and two daughters.

Although a very modest man, he had many talents. He was a hard worker, a good farmer who loved the land, very family-oriented, well-disciplined, mule trader, cattle dealer and a good business man. He was an active member of Elizabeth Church serving as deacon much of his adult life. For years he was a judge of the harness races at the Cleveland Fair. Those piercing, blue-green eyes sized up every man with whom he came into contact. He lived by the adage: "Judge a man for what he is and what he is capable of doing—a full day's work

is due a full day's pay." His word was his "bond".

He cut and dressed timber off his land to build four new homes for his growing family, drawing the plans for each house himself and selling the surplus lumber to buy adjoining land and additional farms. He bought 350 acres above Waco, some in Gaston County (where Edwin and Lamar presently live), another 280 acres in Cherryville (where the city cemetery is now located), another 260 acres on the County Home Road where Z.V. Jr. now lives. In the late 30's he was farming approximately 2000 acres, planting as much as 500 acres in cotton, the "money" crop.

His first mule trading barn was located behind the Charles Hotel and his partner was C.R. Doggett. A few years later he and his brother, Otho, built another barn where Spangler and Sons are today.

During this period he started buying and breeding Hereford cattle, fattening the steers on the corn grown in the "bottoms" and selling to John Hipps, who shipped to Baltimore. After the bollweevil hit and made cotton production unprofitable, he turned more of his cotton fields into permanent pastureland.

After a bad tractor accident in 1945, which rendered him unconscious for three days, and the return of his two younger sons from World War II, he retired from farming. He built another trading barn on the Patterson Springs Road and another home nearby. He and another brother, J. Raymond Cline (sheriff of Cleveland County from 1933-1946) were partners in this business until the morning of his fatal stroke April 20, 1960.

He was appointed to the board of county commissioners in August of 1948, at the death of Dr. S.S. Royster, and became chairman of the board the next year, a position he held until his retirement in July of 1957. According to the *Shelby Daily Star*, "he guided the board through what many persons considered the most critical period in county history. He was board chairman when a multi-million dollar school building program was launched, when county hospitals got out of the red, and when one of the area's largest bond issues was approved for industry."

Six of the seven children are living. Edwin Haywood (1909) married Joan Rothrock. They had two daughters: Patricia Ann and Joan Rothrock. Patricia married Harry Gene Gold and they have two daughters: Jennifer and Vickie. Joan married Dowel Campbell, John Lattimore and Ken Backhaus. She has one son, Edley Lattimore.

James Lamar (1911) married Gola Hamrick. They had a daughter who died at birth. They adopted a daughter, Barbara Ann, who was killed in an accident in 1961, and a son, James Lamar, Jr., who married Patricia Hastings and they have a daughter, Tammy.

Z.V. Jr. (1915) married Elsie Mae Wilson. They have three children: Betty Jane, Stephen Wilson and Nancy Carol. Betty married Jackie Ned Rich. They have two daughters: Jacqueline and Sharon. Steve married Glenda Jean Philbeck. They have two daughters: Stefanie and Shelley.

Mary Lou (1917) married Marvin H. Put-

nam. They had one daughter, Syble Ann, who married Paul Jarvis Hutchison and they have one son, Marvin Paul. Mary Lou died January 28, 1944.

Clayton Jane (1913) married Jesse Lee Hord Jr. Their two children are: Martha Janet and Jesse Lee III. Janet married Thomas Arlis Tate and they have four children: Jane Lynn, Thomas A. Jr., Roxanne, and Dexter Cline. Thomas A. Jr. married Amber Jean Cooper and they have a daughter, Samantha. Jesse Lee III married Martha Louise Guffey and they have a daughter, Cynthia Shan. Clayton also married Marvin H. Putnam in 1953.

John Dixon (1920) married Violet Austell. They had four daughters: Linda, Peggy, Martha Sue and Johnnie. Linda married Toby Thrift and they have two daughters: Rockelle and Amanda. Peggy married Dennis Goforth. They have a daughter, Jessica and a son, Dennis Jr. Martha Sue married J.L. Hamrick and they have two sons: John Edwin and Lindsey Lamar. Johnnie married Ralph Douglas Ingle and they have a daughter, Lacey Jean. John Dixon also married Frances Beaver Wyatt. Frances had a daughter, Deborah Yvonne, who married Mills Curry.

Ambrose Borders (1924) married Martha Jean Poston. They had a son who died at birth. They also have a daughter, Amy Jean.

John and Ambrose presently live on what is left of the original Zeb Cline farm. The remainder is under water — Moss Lake.

Sources: Mrs. Zeb Cline Sr.; The Shelby Daily Star; Family records

— Janet H. Tate

HERBERT CRANFORD COMBS

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Herbert C. Combs' grandfather was Alfred D. Combs and his grandmother was Margaret Cochran Combs.

Herb's Mother was Letha Belle Welborn Combs who was born February 23, 1884 and died in High Point, North Carolina, on May 29, 1964. Herb's father was Charles Watson Combs, born June 16, 1884 — death date unknown.

Herb had two sisters, now deceased: Nellie Wilma Combs and Ruth Welborn Combs Felton. Ruth married Wesley Felton and they had a daughter, Beth and a son Lynn.

Herb finished at State College, Raleigh, N.C., majoring in textiles in the class of 1931. Herb came to Shelby with the North Carolina Highway Department. Here he met and two years later married Minna Gaston LeGrand. Minna was the first trained (with a postgraduate degree) librarian at Shelby High School in 1934, after graduating from the school of Library Science at the University of North Carolina.

Minna and Herb were married on June 17, 1936. To this happy home were born four children; two boys and two girls. Fain LeGrand Combs, now Mrs. Alfred Green Eskridge, Jr. Fain and Al have four children: Allison Welborn, Alfred, III, Catherine LeGrand and John Porter (named for his great-grandfather Tela Porter).

Next Minna and Herb were the proud par-



Zebulon Vance Cline

ents of Herbert C. Combs, Jr., now a practicing attorney here in Shelby, NC. Then came a wonderful surprise: THE TWINS! Torrance LeGrand Combs, a tax accountant with the State of North Carolina at the Employment Commission here in Shelby. Minna Gaston (Gay) Combs, now Mrs. Joseph Linton Suttle. "Gay" and Linton have three of our seven grandchildren and live on Montrose Drive. Grandchildren are Joe, Tyler Combs, and Majorie Greer.

I am very sorry to say that my husband, Herbert C. Combs, died on Tuesday, June 30, 1981 here in Shelby, North Carolina.

— Mrs. Minna LeGrand Combs

EDGAR CLAUDIUS COOPER

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Edgar Claudius Cooper was born March 29, 1887 near China Grove, North Carolina,

Rowan County. His parents were John Francis Jacob and Martha Jane (Page) Cooper. He was next to the oldest of twelve children; William Franklin, Whitson Leroy, Hubert Francis, George Herman, Susanne Elizabeth (Annie Lingle), Laura Effie (Newland), Mary Sophia (Williams), Myrtle Louise (Lippard), Luther Grady, Mabel (died at age fifteen), and an infant died at birth. The Cooper family lived on a farm long enough for Edgar Cooper to be sure the thing he wanted most was a cotton picker. Soon they moved to China Grove where his father built and operated a flour mill which is still in use today. It is one of the oldest mills of its kind and is being considered for National Historic Registration.

Edgar (Ed) Cooper received his early education in public and private schools of China Grove, graduated from Roanoke College, Virginia (1907) and Mount Airy Lutheran Seminary, Pennsylvania (1912). He was ordained



Hattie Pearl Borders Cline

1912 by the South Western Virginia Synod into the Lutheran ministry. Two of Rev. Cooper's brothers — Herman and Grady — his son, Edgar Mauney, his future wife's brother — Rev. John David Mauney — and Rev. Mauney's three sons — Luther, Jack, and Marshall all became Lutheran ministers.

Rev. Edgar Cooper pursued graduate studies at Mount Airy Seminary and Princeton and he received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from Hartford Theological Seminary, Connecticut (1927). Dr. Cooper was a diligent student of Greek and Hebrew.

Dr. Edgar Cooper married Vera Lavene Mauney, daughter of Jacob Simri and Margaret Juletta Rudisill Mauney, in Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain, North Carolina September 11, 1913. Three children were born to this union.

The older son, Jacob Mauney, married Eleanor Neal September 11, 1937. He died

September 13, 1975. Their children are: Martha Julia — married to Robert Lee Wilson; Eleanor Ann — married to Charles Robert Dawkins; and Jacob Neal — married to Martha Cohn.

The only daughter, Margaret Juletta — married Dr. George Webb Plonk, June 26, 1941. Their children are: Carole Elizabeth — married William Mitchell Fenimore, Jr.; Margaret Juletta — married Kenneth Joseph Pollack; George Webb, Jr. — married Judy Morris; Barbara Ann — married William Douglas Bridges; and Susan Rebecca — married Major William Loftin, Jr.

The younger son, Rev. Edgar Mauney, married Jacqueline Golden Wyrick, April 16, 1977.

There are eighteen great-grandchildren; Lee Ann Wilson, Robert Neal Wilson, Sarah Helen Cooper, Jacob Mauney Cooper II, William Mitchell Fenimore III, Scott Collins Fenimore, Matthew Ryan Pollack, Adam Cooper Pollack,

Palmar Ellen Plonk, Margaret Erin Plonk, Sara Adele Plonk, Drew Patterson Plonk, Ann Rollins Plonk, William Douglas Bridges, Jr., Sidney Sloan Bridges, Wesley Hudson Bridges, Matthew Bradley Bridges and Loftin.

Dr. and Mrs. Cooper served Lutheran churches in Lynchburg, Virginia; Germanton, Pennsylvania; and Albemarle, North Carolina. In 1927 Dr. Cooper became Field Missionary of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod until 1937. During this time the Coopers lived in Kings Mountain with Mrs. Cooper's parents. Dr. Cooper served and developed Holy Comforter, Belmont; Bethany, Kannapolis; Saint Luke — Morning Star, Calvary, Morganton; Watauga (County) Parish; and Ascension Lutheran Church, Shelby, North Carolina.

Dr. Cooper was happiest when he was revitalizing an old church or establishing a new one. Through the power of the Holy Spirit he was able to encourage many people to give their wealth to the work of God's Kingdom. Many were the Sunday mornings when Pastor Cooper's car was full to overflowing with little children on their way to Sunday School and church. A great number of these children helped their parents to find their way into God's house.

Governor Clyde R. Hoey appointed Dr. Cooper Director of Religious Training and Chaplain of Raleigh prisons, North Carolina State Prison System (1937-39). He served as President and part-time professor of Southern Lutheran Seminary, Columbia, South Carolina (1939-45) and Chaplain United States Penitentiary, Atlanta, Georgia (1945-46). He served Holy Trinity, Chapel Hill, North Carolina (1946-53), raising part of the funds and building the church and parsonage. He was also pastor to the students of the University of North Carolina.

He retired 1953 at Kings Mountain. Later Dr. Cooper was guest Professor at Dana College, Blair, Nebraska and the Pacific Seminary, Berkeley, California. He died May 26, 1963 and is buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Sources: LIFE SKETCHES OF LUTHERAN MINISTERS North Carolina and Tennessee Synods; *Centennial Booklet of Kings Mountain, 1974*; *Jacob Simri Mauney Scrap Book*; Vera Lavene Mauney Cooper's diaries; THREE MAUNEY FAMILIES Summers; KINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD May 23, 1963.

— Margaret Juletta Cooper Plonk

VERA LAVENE MAUNEY COOPER

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Vera Lavene Mauney was born July 17, 1887 at 107 North Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, North Carolina, Cleveland County. Her parents were Jacob Simri and Margaret Juletta Rudisill Mauney.

Miss Mauney was educated in the Kings Mountain High School, 1905. She particularly enjoyed and excelled in Latin and Algebra. She graduated from Elizabeth College in Charlotte, North Carolina, 1909, and has been very active in the Elizabeth College Alumni. Miss Mauney took a kindergarten course at the Mary J. Drexel School for Girls — a part of Lankenau

Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She came back to take care of her parents and started the first kindergarten in Kings Mountain at Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church. Miss Mauney taught for two years. She had every intention of making these activities her career, but Rev. Edgar Claudius Cooper of China Grove, North Carolina changed her mind. They were married in Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church September 11, 1913. Three children were born to this union — Jacob Mauney, Margaret Juletta, and Edgar Mauney.

Rev. and Mrs. Cooper served Lutheran churches in Virginia, Pennsylvania, and North Carolina. In 1927 he became Field Missionary of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod until 1937. During this time Dr. and Mrs. Cooper lived in Kings Mountain with Mrs. Coopers parents. These ten years were a joy to the whole family. Vera Mauney Cooper was able to care for her parents in their last years, and the children had ten years of uninterrupted schooling and the pleasure of living with grandparents.

Dr. and Mrs. Cooper have always enjoyed entertaining. They particularly liked to serve breakfast to friends, family and the students who visited them. They have also traveled many thousands of miles together in Dr. Cooper's work. Mrs. Cooper has served faithfully at her husband's side.

Mrs. Cooper loves children and has always taken her place teaching them, inspiring them, caring for them, and opening her home to them. Her deep appreciation for the beauties of nature and for all of the gifts from God have made the lives of her children richer and fuller.

Horseback riding, tennis, and basketball were her favorite sports. As a young woman, she rode side-saddle, but later, she rode astride and did some riding until her late fifties. Quite often Mrs. Cooper would produce a lovely bit of poetry about something that she had enjoyed or experienced. Below is a favorite.

O beautiful fire, what would I give
To have you with me down where I live?
They say you are mine, but I can't see
What earthly good you are to me
Away up here and me down there
A shivering and shaking — Well I declare,
Things work out in this world rather "quare."
If a person can't be where his home is,
I swear it's just a burden, and a care,
But it is a pleasure, I must confess,
To slip in the key to the home we possess,
Build up a fire in the old fire place
To warm ones toes and burn ones face.
Yes, there are things I came to do
But I'd rather just sit here and look at you
While dreaming of pleasant days gone by.
O beautiful fire, in the old home hearth,
Memories crowd 'round me here from the day of my birth.

— Vera Mauney Cooper

Mrs. Cooper is a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Daughters of the American Revolution. She is a former member of the Kings Mountain Womans Club and the Home Arts Book Club. While she and Dr. Cooper were at the Southern Lutheran Seminary in Columbia, South Carolina, Mrs. Cooper organized the Auxiliary of the Southern Lutheran Seminary — a very active organization today in the North and South Carolina Lutheran Synods.

Vera Cooper's love for and faith in God have been the foundations of her life. Her church,

home, and community have been her workshops. Service to others has certainly been the joy and meaning of her life.

At present she is looking forward to her 95th birthday, and she is a patient in the Kings Mountain Convalescent Center.

Sources: *LIFE SKETCHES OF LUTHERAN MINISTERS* North Carolina and Tennessee Synods; *Centennial Booklet of Kings Mountain, 1974*; *Jacob Simri Mauney Scrap Book*; Vera Lavene Mauney Cooper's diaries; *THREE MAUNEY FAMILIES* Summers; *KINGS MOUNTAIN HERALD* May 32, 1963

— Margaret Juletta Cooper Plonk



Vera Lavene Mauney Cooper

THE GEORGE CORN FAMILY 354

George Henry Corn, born in Greenville, South Carolina, November 19, 1916, made his first visit to Shelby in 1936 to "court" Ann Jones, whom he met at Appalachian State Teachers College.

"Ann," Annabeth Hoyle Jones was born August 6, 1919, in the Palm Tree Community, to Florence Elliott and William Judson Jones. Her forebears on both sides lived in this area before it was Cleveland County. Their stories are also in this book.

GEORGE AND Ann were married on May 29, 1941 in Central Methodist Church. George spent the next four years in World War Two, attaining the rank of Lt. Senior Grade in the United States Navy. In 1946, he came back to Shelby and Cleveland County.

George owned and operated Corn's Ice Cream Company, located in the 800 block of West Warren Street, selling out to Coble Daries in 1951. In June 1951, he organized Shelby Concrete Products, Inc. which manufactured the blocks and building materials for many of the finest buildings in Western North Carolina.

George Henry Corn, Junior was born November 14, 1947. He graduated from Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina and from California Western Law School. George married Lynda Rebecca Booth, Kingsport, Tennessee, June 26, 1971. A daughter, Annabeth Ramey was born August 3, 1980.

They reside in Hamilton, Montana, where George is a practicing attorney.

William James Corn was born May 12, 1950. He graduated from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. On August 18, 1973, he married Penny Hunt of Lattimore where they live with their three children. James Hunter Corn, born August 5, 1975. Annabeth Jones Corn, (Annie J.) born August 11, 1977. William James Corn, Junior, born August 19, 1978.

Among George's contributions to Shelby and Cleveland County were: Youth Leader, Sunday School Teacher, chairman of Administrative Board, and many other things at Central Methodist Church. He served as president of the Rotary Club, president of Chamber of Commerce, president of Cleveland Country Club, city alderman 1957-1961, Mayor Pro Tem 1959-1961, on boards of Salvation Army, Boy's Club, First Citizen's Bank, Cleveland Memorial Hospital, chairman of building committee Blanton Stadium, member of building committees of Cleveland County Memorial Library, Veteran's Field and Schweepe Tennis Stadium.

George and Ann annually present a trophy for most outstanding golfer at Shelby High School.

Among Ann's contributions to the city and county were: served on board of Cleveland Memorial Library, Cleveland Country Club, President of Junior Charity League, taught handicapped children in the public schools, taught the game of bridge for City Park and in her home she pioneered with "Reach for Recovery", a cancer support group, filled with any and every job offered her at Central Methodist Church.

Sources: Family Bible and personal knowledge

— Ann Corn

THE CORNWELL FAMILY 355

The Cornwell Family came from England. They first spelled their names Cornwall. They settled in Virginia in 1635, and at an undetermined date they came to North Carolina. Some of the family moved to North Carolina and settled three miles north of what is now Shelby.

McCager Cornwell is the first traceable ancestor and was the father of Abner who married Suzannah London. They lived on a farm which was a Land Grant from the government. Abner and Suzannah had nine children.

Abner Cornwell was a great "Church Goer." After Zion Baptist Church was established, they had services once a month. He had the desire to attend a worship service every week. To fulfill his desire, he would get up before daylight and ride a horse or mule many miles to attend other churches.

Abner and Suzannah Cornwell's children were Creighton, Jack, Amos, Frank, Mary Ann, Elizabeth, Amanda, Mariah Jane and William. Jack, Amos, and Frank served in the Civil War. Frank, a captain, died in Service.

Creighton Cornwell went west and settled in Petaluma, California. In 1859, he married a beautiful native girl from Ireland, Eliza Brady.



Sara Susan Elliott, age 16, wife of William Cornwell

Their wedding was at St. Vincent's Catholic Church. They were blessed with three sons, James, Henry and Frank. They accumulated quite a bit of property in East Petaluma. One of the great grandsons, Captain James William Cornwell served in the second World War as a pilot. While in the Navy he had a mountain named for him because of his extensive aerial mapping of the Antarctic mountains, some of which had never been seen before by man. He was previously stationed in Washington D.C., and his assignment was to take diplomats to various foreign countries.

Amos Cornwell married Clemintine Gilispie. They had ten children. Mary Bell, a great granddaughter married C.W. Jenson, and they live in Donville, California. C.W. is a college professor and writer. He has written a text book for college on the "Metric System." Two of Amos's grandsons, Tom and Hal Cornwell have a chain of drug stores in Cleveland and other counties. Tom Cornwell and his wife have a building at Mars Hill College called the "Cornwell Dormitory." In this family, there are two medical doctors. Dr. Abner Cornwell was an English Professor at Davidson College. Roslyn Cornwell (Mrs. Williamson) is a teacher and musician. Frances Cornwell (Mrs. Greene), a gifted musician is Music Director of a church in Elkin, N.C. Tom Cornwell, a son of Amos was President of Cleveland Co. Fair for many years.

Elizabeth Cornwell married Ansel McSwain, a Baptist Minister. They had three children. One of the great grandsons, Mallary McSwain, is the District Director of Young Life Clubs with headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia.

Mary Ann Cornwell was the wife of Joseph Wilson. They were blessed with six children. Their daughter, Etta, never married. She was the "helping Angel." When anyone was sick or lonely in the community, she was there with a smile and a remedy. One great grandson, Matthew Patterson was a Dentist in Concord, North Carolina. Sara Elizabeth Davis (Mrs. Tal-ent) has been a Reading Specialist in schools and colleges including Gardner Webb College.

Jack Cornwell married Rachel Putnam, and they had five children. Three great grand-daughters were tops in their fields. Mary Winn (Mrs. William Paugh, R.N.), taught at Gardner Webb College and Cleveland Memorial Hospi-tal. Mary Cornwell (Mrs. Campbell), is a teach-er and her husband is a minister. Cathy, (Mrs. Cheek) works in the Business office of the "Biblical Recorder" in Raleigh, North Caro-lina.

Mariah Jane Cornwell married Rev. Abe Irvin, a Baptist Minister. They had four chil-dren. One of the sons, John Irvin, was Super-intendent of Schools in Cleveland County. James Irvin was an outstanding Bible Teacher. Great granddaughters, Ruby Irvin, and Mary Lackey are also superior teachers.

Amanda Cornwell never married. She lived with her brother, William. When she was a small girl, her mother showed her a big tree on the farm where the Indians would hide behind, and peep at them as they worked on the farm. Lydia Amanda was a devout christian and a "second mother" to her brother William's children.

William Cornwell married Sara Susan Elliott. They built a new home by the old Corn-well ancestral home. On one occasion, Sara Susan rode horseback some fifteen miles to Polkville to the ancestral home to get some old English Boxwoods to put out at her new home.



Laura Cornwell, principal of Marion Elementary School, Shelby

There were five living children. Four passed away in infancy. Frank Cornwell married Mar-gret Blanton and Charlie Cornwell married Mit-tie Cline. They lived on the old ancestral farm secured by the Land Grant from the U.S. Gov-ernment. They added other connecting farms and were good farmers and cattle raisers. Both brothers were very faithful to Zion Baptist Church where Frank gave the brick to build the church and Charlie gave the pulpit furnishings.

Laura Cornwell, a devout Christian, was for many years principal of Marion Elementary School in Shelby, N.C. Later she spent 8 years in Honolulu, Hawaii working with the Baptist Academy as a teacher and principal.

Nora Cornwell received her education at Duke University and the University of North



Captain James William Cornwell (U.S. Navy), June 1977

Carolina. She was an elementary teacher in the Shelby Public Schools. She also taught Sun-day School at First Baptist Church for many years. She became the wife of C. Yates Harris, a great nephew of Senator Plato Durham, who did much good for our country.

Pearl Cornwell, the youngest child of Wil-liam and Susan Cornwell, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and taught math for six years before she mar-ried Rev. Edward Sylvester Elliott. They both served Baptist Churches in Kentucky, Arkan-sas, and North Carolina for over fifty years.

Edward Cornwell Elliott, a son of Pearl Elliott received his A.B. degree from Wake Forest University, his B.D. degree from Yale Univer-sity, His Master's of Divinity from Southern Baptist Seminary, and his Master's of Science in Social Work from the University of Illinois. He is an ordained Methodist Minister serving as the Director of the Methodist Childrens Home in Raleigh, N.C. Edward's wife is Gay Hay of Shreveport, La. She received her B.A. degree from Centenary College, and her Mas-ter's of Science in Speech and Hearing from Eastern Illinois University. Their two sons, Ralph and Chris are graduates of the University of Illinois. Ralph received his law degree, and is practicing in Freeport, Illinois. Chris is a computer scientist in San Diego, California.

Willian Salin Elliott, a son of Pearl Elliott was named after his Grandfather, William Corn-well. He received his A.B. degree from Wake Forest University, His Master of Science in Guidance from Indiana University, his Bache-lor and Master's of Divinity from Southern Baptist Seminary, and completed his Ph.D. studies at the University of Edinburgh in Edin-burgh, Scotland. He is an ordained Baptist Minister, and has served churches in North Carolina, Kentucky, and Indiana. Also, he is a Guidance Counselor in the New Albany — Floyd County Schools. His wife is Louise Elliott from Roswell, Georgia. She received her B.A. degree from Tift College, her Master's degree from Indiana University, and her Master's in Religious Education from Southern Baptist Seminary. She is an Educator in the public schools of Southern Indiana. Their two chil-dren are Susan Elliott Bell and Mark William Elliott. Susan, named after her Great-Grandmother, Susan Cornwell, is a Graduate

of Georgetown College and Bellerme College. She is an Assistant Vice-President of Portland Federal Savings and Loan in Louisville, Ky. Her husband, David Bell, is a graduate of Georgetown College and the University of Louisville with his law degree. He is an attorney for the First National Bank of Louisville, Kentucky. Mark William Elliott is a graduate of Butler University, and Vanderbilt Medical School of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tennessee.

— Mrs. Yates Harris

THE FAMILY OF GEORGE L. and JULIA GOLD CORNWELL

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"I found a good woman and I treated her right! We had arguments but never any fusses and she's the boss in the family." That was George L. Cornwell's reasoning for the success of his seventy years of marriage to Julia Gold as told to *Shelby Daily Star* reporter, Pat Poston, in February, 1961. That marriage which took place on February 19, 1891 united two deeply rooted Cleveland County families and produced a number of widely dispersed descendants.

George Landrum Cornwell was born June 22, 1870 the son of Amos H. Cornwell (1844-1924) and Sarah Clementine Gillespie (1850-1933). His paternal grandparents were Abner Cornwell (1803-1885) and Susannah London (1806-1879). His maternal grandparents were Jonathan Gillespie (1807-1859) and Nancy Bland (1819-1887).

Julia Gold was born August 4, 1872 the daughter of Williamson Fortune Gold (1836-1928) and Margaret Gordon Elliott (1848-1921). Her paternal grandparents were Milton Gold (1805-1888) and Martha Fortune (1812-1886). Her maternal grandparents were John Paxton Elliott (1817-1873) and Sarah Beam (1825-1895).

Both George and Julia's fathers served in the Civil War and returned to their native area to pursue farming and raising a family. George and Julia would establish their household in the Double Shoals area of Cleveland County.

The first of their thirteen children arrived on February 4, 1892. She was named Buna Belle. Buna married Frank Guy Hull (born 1878) on June 28, 1922. Guy Hull died August 1, 1973. No children were born to this union.

Zoa Lala Cornwell was born October 9, 1893 and married Claude Stamey (born 1887) on January 22, 1913. Claude died February 27, 1961. This marriage produced three children, six grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

Abner Milton Cornwell was born May 17, 1895 and married Mary Anne Newcomb (born 1895) on November 19, 1927. This union produced two children, and four grandchildren. Abner died December 27, 1967, Mary followed on January 20, 1981.

Mittie Mae Mattie Cornwell was born March 12, 1897 and married Claude Gettys (born November 24, 1895) on October 26, 1927. This marriage produced four children, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild.



George L. and Julia Gold Cornwell Family: Standing, L to R: Tom, Mattie, Pearl, Hal, Margaret, Clema, Mark. Seated, L to R: Abner, Lala, George L., Julia, Buna, Lee. On ground: Jim, Robert

Claude died March 4, 1962.

Lee Williamson Cornwell was born February 14, 1899 and married Dorcas Helen Blanton (born March 3, 1903) on December 15, 1923. This marriage produced three children, four grandchildren, and three great grandchildren. Helen died May 30, 1976. Lee married Maude Roberts July 19, 1977 and she died later that month. He married Vada Devine March 3, 1981.

Cora Marie Cornwell was born February 15, 1901 and married William Yates Horn (born June 8, 1898) on March 4, 1928. Yates and Marie had three children and eight grandchildren. Yates died December 7, 1976.

Luna Clementine Cornwell was born March 13, 1903 and married Ira Elmore (born May 9, 1900) in August, 1924. The marriage produced four children and nine grandchildren. Clementine died January 5, 1933. Ira married Della Powell (born January 15, 1904) on December 27, 1934. Ira died January 29, 1966.

George Thomas Cornwell was born March 3, 1905 and married Mary Louise Huffman (born March 13, 1908) on August 16, 1933. This union produced three children, ten grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Mary Louise died December 9, 1961. Tom married Louise Johnson Grill (born July 21, 1917) on May 1, 1965.

Margaret Lillian Cornwell was born January 12, 1907 and married Carl Lee (born November 5, 1908) with whom she had two children and five grandchildren. Carl died in 1956. Margaret married John Mull who is now deceased.

Pearl Gold Cornwell was born February 7, 1909 and married Harvey Samuel Warlick (born March 28, 1909) on May 3, 1935. This union produced three children, and three grandchildren.

Amos Halstead Cornwell was born June 4, 1911 and married Dorothy Elizabeth Miller

(born May 10, 1917) on January 4, 1941. Hal and Dorothy had three children and three grandchildren.

James Francis Cornwell was born July 1, 1913 and married Sarah Elizabeth Hamrick (born May 26, 1913) on February 16, 1938. Jim and Sarah had four children and two grandchildren.

Robert Alton Cornwell was born August 3, 1915 and married Mary Erlene Hoover (born August 2, 1918) on October 10, 1940. This marriage produced five children and six grandchildren.

George L. Cornwell, farmer and county commissioner (1936-1940), died October 1, 1961, ending seventy years of marriage. Julia Gold Cornwell died November 26, 1964 and was buried with her husband, numerous ancestors, and many relatives at Zion Baptist Church. Pat Poston summed up their life together beautifully when she wrote, "It is evident in their faces. Although time has chiseled its marks there, love shines through like the glint of a diamond."

Sources: Cornwell Family notes of the late Mary N. Cornwell, Cemetery Information, "*Shelby Daily Star*," Ancestry information from Census Records and courthouse records (wills, etc.)

— Stephen Claude Bettis

JAMES FRANCIS CORNWELL

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James Francis Cornwell was born July 1, 1913, in the Lawndale community. He was the twelfth of the thirteen children born to George Landrum and Julia Gold Cornwell. When he was eleven he joined the Zion Baptist Church, and, as he reports it, "Uncle Gordon Washburn nearly drowned me when he baptized me!"

In 1931 he graduated from Piedmont High

School and then attended Boiling Springs Junior College for a year and a half. There he lettered in football, basketball, and baseball. Determined that he would be a farmer, he left the halls of academe for the fields of home and finally started farming on his own in 1935. His love of the land and his sense of stewardship are apparent to anyone who drives by his farms in the Rehobeth and Lattimore communities.

On February 16, 1938, he and Sarah Elizabeth Hamrick, the daughter of Charles Jefferson and Belva Hamrick, were married at the home of the Rev. Rush Padgett, then pastor of the Lattimore Baptist Church. To this union four children were born: Charles Landrum (May 3, 1939); Carolyn Hamrick (May 13, 1941); George Richard (March 28, 1946); and James Stephen (September 28, 1949).

In addition to working on his farms (it could be said that his chief hobby is working), he has been active in the Lattimore Baptist Church (as deacon and as chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee) and in community affairs. He has served as a trustee for both Cleveland Memorial Hospital and Crawley Memorial Hospital and has been a member of the Board of Trustees for both Gardner-Webb College and Cleveland Technical College.

Although he likes long days in the fields, he still finds time most evenings to read. While he enjoys books on current events and local history, he reads books on Civil War with a passion. Like most Southerners, he is a bit of a raconteur; he respects the traditions he was reared in, and he loves the land and his family.

Sources: Personal knowledge

— Charles L. Cornwell

JOSEPH NEWTON CRAVER and SARAH ELIZABETH ROSEMAN CRAVER

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Joseph Newton Craver ("Joe") and Sarah Elizabeth Roseman Craver became residents of Shelby September 22, 1941, when he assumed duties as Assistant Soil Conservationist for Cleveland County. In 1971 he resigned his position as District Conservationist of the Soil Conservation Service. His thirty years profession has contributed significantly to reforestation, terracing, water disposal farming practices, and grazing land management in Cleveland County.

He was a principal organizer of "Miracle Farm Day" in conjunction with the Shelby Lions Club in 1950, when in a single day a substandard farm was transformed into a "show case" of progressive agricultural practices and facilities. The United States Secretary of Agriculture was among other state and federal officials present in the county for the event which was nationally acclaimed.

Another hallmark of Joe Craver's career has been North Carolina's "Better Acres Program" of the 1950's which originated here under his direction and the sponsorship of the Cleveland County Agricultural Workers Council. In the late 1950's and early 60's, he has also been a significant contributor to the success of Cleveland County's Vocational Agricultural land judging teams which won the first place award in international competition in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, in 1956 and also national honors in other years.

As a civic leader Joe Craver presently is a member of the board of trustees of the O. Max Gardner Foundation, the Shelby Appearance Commission, and the Shelby Lions Club. He was an organizer of the Cleveland County Chapter of the American Cancer Society and has served as chairman of the Cleveland County United Fund. A former member of the City of Shelby Parks and Recreation Commission, he has always maintained a keen interest in supporting recreational programs for children and has served as a member of the Piedmont Boy Scouts Council for over twenty years.

Elizabeth Craver taught mathematics and general science in the Shelby public schools from 1956 to 1970. She has also been active in the community as well as Ascension Lutheran Church in Shelby where both she and her husband have served as church teachers and council members.

In the summer of 1949 during a fierce polio epidemic, Elizabeth Craver and the local Lutheran minister, the Reverend J.D. Shepard, taught Sunday school lessons to the children of the area each Sunday morning over the local radio station.

A victim of severe rheumatoid arthritis since the late 1940's, serious physical impediments required her professionally to abandon her home economics degree and to obtain a new degree in mathematics and general science education. In addition, her physical condition has progressively tempered her ability to remain extremely active outside of her home thought the recent years.



Elizabeth Roseman Craver

A native of the Hargrove community of Davidson County, Joseph Newton Craver, named for his grandfathers, John Newton Craver and Joseph Coldfelter, was born May 19, 1909, the eighth of nine children of Mary Alice Clodfelter and Curran Planus Craver, a farmer and justice of the peace. A college football standout, he graduated from High Point College in 1933 and became employed as a public school teacher and athletic coach at Norlina, Warren County, North Carolina for two years. From 1935 to 1941 he was employed as the Custodian of Labor of the Soil Erosion Service of the Civilian Conservation Corps, working with young men of the great depression era who fondly came to call him "Big Joe".

Sarah Elizabeth Roseman, named for her paternal grandmother, Sarah Elizabeth Lyerly, was born in Salisbury March 8, 1909, the third of ten children of Florence Myrtle Chase and Freddie Sylvester Roseman, a railroad man. She traveled extensively throughout the United States and Mexico as a young woman and graduated from Catawba College with a degree in home economics in 1930. After teaching public school in North Carolina for five years during the great depression earning \$72.50 per month for eight months each year, in 1934 she became a home economics representative for the Georgia Power and Light Company in Athens, Georgia, and for two years demonstrated the new "electric" stove to homemakers. In 1936 she assumed a similar position with the East Tennessee Power and Light Company in Johnson City, Tennessee until 1938 when she returned to Salisbury to marry Joseph Newton Craver.

Joe and Elizabeth Craver are the parents of three children. A son, Joe Malcolm Craver, now a thoracic surgeon, was born in Concord, North Carolina, April 18, 1941, is married to Lillian Elizabeth Wallace, born February 18, 1941, and has two children, William Joseph Craver, born October 24, 1968, and Catherine Frances Craver, born May 18, 1972. A second son, Richard Davidson Craver, a lawyer, was born in Shelby August 19, 1942,



Joseph Newton Craver

is married to Mary Adelaide Austell, born July 1, 1942, and has two children, Joseph Newton Craver, II; born January 12, 1975, and Adelaide Austell Craver, born July 16, 1976. Their only daughter Sarah Elizabeth ("Sis") was born in Shelby September 5, 1943, is married to William Arthur Mann, born June 30, 1944, and has three children, William Haynie Mann, III, born March 4, 1969, Marion Elizabeth Mann, born September 5, 1970, and Richard Joseph Mann, born February 2, 1976.

Sources: Personal knowledge

— Richard Davidson Craver



Joe, Dick and Sarah Craver, picture taken 1947

FRED ADERHOLT CRAWFORD and VANNAH BELLE YOUNG

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Fred Aderholt Crawford (1885-1935) was born in Morgan Co. Ga. the son of William Columbus Crawford and Ramoth Cornelius Gordon Crawford. He was married to Vannah Belle Young on May 7th. 1905 in Walton Co. Ga. She was born the daughter of Joseph Walton Young and Susan Zillima Daniel Young (1889-1980) in Morgan County Ga. Fred and Vannah were the parents of ten children.

Fred was a farmer until the depression years. In 1933 he moved his family to Shelby, N.C. At this time he put his hobby of carpentry to work, in order to provide for his family. To help financially, Vannah worked for the Rexlex Co. wrapping headache powders. On June 14th, 1935, Fred passed away. This left Vannah with a large family to care for.

Vannah proved as strong as the task before her. With sewing, canning and a part time job, along with the help of her older children, she managed to raise her family. Her love for her family and her strong faith in God carried her through many hard times. By 1944 she had seen both of her sons and three sons-in-law serve their country in foreign lands. One son-in-law worked in a shipyard in Virginia. By 1957 three of her grandsons had served in the armed forces, two having been in Viet Nam.

Fred and Vannah's children are Foster (1906-1906); Ernest Euell (1907-1967) who

married Lillian Johnson (from England). Their children are Gail and Gary Euell; Nellie Ruth, married Roy Byram, daughter. Betty Jean; Walton Columbus (1911-1913); Susan Virginia married Max Robert Williams. Their daughter is Noreita Virginia; Henry Fred's second wife, Mildred Wright. Their children are Judy Ann and Sandra Dianne. He and his first wife Jeanette Rucker had two children, Thomas Euell Crawford and Carla Karen; Minnie Belle's second husband was Howard Anthony. Her first husband was Wilson Biggerstaff, children Rosiland Leah, George Wilson Biggerstaff and Cathy Dianne; Dorothy Christine married James Glenn Smith — children, Glenn Fredrick and Janet Suzanne; Ramoth Janet married Thomas George Isrel. Their children, Thomas George Isrel, Richard (Rick) Isrel and Sandra Dianne Isrel; Kitty Elizabeth married James Calvin Minnix — Children, Rev. James Michael Minnix and Carl Stephen Minnis.

Fred and Vannah Crawford have at present 23 greatgrandchildren . . .

Vannah lived to be 91 years old. She had lost in death her mother, father, husband, three of her sons, and all of her brothers and sisters except one. She was an inspiration, not only to her family, but to all who knew her. Her concern for others, many talents, fortitude, and her faith in God will live long in the hearts and minds of all who loved her.

Thomas George Isrel, husband of Janet Crawford, also died at the age of 48.

Sources: Personal Knowledge

— Mrs. James Minnix

THE RICHARD PATRICK CROKER FAMILY

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Richard Patrick Croker was born May 20, 1885. He rode a car into Kings Mountain in the early 1930's and went to work for the Neisler's who owned the Margrace Mill. Pat, whose real name was William Franklin Croker, kept the grounds and did the landscaping at the plant. He changed his name, because he wanted a more Irish sounding one. His parents, Albert Lindsey and Abigail Murphy Croker were from Ireland, but lived in High Point at the time of their deaths. Pat was a tall, thin man about six feet and had a keen sense of humor. He had a bit of the blarney in him.

Ellen B. Falls was working at the Margrace at the time Pat Croker arrived. She had been working there since 1928. They were married September 24, 1932 in York, S.C. by Gettys Nunn. Ellen and Pat were living in the Nebo community when their first child, Richard Lyndgree (Dick) was born April 30, 1934. Dick resembled the Falls side of the family and was a mischievous little boy. He didn't like his milk and wouldn't eat his vegetables. He was a skinny child, but he had a big Irish grin. Dick was four when his little sister, Lydia Jane, was born. She was delivered by Dr. Bill Ramseur and was born in the Falls family home on East King Street in the downstairs bedroom September 29, 1938. An older sister, Ellen Kathryn Falls, was born in the same bedroom on March 13, 1928.

Jane was a chubby little girl with blonde hair. She ate most of her vegetables and she liked milk. Jane especially liked the left over dough from a pie her mother would make. Jane's father called her Liddy and a neighbor gentlemen called her "Little Pat" so you know who she resembled.

She like her Grandpa Falls, liked music and sang in the junior and senior choir at the Methodist Church.

In the early 1940's the Croker family lived at 301 North Gaston Street near the Power House. There was a creek at the back of the house that Dick and Jane played in and fought over. Dick would pick craw-fish and chase Jane, screaming all the way, up the hill to the house and the safety of mother.

In August 1946 Patrick and Ellen were divorced. He moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee where he died in October 1963. Pat never remarried.

Ellen was introduced to Andrew Petrosino by friends of the couple, Frank and Margrace Ford Cicerano. Andy was born in Toronto, Italy in 1903, but had been living in Boston, Mass. Ellen and Andy began their courtship through letters, then Andy flew down in September 1948 and they were married. He was a heavy set man with cold black wavy hair. His eyes were bad and he had to wear very thick glasses. They moved to a little house on York Road. Andy died August 1953.

Ellen Kathryn Falls had married Hazel Edward (Rab6 Huffstickler, a fifth cousin, in May 1944. She was sixteen. Kathryn was a tall beauty that favored her great Aunt Regina Falls, her grandfather's sister.

November 20, 1945 Kathryn and Rab had their first child, Cecelia Elaine. In July 7, 1950 Oliver Michael was born. He had red hair and was a chubby little boy. Elaine had a reddish-blond color of hair and was tiny. October 18, 1955 Pamela Jane Huffstickler was born. She had big brown eyes and auburn hair. Teresa Beverly Huffstickler was born August 22, 1958. She had high cheek bones and blonde hair. Kathryn died March 10, 1959 from complications of a gallstone operation.

Dick Croker joined the Navy in 1954. He spent most of his Navy duty overseas and on the West coast. In 1961 he was stationed in Brunswick, Georgia and in September that year Dick married Emory Earlene (Jean) Callahan. They had three children. Richard Terry born June 17, 1962. Victoria Lynn born August 17, 1965 in California and also Kevin Patrick born February 1, 1967 in Calif. Dick and his family had been transferred to North Augusta, S.C. in March 1972. He died in the Naval Hospital in Charleston, S.C. December 15, 1973 of Peri-Artiritis-Nodosa. He was buried with full military honors in Kings Mountain.

Lydia Jane met Charles Lee Edwards, son of Dwight and Faith Beam Edwards of Cherryville at the "Corner" cafe, a teenage hangout in Kings Mountain, in 1956. Charles is a short man about 5'9" with blue-green eyes and brown hair, which he wore in a crew cut. Rock and Roll was the music of the day and peg pants and pony tails and pedal pushers were the casual dress of the boys and girls of that

era. Crinalon's were worn by the girls under their skirts.

Charles and Jane were married July 20, 1957 in Gaffney, S.C. by W.R. Douglas. Charles was shy and Jane was talkative. Their first child was born February 4, 1958, she was delivered by Dr. Torben Seer, in Gastonia. She had cold black hair at birth that turned blonde as she grew older. She was a prissy little girl who learned quickly. Karen Danette, was the first female to be born an Edwards in 50 years. Five generations were living at the time of Karen's birth on her father's side. May 23, 1959, Charles Lee Edwards, Jr., was born. He had red hair and had big hands and big feet like his dad. He was nicknamed "Butch", because he was large at birth. He weighed 8 lbs. 9½ oz. Butch liked to ride Karen's little blue hobby horse and would bounce himself to sleep on it. Donald Scott Edwards born February 11, 1961 was a beautiful baby. He had olive skin and a twinkle in his eye. He wanted to play football all his life, but an accident in high school ended the football career for good. His right kidney was badly damaged in a tackle. Ellen Faith (Missy) Edwards born September 16, 1967 has very red hair. She is a petite and very thoughtful child. She had Herpes Encephalitis in August 1970 and spent 29 days in the North Carolina Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill. She had some brain damage on her right side, but she goes to school and she learned to swim in 1981. She is very bright for what she went through.

Karen finished high school and attended Gaston College and finished Gardner-Webb College Cum Laude in August 1981. Karen and Douglas Miles Childres were married at the First Wesleyan Church in Cherryville September 15, 1979. Rev. Jack Cook, Chaplin of Carolina Freight heard the vows. Doug teaches school at West Lincoln High and also coaches.

Butch Edwards and Lisa Annette Sellers were married May 18, 1980 in the Shady Grove Baptist Church. They were separated September 1981. There were no children. Butch lives alone near his parents on a small piece of land he bought himself. He works for Harris-Teeter in Cherryville.

— Mrs. Charles Edwards

THE REV. CLIFFORD COMELIUS CROW

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The Rev. C.C. Crow, better known as Preacher Crow, made as much impact on his community as the new century that ushered him in on August 5, 1900 in the Hollis Community of Rutherford County.

Before his death September 23, 1981 and burial in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, C.C. Crow served fifteen churches during a thirty-two year active ministry in Cleveland and Rutherford Counties. He baptized more than a thousand people, performed three hundred marriage ceremonies, preached over one hundred revivals, and presided over more than a thousand funerals.

He was moderator of both the Sandy Run and Kings Mountain Baptist Associations. For four years after retirement, he taught at Fruit-



Richard Patrick Croker, 1885-1963

land Minister's School, Hendersonville, N.C. A national honor came his way in 1952 when he was named "Rural Pastor of the Year" by the *Progressive Farmer*.

Crow's background gave him a special understanding of the rural people he served. Feeling that a minister should understand the work his people do, Crow passed up opportunities to pastor town churches in favor of the rural life he loved.

Born to Elijah P. and Ella Price Crow, a poor tenant family, Crow grew up working on the farm. Being the only boy (he had one sister, Dorcas), he began plowing at age nine to help his family dig a living out of the rolling hills.

Helping out at home took precedence over schooling. Although he was second in his class and dreamed of going to high school, Crow had to stop school after the seventh grade.

Older people at Big Springs Baptist Church urged Crow to preach after he started Sunday School there. He wrestled with the calling because he didn't see his way clear to the education he needed. Meanwhile, he and his wife, Lillie Toney Crow, had two children, John Buren, born February 10, 1925 and Macy Ellen, born June 25, 1926.

With the encouragement of Big Springs' pastor, D.G. Washburn, Crow began preaching at his home church. Fourteen years after leaving elementary school, the age of 27, he started to Hollis High School. He was eager to go to college and felt a door would open when he needed it. Crow sold one of his two cows for \$45 and put the other on a truck with his family and headed for Wake Forest College.

Student Crow fed children and helped pay his way through college with the milk from the cow. He also received \$15 a month from a

minister's fund and filled in at area churches.

The Depression prevented Crow from attending the seminary. After a brief ministry in Wake County, Bethnay Baptist Church in Rutherford County called him. Except for a year as an army chaplain in World War II, Preacher Crow spent his entire career in Rutherford and Cleveland Counties.

After the death of his first wife, Crow married Edith Queen. They lived in Kings Mountain.

Preacher Crow promoted an idea called "the Lord's Acre" during the depression. Each family farmed an acre of land, grew chickens, a calf, or a hog and used the profit to support the church needs. Besides filling a practical need, he thought the people could appreciate how the Lord makes things grow. The idea summarizes much of Rev. Crow's philosophy. "Man isn't much if he can't get out of the common and feel the spiritual matters of life. Life is a spiritual matter," he said.

His son, John Buren, a physician, married Ola Maye Cannon and lives in Earl, N.C. They have four children: two daughters, Betty and Toni; and two sons, John and David. His daughter, Macy, married Jennings Brooks, plant supt., Cleveland Lumber Co., Shelby. They have three children: one son, Wm. J., Jr. (Bill), and two daughters, Patsy and Penny.

Sources: "A Conversation with The Rev. C.C. Crow" by Jim Weathers in *Shelby Daily Star*, July 31, 1980; family

— Mrs. Macy Brooks

JOHN BUREN CROW

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John Buren Crow was born February 10, 1925 in Duncan's Creek Township near Hollis, North Carolina in Rutherford County. He is the oldest of two children born to Clifford Cornelius and Esther Lily Toney Crow. He has one sister, Macey Ellen Crow Brooks. His paternal grandparents were Elijah Pinkney and Ella Mason Price Crow. His maternal grandparents were James Coren and Ellen Walker Toney.

Being tenant farmers the family was poor. Clifford Crow had to drop out of school after the completion of the seventh grade. However, fourteen years later at the age of twenty six and with the added responsibility of a wife and two children, he entered high school. On the farm they were able to eke out a meager existence which provided the necessities of life but afforded no luxuries. By driving a school bus and preaching whenever the opportunity arose he was able to support his family and finish high school.

In 1930 the family moved to Wake Forest, North Carolina where Clifford Crow entered college at the age of thirty. It was here that John Buren Crow began his elementary education. He completed the second grade here and upon the graduation of his father from college, the family returned to Rutherford County.

In the early 1940's the Crow family moved to Cleveland County. After graduation from Lattimore High School in 1942, John Buren enrolled at Wake Forest College. He had taken the first step toward making his boyhood dream become a reality; the dream of becoming a doctor, ministering to the needs of rural



Rev. Clifford Cornelius Crow, 1900-1981

people. These were the people that he knew and loved best.

Following the example of his parents, he applied himself to whatever task that lay before him. He was able to get things done by combining opportunity and effort. He helped finance his schooling by working in the college cafeteria. On holidays and during summer vacations he worked on farms, as a carpenter's helper, as a brick mason's helper or at whatever work was available.

In 1948 he earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from Bowman Gray School of Medicine in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He completed one year of rotating internship at Rex Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina in December, 1949.

In January of 1950 Dr. Crow began the practice of medicine with Dr. Wyan Washburn in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. He stayed there six months fulfilling an agreement to take care of Dr. Washburn's practice while he was away the month of June.

On July 15, 1950 Dr. Crow opened his office for the practice of medicine in Earl, North Carolina. His first office was in his home. In 1959 he built the building where he currently carries on his practice. In 1955 he was drafted into the army. He served as a captain until December 1956 serving the entire time in Germany. After his discharge he returned to Earl where he has maintained a solo practice for the past thirty two years except for the two years he was in service.

On July 8, 1950 he was married to the former Ola Maye Cannon of Chesnee, South Carolina. They have four children.

Betty Louise was born September 6, 1951. She graduated from Carson Newman College with a BS in Sociology in 1973. After two years with the Home Mission Board in Marietta, Georgia, serving as Director of Senior Citizen Activities, she entered Southern Baptist Semi-

nary in Louisville, Kentucky. She received a Master's Degree in Religious Education from there in 1978. She is currently employed as Minister to Children at Crestwood Baptist Church. She is married to Daniel Alton Denkler. Dan is a finance and operations specialist with Federal Bank of Louisville. They have one daughter, Erin Elisabeth and live at Crestwood, Kentucky.

Toni Jewell, born June 9, 1954, is a registered nurse. She received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Gardner-Webb College in 1975. She works with her father assisting him at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby, North Carolina. She is married to Nelson Sneed Sellers, Sr. Nelson farms and operates Sellers Fishing Lakes. They live near Cherryville, North Carolina with their three children, Christopher Lee, Nelson Sneed, Jr. and Karen Elizabeth.

John Logan Crow was born January 20, 1963. He is a freshman at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee, North Carolina.

David Frank was born August 28, 1968 and is an eighth grade student at Shelby Junior High School.

Sources: Interview of John Buren Crow

— Ola Maye Crow

THE PLATO DIXON CROWDER FAMILY

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Vada Spangler was born March 25, 1903 at home near Double Shoals. She was the child of James Webb and Emma Laughlin Spangler. Vada married Plato Dixon Crowder. Plato was the son of William A. and Mary Boggs Crowder. He was born March 15, 1901. He worked in Crowder's Cotton Gin. Also, he farmed until his retirement in 1965. Vada and Plato raised five children.

Ruby Frances was born March 14, 1926 and married John Jackson Hunt on June 22, 1946. They have five daughters. Judy Frances was born May 16, 1949. She married Hanse Kohler July 10, 1978. They have one daughter, Jackie Hunt Kohler born September 27, 1979. Penny Ann was born July 4, 1951. She married James Corn, August 18, 1973. They have three children. James Hunter was born August 5, 1975, Annabeth Jones was born August 11, 1977, and William James was born August 19, 1978. Alma Elizabeth was born July 18, 1952 and married Paul Sarazen, III on December 30, 1972. They have two children Paul Sarazen, IV, born July 13, 1977 and Elizabeth Hunt, born August 6, 1979. Cindy Jane was born March 19, 1954. Sally Lou was born March 1, 1956 and married Roland Jones September 27, 1980.

Veva C. Crowder was born February 12, 1927. She was married to Donald Ralph Gold February 20, 1948. They have four children: Janet Iris Gold, born September 8, 1950, married Roger McSwain September 8, 1973, and they have two children Emily Kathryn, born November 8, 1977 and Katie Ellen, born December 30, 1980. Donald Allen Gold was born March 3, 1952. He married Wanda Surratt July 7, 1978. Ned Milton Gold was born March 22,

1957. Gary Ralph Gold was born June 14, 1958.

Plato Dixon Crowder, Jr., born April 20, 1931, married Betty Lou Hendrick December 21, 1948. They had four children. Regina Lou, born September 2, 1949, married Vance Suttle June 10, 1972. Plato Dixon Crowder, III, was born December 12, 1954, and married Jo Ann Smith November 17, 1981. Betsy Harrill Crowder was born September 24, 1959. Mary Lena Crowder was born October 17, 1961. Betty Lou H. Crowder was killed in an automobile accident on July 1, 1976. P.D. Crowder, Jr. married Mary Bray May 31, 1980.

Mary Willie Crowder was born February 16, 1935 and married Franklin V. Beam February 9, 1957. They have two children: Betsy Jane born November 23, 1959 and David Milton born March 26, 1961.

Patsy Elizabeth Crowder was born April 24, 1944 and married Douglas D. Cabiness, March 6, 1966. They have three children: Bruce Alan born March 10, 1967; Barry Wayne, born June 22, 1968 and Boyd Lee born May 18, 1971.

Plato Dixon Crowder, Sr. died May 19, 1971. He was buried at Cleveland Memorial Park. His funeral was held at Double Springs Baptist Church where he and Vada had been members for many years.

Vada Crowder lives alone in Lattimore. She works in her yard and garden. She cooks for children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. Vada enjoys staying busy and having company.

Sources: Family sources

— Patsy Cabiness
and Mary Beam

ROBERT WELLS CROWDER and EUNICE JANE EVANS CROWDER

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Robert Wells Crowder was born in Cleveland County on February 24, 1932. He was married to Eunice Jane Evans on the 28th of April 1856. They lived a few miles north of Lawndale, N.C. He enlisted in the Confederate Army on September 17, 1861 and was wounded in the first battle of Manassas. He was killed in the second battle of Manassas on August 27, 1862. At the time of his death, he was a Sergeant in Company F, 34th N.C. Infantry, C.S.A.

Robert Wells Crowder was the son of Bartlett Crowder and Polly Broom Crowder, who had ten children: Joseph P. Crowder, born May 1, 1826, served in Co. F, 56th Regiment, Confederate Army. Enlisted 7/8/62.

Private John K. Crowder, born Oct. 29, 1827, enlisted Nov. 22, 1861 in Co. I, 38th Reg; Sara Jane Crowder, born March 14, 1830, date of death unknown; Spencer A. Crowder, born Nov. 14, 1835, married Martha Marton on October 2, 1861, served in Co. F, 56th Reg., N.C. Infantry, C.S.A., died August 22, 1922. William F. Crowder, born January 8, 1838, enlisted in Confederate Army September 17, 1861; Mary Crowder born January 5, 1840, death unknown; Mike W. Crowder, born

November 27, 1842, enlisted in Confederate Army September 20, 1863, Co. F, 56th Reg. Eliza Crowder, born May 18, 1847, date of death unknown; Frances (Fannie) Crowder, born March 6, 1850, date of death unknown.

Robert Wells Crowder and Eunice Jane Evans Crowder had one daughter and one son. Eva Crowder Shuford married George Shuford. Born to them were five children: Bertha Shuford who married Charlie Crowder; John Shuford, a daughter, married George Grigg; Robert Shyford married Maude Grigg; Lillian Shuford married Ed Sain; Lou Shuford did not get married. Lou Shuford is the only surviving member of that family.

William Yancy Crowder, born June 26, 1860, married Minnie Gertrude Dellinger, born August 30, 1866. They lived at 312 N. Morgan Street, Shelby, N.C. William Yancy Crowder died July 10, 1945, and Minnie Dellinger Crowder died March 19, 1951. They had nine children: Mary Vastine Crowder Washburn (February 25, 1891 — July 19, 1962) married Grady Washburn. They had three children: William C. Washburn, Vinson W. Washburn, and Mary Glenn Washburn Walker.

Robert Dellinger Crowder (November 28, 1892 — February 8, 1936), married Kate Hardin. They had one son, Robert Hardin Crowder, who died July 28, 1980. Lois Catherine Crowder Green (August 19, 1894 — July 4, 1972) married Buford L. Green. They had three children: Buford Leonard Green, Jr., Minnie Catherine Green Daniels and Charles Herbert Green.

William Evans Crowder (April 3, 1896 — August 23, 1972) married Gertrude Austell. They had two sons: William Evans Crowder, Jr. and James Love Crowder.

John Durant Crowder (July 22, 1898 — October 12, 1973) married Bertha Grigg. They had one daughter and one son, Mildred Lee Crowder Templeton and John Durant Crowder, Jr. Minnie Lee Crowder Francis, married Max Clayton Francis. She was born August 19, 1900 and died February 9, 1973. They had



Robert Wells Crowder

three children: Max Clayton Francis, Jr., Robert Ray Francis and Nancy Crowder Francis Grigg.

Margaret Eunice Crowder is unmarried. She lives at homeplace, 312 N. Margan Street, Shelby, N.C. Bertie Ware Crowder Lee, married Dexter A. Lee. They have two children: David Allen Lee and Martha Ann Lee.

Mattie Brown Crowder Allen, married Ray Landrum Allen. They have one son, John Thomas Allen.

The last three are the only surviving members of the William and Minnie Crowder family and they all three live in Shelby, N.C.

The folling was copied from Eunice Jane Crowder's tombstone in Palm Tree Methodist Church, Lawndale, N.C.:

Eunice J. Crowder
Born August 13, 1829
Died July 10, 1886

Robert Wells Crowder
Born Feb. 24, 1832
Died Aug. 27, 1862
Grave unknown

Sgt. Robert W. Crowder
Co. F — 34th N.C. Inf.
C.S.A.

Sources: Moore's Vol. 2 — 3 — 4 and family records.

— Mattie Crowder Allen

WILLIAM ALBERT CROWDER

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William Albert Crowder, (1873-1932), an orphan who pulled himself up by his boot-strings, was a scientific farmer. He was a cotton ginner who pioneered in the competitive buying and selling of lint cotton, and a business man who helped introduce the crawler tractor in Cleveland County. Dr. R.L. Hunt and W.A. Crowder sold these tractors at Cleveland Tractor Company, West Warren Street, Shelby, North Carolina.

His large land holdings were at Lattimore, North Carolina. In 1931, the year prior to his death, he and his sons produced 631 bales of cotton. He was a mule trader and was known for selling the very best mules. These were bought in Morristown, Tennessee.

Roads and schools were two of his interests. His formal education ended when he was in the third grade. However, his education did not stop there. Through reading and studying he became proficient in spelling and pronunciation. He was also accomplished in mathematics. The popular farm magazines of that day, such as *Progressive Farmer*, helped him become a successful farmer.

He promoted better roads so farmers would have easier access to the market place. His interests in roads increased because of his pride in the Studebaker car he purchased in the early 1920's. It is ironic that the road through the original Crowder farm has never been paved!

Early in the century, he was instrumental in the building of a new church at Lattimore Baptist Church where he was a deacon and Sunday School teacher. Later he taught the Men's Sunday School Class at Double Springs Baptist Church.

William Albert Crowder was born January 1, 1873, the son of John K. and Biddie Walker

Crowder. His mother died when he was eighteen months old and his father died about four years later. He had a difficult time during his boyhood. Among the people who befriended him by providing him a home and employment were Mr. and Mrs. Frank McCall, D.W.F. Hamrick, and Sylvester Cline. Will Crowder died February 20, 1932.

On April 5, 1896, Will Crowder married Mary Etta Boggs, the daughter of Noah E. and Sara Wilson Boggs of Belwood. She was known as "Molly." Her education included schooling at Belwood. Her teacher paid her to teach spelling for him. With the money earned, she bought a trunk which is now being used by her great-granddaughter, Frances Boggs Harris Gettys. Molly Boggs was a kind, gentle, soft spoken, and patient wife and mother of seven. She taught the children to work and instilled in them the desire to be educated.

She was born January 15, 1872, and died October 23, 1911. At the time of her death, the youngest child, Daisy, was four years old.

On July 12, 1912, Will Crowder married a popular teacher, Sara Frances Jones known as "Miss Fannie." Five children were born to this marriage, two are deceased. She had been educated at Ellenboro Boarding School and Round Hill Academy in Rutherford County, North Carolina. She attended Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina. She taught at Union School south of Polkville, North Carolina, and at Balfour in Henderson County, North Carolina.

Fannie Jones Crowder was a kind and loving mother for all the Crowder children. She never knew the difference in the loving, sharing, and caring for them. She encouraged them to pursue an education. All of them became high school graduates. Seven of the ten children attended and/or graduated from college. Six of the Crowder daughters, Lottie, Leila, Hattie, Maude, Aileen, and Ruth were teachers. Leila and Daisy did the office work related to the farm business. The three sons, Forrest, Plato, and John were farmers, ginners, and business men. Fannie Crowder was loved and held in high esteem by the Crowder children and grandchildren.

Fannie Jones Crowder born July 3, 1882, was the daughter of Donald William and Mary Ann Magness Jones. She died June 13, 1952.

The Crowder funerals were home funerals. William Albert Crowder, his wives "Molly and Fannie" and two infant daughters are buried in the Lattimore Baptist Church Cemetery, Lattimore, North Carolina.

Sources: W.A. Crowder obituary, Records of Joe Washburn, family records, personal interviews

— Mary Harris

EDWARD ANDERSON DALTON FAMILY

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Edward Anderson Dalton, son of William M. Dalton and Polly Young Dalton, and Hester Mauney Whiteside, daughter of Samuel and Salina Green Whiteside were married Jan. 2, 1884. They lived on a farm on Shelby, N.C., Route #1, in the St. Paul Methodist church



St. Paul School, Cleveland County, Rt. #1, 1914-1915. Wray Elam Putnam, Teacher

community near Waco, N.C. the largest city between Shelby and Cherryville, N.C.

They had thirteen children: Chancey Caldwell, Beuna, Ottie Myrtle (died at the age of six, smothered to death in cotton), Ulah May (died at the age of two with spinal-meningitis), baby (died unnamed, found dead in the bed). These children are buried in the Bethlehem Methodist Church Cemetery in Lincoln County. Chesley Amzi was born next, then Lewis Clyde, Roy, Essie Grace, Iva Ruth, Grayson Yates (died at the age of twenty with leukemia, buried in the St. Paul church cemetery), Vivian, next, and J.D. (By this time they had run out of names).

We all attended a one-teacher school at the St. Paul School. At one time there were eight Dalton children in a one-room school (see picture). Later Chesley, Roy, and Essie went to Piedmont High School, Lawndale, N.C. The others went to Waco High School, Waco, N.C.

Life was always interesting. We lived in a thickly settled community, between the main road to Shelby and Cherryville, N.C. and the creek which was known as the Suck. What we didn't see happening, neighbors told us.

We all attended St. Paul Methodist church and once a year, at laying-by-time, we would have a revival meeting at which we were supposed to renew our religion. Sometimes we would have a few souls who would go on a shouting "spree," especially one old lady would take off her bonnet and say "Make Glory hump it." She would frighten all the children and wake all the older ones who were asleep. During one tent meeting there was an earthquake which really shook the walls and rattled the dishes and some people got religion that didn't intend to.

My daddy was the one who was called to haul all the dead to the cemetery, and when he had to haul some one he wasn't fond of, he would say he drove very carefully over the

rough road so as not to wake him. My mother was sent for when there was sickness in a family or a new baby about to arrive in this world. She knew all the poultices, teas, and toddy to cure all kinds of ailments. She had already tried them out on her children, like when we had to wear a safetide on a string around the neck when there was an epidemic around. That not only kept the germ away but everybody away. We would fake illness to get out of work sometimes, but when we found out what the remedy was going to be, we made a speedy recovery.

In the fall we would have corn shuckings; after the corn was shucked, there would be a big supper, chicken pie or dumplings, beans, slaw, etc., also potato or pumpkin custard, apple pie or pound cake. And the younger ones would play "Tap Ring" or square dance.

We had city cousins who could come for a summer vacation; we were more than glad to introduce them to our country life, like where our ham meat, milk, and eggs came from, or when the Jack brayed, it wasn't Gabriel blowing his horn, and the world was not coming to an end.

Chancey C. Dalton married Pearl Grigg, they had eight children. Chancey is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Lincoln County.

Buena Dalton married W. Rufus Sweatt; he was with the Seaboard Railroad. Beuna died April 13, 1982 and is buried at St. Paul Methodist Church Cemetery in Cleveland County. They had four sons.

Chesley A. Dalton married Addie Harrelson; they had one daughter and one son. Chesley is buried in St. Paul cemetery. L. Clyde married Bessie Hoyle; they had one son and one daughter. Clyde is buried in Warren Dale cemetery in Norlina, N.C. Roy Dalton married Nell Grey Holmes; they had one son. Roy is buried in St. Paul cemetery. Essie Dalton married Donald B. Briggs of the U.S. Navy. Essie

is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Greensboro, N.C. Iva Dalton married Carlo Self; they had one son. Vivian Dalton married Mannings Gathings; they had four daughters. Later she married Marion Spargo. J.D. Dalton married Gertrude Hunter, J.D. is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Greensboro, N.C.

Sources: Tombstones and Family Bible

— Iva D. Self

THE JOHN L. DAMRON FAMILY

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John L. Damron was born January 24, 1798 in Covington, Virginia. He died near Shelby, North Carolina, April 1, 1870, at the age of 72.

At the age of 16, John L. Damron left his home in Covington, Virginia, and went to fight his own battles in the world and was successful.

First account of John L. Damron's success was from Knoxville, Tennessee, where he married a "Miss" Backman, a relative of Reverend R.L. Backman of Knoxville, Tennessee. There were three children, John D. Damron, born 1-4-1832, died August 11, 1871, buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina. There is no record of the other two children.

John L. Damron was one of the most successful and popular builders and brickmasons Knoxville, Tennessee possessed.

Our present court house in Knoxville, Tennessee, the block now occupied by Mitchell and Brothers, Druggist, Walley Tobbaconist, and Hart Clothiers, and many other buildings of less note, were erected by John L. Damron. John L. Damron was prompt and honest in fulfilling his contracts and equally as exacting in requiring others to do likewise.

John L. Damron never lost a job of brick work because the money could not be paid down for it. If there was an old worn out farm or sedgefield, or a lot with gullies running through it, he took it always as equivalent to cash. In this way, there is scarcely a county in East Tennessee, and certainly not one where he erected a building, that he did not own real estate.

After John L. Damron built the Knoxville Tennessee Court House and other buildings, John L. Damron took his profits and invested it in the Knoxville County Tennessee land.

He purchased the farm lying North of town, known as John L. Damron's addition. On this farm was an old gray cemetery, and all the section of the city of Knoxville, Tennessee, lying north of Broadway Street, and the National Cemetery. This farm was said to be a poor farm. One day his wife, after going over the farm, remarked to him that it was an awfully poor farm land. "Well," said Mr. John L. Damron, "the ground may be poor, but it will be rich some day. I, John L. Damron, may not live to see it, but my children, or their children, will live to see Knoxville, Tennessee, extended. This will be one of the best parts of the city of Knoxville, Tennessee." John L. Damron's granddaughter's lived to see his prophecy fulfilled.

John L. Damron saw the natural resources around Knoxville, Tennessee. He had faith in the little hamlet that it would one day be a great city.

A May 1911 issue of CLEVELAND STAR reprinted an article from KNOXVILLE (Tenn.) SENTINEL on John L. Damron as follows: not only did he build the first Cleveland County Court House, but the first and second court-houses in Knoxville (Tenn.), along with similar structures in Salisbury, North Carolina, Chester, Columbia, and Union, Souther Carolina.

It is thought that John L. Damron came to Shelby, North Carolina, around 1841, when Cleveland County, North Carolina had recently been formed. He built the first Cleveland County Courthouse about 1845 in Shelby, being the county seat.

According to deeds and other records, John L. Damron built up a plantation consisting of approximately twelve hundred (1200) acres of land. This land was located about two miles south of Waco, North Carolina, and what is now Waco Road.

John L. Damron also acquired twenty seven (27) slaves, according to a book by Lee B. Weathers called *The Living Past of Cleveland County*.

On this plantation, John L. Damron built a huge house for the family, a "mansion house" for the time in history. Other quarters for the slaves were also built. Accoring to records, they refer several times to "The Mansion House," out buildings, and improvements.

John L. Damron's second wife was a sister of Colonel Leroy McAfee of Shelby, North Carolina. They had three children. One son, William L. Damron, who later lived on the plantation. Two daughters, Mrs. W.A. Wray and Sara J. Lee, both lived in Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is limited, and sources were newspaper clippings found in Damron's Family Bible, obituaries undated, unnamed newspapers, and tombstones in the family plot in the Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

Elizabeth P. Webster Damron, of Union, South Carolina, died at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. W.A. Wray in Shelby, North Carolina, on the thirteenth (13th) day of May, 1878. She was 51 years old. She was married twice, and was known as Mrs. Damron for many years in Shelby, North Carolina, where she died after many years of illness. The funeral was preached by Reverend R.Z. Johnston, of Lincolnton, North Carolina. Some very touching remarks were made by Reverend H.T. Hudson. E. Webster Damron is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina, next to John L. Damron.

Sources: Newspaper clipping in family Bible

— Mrs. Jack Shuford

WILLIAM L. DAMRON

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Mr. William Damron — Born September 7, 1860 — died January 13, 1924. Mr. William L. Damron was son of John L. Damron and Parmelia McAfee Damron.

Mr. Will Damron was descendant from two

of the most prominent families in North Carolina and Virginia. The Damron's were among Virginia's leading families, while the McAfee's were prominently connected with North Carolina history for many years.

Mr. Will L. Damron was first married to a Miss Georgia Borders, who died in Knoxville, Tennessee, at the residence of her brother-in-law, on North Broadway Street, June 11, at 10:20 p.m. Major H.D. Lee was her brother-in-law. Mrs. Georgia Damron, wife of W.L. Damron, Mayor of Shelby, North Carolina, at the age of twenty two years. Mrs. Damron had been suffering for a long time with cancer of the stomach. All that medicine skill could do, was done for her. She passed quietly and peacefully to the great beyond, in the full faith of a home where pain does not enter, and trouble never comes. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Shelby, North Carolina, and loved by all who knew her. She leaves a husband, a father, mother, two sisters, and three brothers, all of whom reside in Shelby, North Carolina, where her remains were shipped on the 1:30 train yesterday, accompanied by Mr. Damron and Dr. W.A. Wray. Mrs. Damron was a relative of Major Jennings and Family, and had been on a visit here with her husband in hopes the change would benefit her. This obituary was in The Tribune, Knoxville, Tennessee, who extends its sympathy to the sorrowing husband and afflicted relatives in the hour of trial.

Mr. Will Damron was held in high esteem, both as an official and as a business man. A large number of people will hear with regret of his passing. Mr. Damron was a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church. He was a master mason, and was Mayor of Shelby, North Caro-



Eva Suzzanne Whiteside Davis

lina, for several years. Mr. Will L. Damron decided to forego politics, and moved to his farm of some four hundred acres. He was a very successful farmer, and his home was ever open to his many friends. Former Mayor Damron ever had the interest of his home town at heart, and had pleasurably watched Shelby, North Carolina, grow from a little hamlet to a thriving and prosperous city.

In the death of Mr. Will L. Damron, Cleveland County has lost one of its best and leading citizens, and a high toned Christian gentlemen.

In October 1891, Mr. Damron was married to Miss Addie Lynch of a leading family in Rutherford County, who with one daughter, Miss Mary L. Damron, survive. Several sisters and brothers proceeded Mr. Will Damron to the grave.

Sources: This information was taken from newspaper clippings in the Damron Family Bible. The clippings had no names or dates.

— Mrs. Jack Shuford

for the Insane (now Broughton Hospital) at Morganton. He participated in numerous civic affairs and was a founder and first president of the Morganton Chamber of Commerce, and Vice-president of the First National Bank. Always a leader in the local Mercantile field, he was a most respected and well beloved citizen.

Isaiah Iverson Davis married Lucy Isbel Bettis on May 28, 1871. She was the Daughter of Sylvester and Adeline Walker Bettis. Their children were: Unnamed daughter, died in infancy; Frank Bettis, 1873-1920; William Iverson, 1875-1956; Lucy Adeline, 1877-1889; Genie Gertrude, 1878-1945; Mamie Ethel, 1880-1899; Mattie Mira, 1882-1961; Isaiah Iverson, Jr., 1884-1972; Robert Micajah, 1888-1947; Helen Atlanta, 1892-1969.

Isaiah Iverson Davis died on May 28, 1929.

Sources: Family Bible, personal information, family papers.

— Finley Webb Davis (grandson)

BENJAMIN DAVIS FAMILY

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Benjamin Davis was born in 1731, in Wales, and died in Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1802. Sometime prior to 1749, he came to America, where he settled in Virginia, south of James River. He served in the Revolutionary War as a lieutenant. After the war, he moved to Cleveland County, North Carolina, and settled above the Broad River with his wife, Rebecca Harrell.

Ten children were born to this union, namely Catherine, Martha, Elnathan, Patience, Rachel, Jane, Josiah, Isaiah, Benjamin and Micajah.

The youngest son, Micajah, was born in 1789. He married Mrs. Elizabeth Smith Bridges. Their son, Zachariah Bolivar (b. 1813, d. 1852) married Mira Webb, of Shelby. Their children were: Rosilia, b. 1834; Elizabeth, b. 1836; Micajah, b. 1837; Phoebe, b. 1839; Mary Ann, b. 1841; Martha, b. 1842; Isaiah Iverson, b. 1843; Sarah, b. 1845; Adeline, b. 1847; Benjamin F., b. 1850.

Isaiah Iverson migrated to Burke County shortly after the War between the States, settled in Morganton, where he opened a store on the main street, stocked with a wide variety of goods, consisting of dry goods, shoes, notions, etc. His brother, Benjamin later joined him in Morganton, and became a partner in his store, known as I.I. Davis and Bro., and still later as I.I. Davis & Son. While serving the Confederacy as a foot soldier, he also acted on occasion as flag bearer, and was a member of a military band. He was with Lee's Army of Northern Virginia, with a rating of sergeant, when Lee surrendered at Appamattox Court House.

I.I. Davis became one of Morganton's most prominent citizens, living a quiet and sober life, and serving his church and his community throughout his lifetime. A long time member of the Board of Stewards at the First Methodist Church, and for 35 years (1883-1917) a member of the Board, including a six year period (1911-1917) in which he served as President of the Board of Directors of the State Hospital



William Simon Davis

PHILLIP DAVIS and DESCENDANTS

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The origins of Phillips Davis have been widely researched and debated for many years without much luck. Many theories have developed with little concrete evidence to back them up. In 1790, he was a resident of the 96th district of Union County, South Carolina. By 1800, he, his wife Mary, and their family had moved to Rutherford County, North Carolina. Revolutionary War Records for Phillip have not been discovered, but many believe him to be a younger brother of Simon Davis, Revolution-

ary patriot of Virginia. Simon is buried in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

On March 19, 1788, William Fernilson Davis was born to Phillip and Mary Davis. Little is known about William Fernilson's younger years, but on November 5, 1812, he married Sarah Womack of Rutherford County, North Carolina.

To this union was born 16 children; Nancy, John, Anderson, James, Sussannah, William, Phillip, Nathaniel, Sarah, Mary Ann, Malena, Phoebe, Thomas, Willis, Simon, and Abraham "Hamby."

This large family was raised on a farm between Polkville and New House, and many loving years were spent farming here. The Davis-Green family cemetery is now the only remains left on the home-site.

One family story that is often told concerns the disappearance of William and Sarah's youngest child — Hamby. Their large two-story house caught on fire one night and everyone was frantically trying to get the possessions out of the house. The mattresses were rolled up and thrown out the upstairs window, later to be carried away from the house out of danger of the fire.

As the house burned, the parents began counting children and soon discovered that "baby Hamby" was missing. Everyone looked for Hamby, but they each began to know he had been lost in the fire. In a few minutes, they heard a baby crying. Hamby had been rolled up in one of the mattresses, thrown out a second story window without waking up. Cleveland County would have quite a few less Davises had Hamby really been lost in the fire.

Hamby (1835-1906) married Arabella Bridges on June 16, 1858 and eight children were born to this union; Willima Simon, Milton Webb, Hillard "Hill", Dexont "Duke", Joseph, Parmelia Susan, Essie, and Louisa. Hamby and Arabella raised their children on a farm near New House. Hamby served during the Civil War with the "Sandy Run Yellow Jackets." They are both buried at Sandy Plains Baptist Church, New House, North Carolina.

William Simon Davis was born June 10, 1872 on the farm of his parents, where he helped with the various farm chores until his marriage August 30, 1894 to Eva Suzanne Whitesides Davis of Gaston County. Evan and Simon met while Eva was visiting cousins at New House.

Shortly after their marriage, they bought a small farm between New House and Lattimore and began raising their family, later they bought a farm in "Washburn Switch" and settled there. Thirteen children were born to this union. Samuel Valentine (1895-1955) married Hokie McMurray, Barbara Lee (1897-1945) married Shelton Cabiness, Crowder Garmon (1899-1967) married Minnie Lovelace, Arie Pearl (1901-1971) married Milton Hawkins, Vertie Susan (1903-1967) married Clyde W. Short, Truman Arlander (1906-1954) married Mallie Bridges, Lalah Myrtle (1908-1976) married Ralph Putnam and Sam Page, Selma Dee (born 1909) married F. Pyne Withrow, Reba Belle (born 1911) married Worth Melton, William Rush (1913-1979) married Louise McSwain, Hester Blance (born

1914) married Dortch Gillespie, Grady Champion (1915-1979) married Barbara Musgroves, Hannah Bryant, and Peggy Fenney, William Simon, Jr. (born 1919) married Evelyn Green.

William Simon, Sr. died 1948 and Eva died in 1958. They are both buried at Double Springs Baptist Church.

The Davis generations through the years have contributed greatly to the population census of Cleveland County, as most have continued to live, work, and raise families within this local vicinity.

Sources: Family knowledge

— Joyce Davis Bell

THE WILLIAM THOMAS and STELLA HARRILL DAVIS FAMILY

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William Thomas Davis was born September 4, 1894 at Lattimore, son of Agatha Bridges (1875-1963) and Alonzo H. Davis (1872-1917). His father was a railroad man, but William chose to be a salesman. He was a beautiful child with sparkling brown eyes and blond curls. An 1897 news item is quoted.

"The cut above shows the Observer's youngest newsboy as he appears on the streets at his home at Lattimore, near Shelby, N.C. His name is William Davis, aged three years and six months and weighing only 28 pounds. Lattimore is only a small town, but William easily disposes of ten papers a day and many times sells twice as many. William is numbered among the Observer's many bright newsboys as being one of the most prompt and accurate in his dealings. The Observer hopes to find him in the president's chair some day. Who Knows? — Charlotte Observer.

This boy is a son of A.H. Davis, the White Plymouth Rock man. The boy is not only a good newsboy, but he is a fancier of fowls as

A Young Newsboy.



WILLIAM DAVIS.

William Davis



William and Stella Harrill Davis — 1953

well, and has a nice flock of bantams which he attends to himself. We wish brother Davis and his bright boy much success."

The blond curls turned to warm brown and teenage William fell in love with pretty little Stella Harrill, b. August 24, 1893, daughter of Julie McSwain and Robert Harrill. Her father offered her a twenty dollar gold piece not to marry William, but the glow of their love was brighter than gold. They were married October 19, 1912. The Harrills became Uncle Bob and Aunt Julie to William and he became a son to them. Aunt Julie simply adored him.

The Davis children, Frank Harrill, May 5, 1915 and Willie Elise, June 21, 1917 were both born at Lattimore.

Frank, Master Sergeant, served thirty-three years in military service in the United States and on many foreign fields. He married Sylvia Ruslikas from New York State, May 28, 1943. William affectionately called her "Yankee". Frank Harrill, Jr. was born January 12, 1947. Charles William was born September 20, 1951. Frank Jr. and Gwenn Paulson have two children. Frank Harrill Third and Jill. Frank Jr. and second wife Rebecca Ryland have one son, Favor, and now live in Kentucky. Frank and Sylvia live at Charlotte. Charles lives also, in Kentucky.

Elise married Flake T. Lyerly, Jr. of Charlotte, April 18, 1937. They have two children. Ned Thomas, May 4, 1939 and Nancy Elise, January 22, 1948. Ned married Frances McCall and they have three children, Ned Thomas Jr., Jill and Lynda. All the Lyerlys live at Charlotte. Nancy married Ronald Adam Dilg of New York. They live in New York and have one son Cason. "Casey" who at age three was quoted in an article in the New York Times is following in his great grandfathers footsteps.

In 1918 William, Stella, Frank and Elise moved to Florida. It was warm and wonderful, they saw many new things and tasted their first grapefruit. Florida's water didn't agree with

baby Elise so they moved again in 1919 to Charlotte. They lived in the popular Fourth Ward and Stella and William opened a large furniture store. Soon William found a new love — antiques.

Summers were special. What fun Frank and Elise had at Lattimore, walking the railroad tracks, swimming(?) in the culvert (a hole), riding horses, picking cotton and eating tons of fruit. Aunts Alma and Garva still look for a green apple when Elise visits them. Visitors to Charlotte rode the street car, played in the parks, shopped, saw movies and ate peanut butter. Stella's younger brothers would come to work with William. He taught them to buy and sell antiques, then he sent them out alone to buy a truck load.

The Davis family joined Nine Avenue Baptist Church. It played an important part in their lives. William loved to sing, not only church hymns but he also loved folk and country music. One song, not a hymn or country, he only sang two lines of "Pedro Had A Little



Frank and Elise Davis, photographed 1919

Dog," dirty little dog was he. At this point Stella always said, "William," and that was that. Stella was never loud or bossy but when she said don't, you didn't. Anyone know that song?

The war years found William and Stella at Wilmington, where he worked at the shipyard. This letter was found among his keepsakes. "I hope this letter will express my heart felt thanks for your wonderful record of attendance, conduct, attitude and loyalty. You are always here on the job ready to give an honest days work. You accept the work assigned to you without fear or comment. Your viewpoint of honest labor goes a long way in relieving the burden on me and my supervisory staff. May I offer you my heartiest congratulations and suggest that you use your attitude to influence others who may not see things as clearly as you do."

From 1921 until 1970 William sold antiques in Mecklenburg and Cleveland County. He talked and taught antiques to anyone who would listen and some who wouldn't (Elise, now an antique dealer). It was said, "he could tell more by looking at the backside of a piece of furniture, than most folks could tell by the front." His expertise was widely known. He shipped many pieces out of state. Those lucky enough to own an antique selected by this veteran dealer are proud indeed. He taught many others and encouraged them to become dealers.

The Charlotte Observer and William remained life long friends. Many articles followed the one written in 1897, in one he was called "A Dealer Of The Unique." This was his favorite work to describe his antiques. What better work to describe WILLIAM-UNIQUE.

His great grandchildren called him "Tick-Tock." They loved his old clocks as he did and were delighted when he would make them strike. He gave them rolls of pennies or nickels, always advising them to save part of their money, (Probably hoping they would buy antiques someday).

Stella, not a famous scientist or a writer of books, but always there to read your favorite story, over and over, to play Old Maid or Go-Fishing, to teach you to crochet, to make a dress or go to town, to say prayers with you or just to watch the rain, like millions of little soldiers marching in the street. She was made of patience and love. Stella, the beautiful beloved wife, mother and grandmother, died March 16, 1959. William died September 11, 1970. They are buried in the Lattimore Baptist Church Cemetery.

"They belong on that special hill in the country church yard. Somehow I know I belong there too."

Sources: Newspaper clippings; Bible, Family quotes

— Elise Davis Lyerly

ROBERT ELIJAH DAYBERRY and ELLAR DIXON DAYBERRY

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Robert Elijah Dayberry was born August 8, 1879 in the Moriah Community of Upper Cleveland County. His parents were William

and Fronia Ledford Dayberry. They were land-owners and farmers and Elijah grew up to love the soil and the challenge it presented. As Elijah approached young adulthood, times were hard, and he had heard rumors about a mill in Bessemer City, N.C. where jobs were plentiful. He rode in a wagon with neighbors to Shelby, walked to Kings Mountain, and caught another wagon ride on to Bessemer City. It was there, working at the mill job, he met young Ellar May Dixon, daughter of John R. and Melvina Jenkins Dixon.

They were married on January 24, 1904 and continued working together in the mill. Shortly after their first child was born, Elijah became ill and was unable to continue working in the mill. It was then that he decided to bring his young family back to the rural life. They moved to a small house on Elijah's father's farm in Moriah and Ellar started learning the arts of being a farm wife. She soon learned to love the gardening, sewing and preserving her in-laws taught her. She became an excellent seamstress and her talents in the kitchen were unforgettable to those who had the opportunity to sample her marvelous cooking. When the William Dayberry farm was sold, it seemed only logical to Elijah and Ellar to venture out on their own, even though it meant becoming tenant farmers. They lived on several farms in the Upper Cleveland area — one of their favorites being the Marvin Lutz farm in Belwood.

They reared eight children: Roy Henderson, Ruby Mae, William Howard (deceased 1964), Florence, Austin Clifford, Veda, John Charlie (deceased 1950), and Robert Coleman.

Elijah and Ellar reared their children to work hard on the farm. The boys learned farming skills from their father and the girls learned the household skills their mother had perfected. There was never any accumulation of wealth, but neither was there any feeling of poverty. The home was full of beautiful hand-made quilts, crocheted and embroidered items and the aroma of delicious foods. The pie safe was a favorite place for grandchildren to look to find stacked blackberry pies, fried apple pies, and another favorite — stacked cake put together with stewed dried fruit.



A.V. Dedmon, circa 1965.

Eller also had a very strong spiritual background and read her Bible daily and took the family to church. They attended Knob Creek Methodist Church in Belwood where several family members still attend today.

All eight children remained in Cleveland County. Four of them living below Belwood School when Elijah and Ellar reached retirement. They decided at this time to buy a small lot in Belwood and build their first new house. Ellar had to give up her much loved cows and chickens when they moved to the smaller retirement home, but they both continued to enjoy the rural life that always had been so dear to them. Elijah walked daily — checking neighbors crops and gardens — and Ellar enjoyed sewing and cooking at a more leisurely pace.

The children and grandchildren visited often and cared for Ellar after she developed cancer. She died on April 16, 1950. Four days later John, who remained at home with his parents, died suddenly at age 32. Shortly after their deaths, Elijah moved across the road to live with son Coleman and his family. He lived 24 years after his wife's death. He continued to enjoy his daily walks and some fishing and hunting. He amazed his children and grandchildren with his alertness and sharp, keen mind right up to his very last day. He had been totally bedfast only 10 days when he died on Dec. 23, 1974 at age 95. He was buried beside his wife at Knob Creek Methodist Church on Christmas Day.

Sources: Family Bible

— Joyce H. Lutz

A.V. and LIZZIE LEE KENDRICK DEDMON

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A.V. Dedmon, fourth son of Jesse Frank and Lottie Wellmon Dedmon, was born October 4, 1899, in Cleveland County, near the Ross Grove community. Moving soon with his family to a farm near Buffalo Creek on North Carolina Highway #150 East, A.V. grew up here, attending Rock Cut School, located up the hill from his home on what is now Troy Road.

After completing Rock Cut School, A.V. attended Waco School. He later went to work, bought a car and provided transportation for a younger brother and sister to attend high school. This was before the day of public school transportation.

A.V. was five feet, eleven inches tall. He had brown eyes and black hair, which he always wore parted in the middle. He and his brother Wray enjoyed attending parties at the homes of the young people throughout the county.

That was the case when A.V. first saw the girl who was to later become his wife. At the home of L.I. Kendrick the youngest daughter, Lizzie Lee, was on top of the woodshed putting apples out to dry on the day that the threshers were there. Although she was only fourteen at the time, A.V. said to a fellow thresher, "That's the girl I'm going to marry, because I know she will work." (That was intended to be a compliment). Lizzie Lee was unaware of this

and did not meet A.V. until that fall (1918) when they both attended a lawn part at the home of Dave Barnett. Lizzie Lee was five feet five and one-half inches tall, and although she had been a blond as a young child, her hair had grown darker and was now black. She also had brown eyes.

Lizzie Lee Kendrick, daughter of Lawson Irvin and Ponola Camp Kendrick, was born in the Pleasant Hill community on December 4, 1903. She grew up in that community, attended the local school, and graduated from Boiling Springs High School (now Gardner-Webb College) in the spring of 1924. She later attended Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory.

A.V. Dedmon and Lizzie Lee Kendrick were married on June 10, 1925, at the home of the minister, Rev. I.D. Harrill in Lattimore. They first "set up housekeeping" in Kings Mountain, and later had their first house built there. He worked for an oil company and she taught in the one-room County Line School. They moved back to Shelby before their first child was born in 1930. That birth occurred on May 4, Memorial Day at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. "Loss" Kendrick, father of Lizzie Lee, sat on the back doorstep waiting for the news of the baby's arrival and then happily went on to church to tell the friends and neighbors of Lizzie Lee's first baby.

A.V. worked for Shell Oil Company, driving a truck, in Shelby, Lincolnton, and Salisbury, but decided when the company wanted him to move to Baltimore, Maryland, in 1938, that that was not the thing to do. He left Shell and he, his wife and family returned to Shelby to live and work.

By this time there were four children. The family first settled on a farm near Buffalo Creek on North Carolina Highway #150 East and lived there for a few years before moving to a new location, still on Highway #150, closer to Shelby. Three more children were born into this family.

A.V. worked for several years with brother Wray Dedmon and brothers-in-law Lee Car-



The A.V. Dedmon Family, 1950. Front row L to R: Joe, Richard, Sue, Roy. Back row L to R: Doris Ann, A.V., Lizzie Lee, Mary Ruth, Charles.

penter and John Dalton in the tire recapping business. Their shop was located in Shelby on West Marion Street near the railroad.

His next business venture was back to trucks, which he stayed with until his death in 1967. Brothers A.V. and Wray bought the original Ellis Transfer Company consisting of two trucks — a Ford B Model and a Ford V-8. Later Wray sold out to A.V. and in 1942 the A.V. Dedmon Trucking, Inc. was formed. This business was located on South Morgan Street in Shelby near the Southern Railroad Depot until 1965 when a new office and terminal were built on North Carolina Highway #150 East. Sons Charles and Joe Dedmon later joined the business which specialized in local and long distance household moving and commercial freight. The business continues to be in operation at this date.

During this time wife Lizzie Lee provided support from the home in the rearing of their children. She sewed well and made all of the girls' clothes. She also loved to garden and always canned enough fruit and vegetables to feed the family throughout the year. But she is best known for her cooking, especially the biscuits and gravy that all the kids, cousins, and grandchildren loved. According to many, she made the best biscuits in the country.

A.V. enjoyed his membership in the local Kiwanis Club. A favorite pastime, was to sit on his front porch on Sunday afternoons in the summertime and speak to all the people who rode by. He is described by one son as being one who "loved to talk, loved to eat, loved his children, and loved to smoke his cigar." The ever-present cigar was one of his trademarks.

Both A.V. and Lizzie Lee, along with their children, were long-time members of Elizabeth Baptist Church where A.V. served as Trustee during the mid-1950's when the present church building was being built, and Lizzie Lee taught a Sunday School class for a number of years.

A.V. became ill in 1967 and died on October 5, 1967, the day after his sixty-eighth birthday. His body was buried in the Elizabeth Baptist Church cemetery. At this writing Lizzie Lee lives at the "home place" on Cherryville Road, Shelby, North Carolina. She continues to be actively involved in church and community activities and spends time at her hobbies of crocheting, upholstery, and art. One of her main contributions to art is the oil painting of the Jordan River, painted for the baptistry of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, the church of the community of her youth.

Children of A.V. and Lizzie Lee Dedmon are: Mary Ruth, born May 4, 1930, married Horace Blainey Hord June 2, 1955, (children: Deborah Lynn, born July 2, 1956; Melanie Jane, born September 5, 1958; Charlotte Elaine, born August 19, 1962; and Emily Celeste, born January 15, 1965); Doris Ann, born November 8, 1933, married Dale Oren Steele August 2, 1958, (children: Karen Marie, born February 19, 1960, and Carol Alicia, born March 18, 1963); Charles Edward, born November 8, 1935, married Rachel Doris Hamrick June 2, 1962, (children: Lisa Darlene, born March 19, 1963; Lora Denise, born May 29, 1964; Lynda Doris, born September 29, 1966; and Lenita Dawn, born January 14, 1969); Joseph Hal, born February 14, 1938; Betty Sue, born June 11, 1941, married Bob Troy Dover February 20, 1965, (child: Eric Tyson, born February 26, 1972, adopted April 7, 1972); Roy Lee, born July 11, 1944; married Connie Gwen Elliott February 2, 1980; and Richard Kendrick, born October 16, 1947, married Sandra Schenck January 25, 1975, (child: Susannah Schenck, born May 2, 1979).

Sources: Personal interviews, knowledge, and family records

— Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord



Lizzie Lee Kendrick Dedmon, circa 1965



Hezekiah and Roxanna Weathers Dedmon

HEZEKIAH and ROXANNA WEATHERS DEDMON

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Hezekiah Dedmon was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina, March 13, 1837, to Jesse and Anna McEntire Dedmon. Wray Dedmon, a grandson, quotes the birthplace as being "near Broad River on the left side of the road going from Highway #18 toward Zion Church." According to the 1850 census for Cleveland County, Hezekiah Dedmon had a sister, Elizabeth Dedmon, born in 1844.

Hezekiah Dedmon, known as Kiah Dedmon, married Leona Roxanna Weathers. She was born in 1835 to William M. and Celia Padgett Weathers, in whose home, it is said, the first court was held. Hezekiah and Roxanna lived for a time in Grover, where he was instrumental in the organization of the Baptist Church.

Hezekiah served with the Company F, 56th Regiment of the North Carolina Troops in the War Between the States. He enlisted September 20, 1863, was promoted to sergeant, became a prisoner of war, and was released on June 11, 1865. On the official release paper he is described as having "light complexion, brown hair, blues eyes, and being five feet nine and three-quarter inches high." According to grandson Wray Dedmon, "both Granddaddy Dedmon (Hezekiah) and Granddaddy Wellmon (William) came home from the war together and said they would have starved had it not been for a "cake of cornbread" that they had with them." It is interesting to note that the son of Hezekiah Dedmon, Jesse Frank, married the daughter of William Wellmon, Charlotte — thus this story of their grandparents coming home from the war together.

Hezekiah and Roxanna moved to the Ross Grove Community where they settled on land at what is now the junction of New Prospect Church Road and North Carolina Highway #18. They became charter members of Ross Grove Baptist Church, organized in 1881.



Roxanna Weathers Dedmon, circa 1897.

Hezekiah is listed in the history of Ross Grove Church as being on the Building Committee of the church and being a member of the Sunday School, along with the family.

In addition to farming, Hezekiah was a cotton ginner and miller. The gin and corn mill were located near Lithia Springs.

According to the census records of 1860 and 1880, Cleveland County, North Carolina, the children born to this union were: Cela U.

Dedmon (1857), William L.P. Dedmon (1860), Rufus J. Dedmon (1862), Albert Dedmon (1866), James Monroe Dedmon (1868), Jesse Frank Dedmon (1869), Alice E. Dedmon (1872), and Hezekiah Dedmon, Junior (1875). Other known children were Nora Dedmon who married Jimmy Spake and Roxanna (Rocky) Dedmon who married Charlie Sheppard.

According to the grave markers in the Ross

Grove Baptist Church cemetery, Hezekiah Dedmon died January 9, 1921. His wife, Roxanna, preceded him in death on October 6, 1917.

Sources: Interview: Wray Dedmon, grandson; Census, Cleveland County 1860-1880; Family Bible: Nora Dedmon-Jimmy Spake; Tombstones: Ross Grove Baptist Church; Prisoner of War Release papers

— Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord

JESSE and ANNA DEDMON

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Very little is known about Jesse and Anna Dedmon except that he was the son of Mark Dedmon and that she was Anna McEntire, sister of Baynard McEntire.

The 1850 United States Census for Cleveland County lists Jesse Dedmon as a farmer, born in North Carolina, age 45. Other data listed: Anna Dedmon age 44, female; Hezekiah Dedmon, age 13, male; and Elizabeth Dedmon, age 6, female.

However, in a letter written January 24, 1980, Viola L. Dedmon of Bigfork, Montana, states that she is researching the Dedmon family and that Daniel M. Dedmon (her husband's great-grandfather) was born about 1834, son of Jesse and Anna Dedmon. Dates and location suggest that this was the same family.

Sources: Cemetery survey, Cleveland County Historical Museum; 1850 Census, Cleveland County; letter: Viola L. Dedmon, Eastshore, Bigfork, Montana 59911, January 24, 1980

— Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord

JESSE FRANK and CHARLOTTE (LOTTIE) WELLMON DEDMON

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Jesse Frank Dedmon was the sixth child of Hezekiah and Roxanna Weathers Dedmon. The 1880 census of Cleveland County, North Carolina, states that he was eleven years of age, making his birth year 1869; however, the



Hezekiah Dedmon with grandchildren, Maggie and Mack Spake, circa 1897.



The Jesse Frank Dedmon Family, 1934. Front row L to R: Margaret Oveda, George Durham, Charlotte "Lottie" Wellmon, Jesse Frank, Jesse Frank, Jr., Sarah Lovay. Back row L to R: William Wellmon, Eva Mae, A.V., William Wray, Flavius Sextus, Martin Van Buren.

grave marker in the Ross Grove Baptist Church cemetery states that he was born May 9, 1871. He lived with his family at the "home place" located at what is now the junction of New Prospect Church Road and North Carolina Highway #18. Frank, as he was called, was one of ten children.

He was married to Maggie Branton who died at birth of their first child. The child also died in infancy. Although the marriage dates are not known by this writer, it was said of Frank that he "was married twice by the time he was twenty-one." His second marriage was to Charlotte Wellmon. Charlotte, better known as Lottie, was born November 14, 1871, to William Wellmon (March 12, 1763 — September 5, 1857) and Rebecca Weathers Wellmon. Wray Dedmon, grandson of William Wellmon, says that Wellmon was a "regular Dutchman." He remembers Wellmon speaking dutch and says that his (Wray's) mother Lottie taught him to count to ten in the Dutch language.

The Wellmons lived near Zion Church in a "big, old, two-story house." The 1850 census for Cleveland County shows that William and Rebecca Wellmon had a seven-month old son, James G. Wellmon. In the 1880 census, William R. Wellmon lists children Riley (age 25), Monroe (age 22), Arrabecca (age 17), Louise (age 16), Angelina (age 15), Elsey (age 13), Ellen (age 11), Charlotte (age 10), Bertha Dee (age 7), and Effie Belle (age 4). No wife is listed. Lottie's children remember her saying that her mother died when Lottie was just a little girl, leaving her to help the father with the house and her younger sisters.

Lottie and Frank Dedmon were married and lived for a time by North Carolina Highway #18, near the Ross Grove community. They then sold that place and bought the "Tucker place" at Buffalo, about forty acres. Later Frank bought more land and had a farm of one hundred sixty acres on Buffalo Creek, now

North Carolina Highway #150 East. The old log house became the barn, and in 1912 a house was built nearby to house the family.

Some of the happy childhood times remembered by this writer are going with Granny Dedmon and Grandpa to the barn and seeing the animals. The dangerous part of that venture was crossing the "big road" which curved in front of the house and separated it from the barn. Another big thing was to pump water from the well with the hand pump. We always loved to work the pump handle up and down, and finally have the water come splashing out.

The house was a T shape with a porch across the front and a porch down the side of the T. The head of the T was two stories, and the length was one. We loved to visit on Sunday afternoons when the youngest daughter, Lovay, was courting John Dalton in the parlor. The grandchildren had great fun cranking the old Victoria and playing the record "John Henry." The name John Dalton was substituted as the kids sang to the courting couple.

That courtship survived all our "kids' antics" and a marriage resulted. Another memory I have was of the wedding day. It was a beautiful warm day in June. The wedding was at high noon on the lawn of the bride's parents. I can remember walking out the front door of the house and down that long flight of steps to the yard, walking over the cloth that had been laid out for the bride, to the music provided by the pump organ. My mother had crocheted a dress for me to wear for this occasion. I was the flower girl.

Frank Dedmon was a farmer and also ran a small grocery store near the home place. Lottie enjoyed the "egg and milk money" that she earned from providing these commodities to the people nearby. She also was considered the neighborhood nurse and was called on when new babies arrived or when someone was ill. She cared for many, many people during her lifetime, and was known for her

"home remedies" which brought good results.

In his older years Frank Dedmon is remembered by his grandchildren as enjoying resting under the big shade trees in the front yard while he read his Bible.

Also, this writer remembers Grandpa offering me some cantaloupes from his patch one day as I was leaving his house to go back to my home. I was about nine years old and lived just up the hill from Grandpa. As we picked the cantaloupes from the patch and he carried them to the road for me, someone came by in a car, stopped and wanted to buy the cantaloupes. I told Grandpa to sell them and I would get more another time, but he refused. He said that he had promised them to me and that that was more important than the money he could receive from selling them. That made a lasting impression on me and has meant much through the years.

Frank and Lottie were parents of a large family. One girl and two boys died in early childhood. Children who lived to be adults were: Martin Van Buren, who married Jackie Stroup; Flavius Sextus (F.S.), who married Jenny Alexander; William Wray, who married Ezma Roberts; A.V., who married Lizzie Lee Kendrick; Eva Mae, who married Robert Lee Carpenter; William Wellmon, who married Mamie Sipe and Gladys Gardner; Margaret Oveda, who married Odell Bumgardner and Carl Moss; George Durham, who died of pneumonia in early adulthood; Sarah Lovay, who married John Dalton; and Jesse Frank, Junior, known by many as "Jeff," who suffered a crippling disease at age twelve and who never married.

Frank Dedmon was also a justice of the peace. He died February 25, 1946. His wife Lottie, died December 19, 1953. The bodies of both are buried in the Ross Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sources: Personal memory; tombstones; census records; oral history; program of Wellmon Family Reunion

— Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord

FAYVIN SEXTUS DEDMON

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F.S. Dedmon said that when he was born in Grover, North Carolina on 2-19-1896, his parents, Jessie Frank and Lottie Wellmon Dedmon, chose his name from the Almanac. Perhaps a tie with that practical and common sense reference made an imprint on his life which, in part, could be so characterized. Until his death on 3-13-81, Dedmon worked and participated in various arenas to make a sound impact on Cleveland County's business life. So, too, did his nine siblings: Buren (farmer), Wray (Dedmon's Recapping Service), A.V. (A.V. Dedmon Trucking Company), William Wellmon (Sipe's Grocery Store), George Durham (bondsman), Jessie Frank, Jr. (local trader), Eva Mae Carpenter (Carpenter's Vulcanizing and Carpenter's Store), Margaret Bumgardner Moss (long time employee of Hudson's Department Store), and Lovay Dalton (Dalton's Trailer Park).

Completing six grades at Buffalo School, Dedmon quit school to help his parents in

farming until he entered the army on 6-5-17. He was assigned to Company "L" of the 120th Infantry and served on active European duty in World War I, particularly in France, for 16 months (10-2-17/4-13-19). While on combat duty, he was promoted to Corporal and later to Sergeant before completing his service with an honorable discharge on 4-17-19.

At home from military service, Dedmon began a gradual move from farming by barbering in Buffalo and selling cars in Kings Mountain. He worked at these jobs during winter months when he could not farm. Finally, he put together his ability to sell with his knowledge of farm life, particularly raising livestock. In 1932, he borrowed \$5 from his brother-in-law, Lee Carpenter, and bought a cow to trade. This was the beginning of a business which was to move in 1938 from a farm-to-farm trading endeavor to a cattle auction company still in operation. Dedmon's livestock Yards began with weekly sales of cattle and hogs and later was expanded to cover the sale of farm equipment, particularly Allis-Chalmers tractors. For a short time, Dedmon also sold Minneapolis Moline equipment in a separate business, Dedmon's Moline Company.



Flavius Sextus Dedmon

Moving to a second business field, that of transit concrete, Dedmon invited Edward Branton as a partner and opened in 1954 Dedmon's Concrete Company, also still in operation. A third endeavor was to become involved in 1964 in automatic silage and feeding systems. This business compliments the cattle and hog auctions as well as the farm equipment interests, but also was a business to bring innovation to silage storage and animal feeding for Cleveland County farmers. Dedmon's Harvestore Systems, too, remains a local business.

In all the moves to initiate, run and expand his varied businesses, Dedmon involved his total family and made the enterprises family

businesses. He married Margaret Jane Alexander (b. 7-31-1897) in 1923 and the two of them farmed and raised cattle on the Alexander homeplace on Highway 180. As their five children were born, each worked in the family business. The sons, still residents of Cleveland County, are owners/operators of local firms: William Fay (b. 11-29-23) Shelby Asphalt Paving Company, Talmadge Carl (b. 11-2-28) Dedmon's Harvestore Systems, and Eugene Alexander (b. 8-17-30) Dedmon's Livestock Yards. The two daughters went into education: Clara Lee Shive (b. 1-6-26) public school teacher in Greenville, South Carolina and Sarah Rachel (b. 7-16-37) Professor at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Integrated into his involvement with work and family, Dedmon was an active churchman and a lover of animals. As a long-time member of Ross Grove Baptist Church, he served in various positions, particularly as deacon and teacher of the Men's Bible Class. For relaxation, in addition to hunting and fishing, he spent years in the care and training of horses and dogs. In the 1940's and 1950's, he showed Tennessee walking horses and won numerous area and regional championships. For many years, the site of the Cleveland County Horse Show was at a track built by Dedmon on Highway 18 North at the site of Dedmon's Livestock Yards. In his latter years, he raised and trained Border Collie dogs as an aide to cattlemen in herding their stock.

Until his death at the age of 85, Dedmon was an active man and was survived by his wife, children, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery, Fallston, North Carolina.

Sources: Personal knowledge

— Sarah Rachel Dedmon

MARK and ANNA (HANNA) DEDMON

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The earliest known Dedmon to settle in Cleveland County was Mark Dedmon. According to oral tradition, Mark Dedmon was one of fifty-six people who came south to North Carolina. They stopped first in Charlotte. Mark was said to have been part of a family who came from Luxembourg near the River Rhine between France and Germany. As in many other stories, this man had three sons: one settled in Mocksville, one (Jesse) settled in Cleveland County, and one went to Ringgold, Georgia.

Another reference to Mark Dedmon is from the data collected by Cleveland Gardner, Cleveland County Historian. It states: "According to data supplied by Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., 'Mark Dedmon was a Revolutionary War pensioner, claim W. 3960. Mark Dedmon was born August 15, 1750 in Baltimore County, Maryland, and as a child was taken to Rowan County, North Carolina. Mark Dedmon enlisted August 5, 1779, served three months in Captain Lion's Company, Colonel Locke's North Carolina Regiment and was at the taking of several Indian towns. He enlisted in the fall or winter of 1780, served in 'Captain Niten's and William

Wilson's Companies, under Major McDowell, in the North Carolina troops and was in the Battle of Cowpens. He enlisted in 1781 and served three months in Captain Haden's and Captain Niten's Company of Calvary under Major Smith in the North Carolina troops. In 1786 he moved to Greenville District, South Carolina where he lived one year, then moved to Rutherford County, North Carolina where he was residing when he was allowed pension on his application executed September 12, 1834. He was pensioned in the name of "Mark Dedmon." He died March 23, 1839."

"Mark Dedmon was married in 1784 or 1785 to Hanna, maiden name not known, and place not stated. Hanna, Dedmon, widow of Mark Dedmon, was allowed a pension on application dated January 27, 1842, at which time she was a resident of Rutherford County, North Carolina and gave her age as 76 years. In 1848, she stated that she was aged 84 years."

"The following data are shown: Polly Dedmon, b. November 13, 1786; Thomas Dedmon, b. January 15, 1788; William Dedmon, b. March 12, 1791; Sally Dedmon, b. September 29, 1793.

"Old land deeds show that Jacob Christman conveyed to Mark Dedmon one hundred acres of land on First Broad River adjoining lands of John McEntire February 8, 1795."

"Mark Dedmon settled in Zion Baptist Church community, No. 6 Township, Cleveland County (formerly Rutherford County) where he reared his family and died, and it is said that he was buried in said graveyard, namely that of Zion Baptist Church, as that church was organized about 1814."

According to the cemetery book in the genealogy room of the Cleveland County Historical Museum, the grave of Anna (Hanna) Dedmon is located "in No. 6 Township, Cleveland County, North Carolina on her plantation, one-fourth mile south of Metcalf Station on Lawndale Highway, about one mile west of Zion Baptist Church. A large cedar tree stands at the head of the grave. There is no other grave. She requested to be buried here on her own land."

In the summer of 1981, Wray Dedmon, Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord, and Roy Lee Dedmon, descendants of Mark and Anna Dedmon attempted to visit the grave location. They visited with Mr. Everett Eskridge near Metcalf Station. Mr. Eskridge pointed out the location of the grave but stated that it was nearly impossible to reach it in the summer time because of vines and undergrowth. However, he re-confirmed the information listed above.

Sources: Cemetery book, Cleveland County Historical Museum, copy of data furnished by Cleveland Gardner, Cleveland County Historian

— Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord

THOMAS HAL DEDMON and SARAH BLANTON DEDMON

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Thomas Hal Dedmon was born January 16, 1922. He is the son of Thomas Lawson (1889-1956) and Verdie Mae Horn Dedmon (1893-

) of Cleveland County, and the great grandson of the confederate soldier, Hezekiah Dedmon.

Hal attended Ross Grove Elementary School and graduated from Fallston High School, Boiling Springs Junior College (Gardner-Webb) and Howard Business College. He served in the 416th Bomb Group 9th Air Force of the United States Army during World War II.

His professional baseball career includes: Boston Braves of West Virginia, Shelby Farmers, High Point Hi Toms and Rutherford County Owls. He coached the Kings Mountain American Legion baseball team (1955), Shelby Legion team with "Pop" Simmons (1954-55) and was athletic director for Shelby City Park and Recreation (1955-1967).

In 1967 Hal became a member of the North Carolina Parole System, serving Cleveland, Rutherford, Polk, Henderson and McDowell counties. He is a "south paw" golfer and proudly displays five "hole-in-one" awards.

On February 19, 1949, he married Sarah Caroline Blanton of Lattimore. She was born on March 21, 1922. She is the daughter of John Samuel and Garva Ella Harrill Blanton of Lattimore. Sarah graduated from Lattimore High School, Boiling Springs Junior College (Gardner-Webb). At Gardner-Webb she was a cheerleader and a member of the Glee Club. She also attended Appalachian State Teachers College. During World War II she was a member of the United States Signal Corps (1941-1943) stationed at Red Bank, New Jersey.

She entered the teaching profession in 1945. She has taught in Hickory, Lattimore, Bethware, Kings Mountain and has been employed by the Shelby City Schools since 1960.

Hal and Sarah devote much of their time to the Ross Grove Baptist Church and community activities. Hal is a deacon at Ross Grove Baptist Church and Sarah sings in the choir.

Hal and Sarah have three children: Caroline, Thomas Hal Jr., and William Theodore "Ted". Caroline was born on February 23, 1952. She attended Shelby Schools and East Carolina University. She is employed by the North Carolina State Highway Engineering Department. Thomas Hal, Jr. was born on July 16, 1957. He attended Cleveland Technical College and is employed by the North Carolina Highway Department. William Theodore was born on May 15, 1960. He attended Western Carolina University. He is employed by Cleveland Lumber Company of Shelby.

— Sarah B. Dedmon

THOMAS LAWSON DEDMON

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Thomas "Tom" Lawson Dedmon was born September 21, 1889. He was the son of Monroe and Florence Jane Botts Dedmon, and the grandson of Confederate soldier Hezekiah Dedmon and wife Roxanna Weathers Dedmon of Cleveland County.

Tom Dedmon was a prosperous farmer of the Ross Grove Community. He was very active in the church and community projects. His friends described him as "an easy-going, fun loving person who was well respected in the community." He enjoyed singing and playing

the piano. As a farmer, he was noted as having good horses, mules, wagons, and buggies.

He attended Poplar Springs School and Shelby High School. He is a veteran of World War I, 82nd Field Artillery.

On June 15, 1919, he married Verdie Mae Horn. She was born May 22, 1893, and was the daughter of James Alexander "Cobb" and Lucretia Lattimore Horn of the Union Community. Verdie was reared in a large family. Her father, "Cobb", owned and operated a large farm, and all the children helped with the farm work. When she married, she and her husband, Tom, bought a farm at Ross Grove. This has remained the family home for sixty-three years. Their three children are: Thomas Hal, Roy Donald, and Eugene.

Thomas Hal was born January 16, 1922. He is employed by the North Carolina State Parole System. He married Sarah Caroline Blanton of Lattimore (see article elsewhere in book).

Roy Donald was born October 8, 1925. He is a breeder of short horn cattle. He is a licensed cattle and farm auctioneer, a farmer, and an agent for Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance. He was also a highway commissioner for the state. He married Ruth Spangler, daughter of Abe and Mattie Warlick Spangler. Ruth is Clerk of Court for Cleveland County. They have one child, Kevin Rodney.

Eugene was born October 20, 1929. She attended Gardner-Webb and Flora McDonald College. She has taught home economics in Cleveland and Gaston Counties. Her husband, Joe Hamrick, is employed by the United States Federal Government.

— Hal Dedmon

WILLIAM WRAY and EZMA ETHEL ROBERTS DEDMON

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My father, William Wray Dedmon, was born on January 20, 1898, in Cleveland County, to Jesse Frank Dedmon and Lottie (Charlotte) Wellmon Dedmon. At the time of his birth his parents were living north of Shelby in the vicinity of Highway eighteen some three miles outside Shelby. He was child number three in a family of thirteen children. He was educated (8th grade) at Rock Cut School which was located near the Seaboard Railroad just off existing Highway 180.

Many stories were told of the good times he and his brothers and sisters had as they grew up together on the farm. A draft call to report to the U.S. Army on November 10, 1918 was cancelled when the war ended and an armistice was declared on November 11, 1918.

My father was married to my mother, Ezma Ethel Roberts, daughter of Samuel Leard Roberts and Emma Dellinger Roberts on June 25, 1924. I was born on April 2, 1925 in a little house (which still stands) located one-half mile south of Buffalo Creek just off Highway 150 East. Named Marjorie Frances, I was called Marjorie for the first few months until my parents decided to call me Frances, rather than the "Margie" all the friends and relatives had chosen to call me.

A funny story, although not funny at all the

time it happened, was told by my mother. It seems she was in the field near our house chopping cotton when I was approximately three months old. She had left me in the house asleep and My Aunt Jennie (wife of F.S. Dedmon, my father's older brother, who lived nearby) heard me crying. She had a son, William Flavin (Bill), (also an infant but a year older than I) and they came and took me to their house. My mother continued to chop cotton, not aware that I had been taken by my aunt, who thought my mother saw her get me. When my mother came back to check on me and I wasn't there she became hysterical. My aunt still talks about "kidnapping" me and how badly she was hurt and how sorry she was for my mother when she discovered I was not in my cradle.

Our family grew with the addition of a boy named Wray Kenneth, born February 2, 1928. My father and mother were living in Kings Mountain, and my dad worked for the Shell Oil Company. Shortly after returning to Shelby in 1929, my father was seriously injured in a gasoline truck (which he drove for Shell Oil), car, and wagon accident late one evening in Cherryville, North Carolina where Carolina Freight Carriers now stands. The doctors gave him no chance for survival, but in spite of serious injuries he came through although he had a terribly scarred face. His left eye, damaged in the wreck did not, and would never, close on its own again.

My father purchased from my Grandfather Dedmon some twelve acres of land; and a house from the Buffalo Mill adjoined the Dedmon property. There our family lived until 1941, at which time my father sold the house and land and purchased a house on the Ross Grove Church Road, near the Ross Grove Baptist Church.

While living near Buffalo Mill our family increased with the birth of a daughter, Dean Carolyn, born February 18, 1935, and a son, Ned Edwin, born March 8, 1938. In the meantime my father went to work for a brother-in-law, Robert Lee Carpenter, (married to his sister, Eva Mae Dedmon) in the tire-recapping business. Later this business was bought by my father's brother, A.V. (married to Lizzie Lee Kendrick). He also worked for Tillman's Inc. and the Auto Inn as a tire-recapper before opening his own business, Dedmon Recapping, located on McBrayer Street in Shelby in August 1954. He retired from this business in January, 1965. The building is still owned by my father and my brother, Ned Edwin.

Members of Central United Methodist Church, my father is an honorary member of the Official Board, served as treasurer of the Hoey Bible Class, and as an usher. My mother passed away on December 4, 1981, at the age of 80 years, three months, and twenty-eight days. She is buried in Rose Hill Memorial Park Cemetery in Fallston, North Carolina, in the section near the Masonic Monument.

I graduated from Waco High School, the third highest in my class, in June, 1942. I was married to Paul C. (i.o.) Morgan, son of the Reverend Julius Martin Morgan and Maggie Esther Hatley Morgan, on March 17, 1946. Paul and I have a son, Jerry Paul, born March

21, 1948 in Shelby, and a daughter, Miriam Celeste, born November 26, 1952, in Shelby. Paul's father was killed in an automobile accident in October, 1958, and his mother died March 14, 1966. Both are buried in the cemetery at Friendship Methodist Church, Fallston. Mr. Morgan served as pastor of Friendship for 16 yeras.

Jerry was married to Sharon Culler Osborne (daughter of Henry Addison Culler and Irene Edwards Culler) on April 8, 1977. They have two sons, Addison Michaux Osborne by her previous marriage and adopted by Jerry; and Jerry Paul, Jr., born to Jerry and Sharon on February 15, 1979.

Celeste was married to Stephen Douglas Rogers, son of Heyward and Nancy Lee Rogers, On June 17, 1972. They have no children at this writing.

Wray Kenneth, my brother, was married to Carolyn Naomi Smith, on January 2, 1950, daughter of Menry Lee Smith and Lola Ethel Murray Smith. They have two sons, Philip Richard, born December 2, 1954; Mark Lee, born December 16, 1969; and Rebecca Naomi, born June 4, 1970. Philip Richard and Janet Helms Dedmon have a son, Alan Richard born March 5, 1978.

Dean Carolyn, my sister, was married to Ralph Fain Hambright, son of Robert Edgar Hambright and Flora Eloise Fain Hambright, on August 19, 1955. They have two daughters, and a son. Marjorie Karen (my namesake) born February 18 (her mother's birthday), 1958; Priscilla Claire, born May 31, 1963; and Karl David, born May 15, 1960.

Ned Edwin, my brother, was married to Deloris Bryant, daughter of Thomas Walker Bryant and Erie Ledbetter Bryant, in November, 1959. They have two sons, Thomas Andrew, born August 19, 1960, and Daniel Wray, born August 18, 1961.

Sources: Family knowledge

— Frances Dedmon Morgan

THOMAS BAXTER DEPRIEST 382

Thomas Baxter DePriest came to Cleveland County about 1870. He was born on May 27, 1847, near Cherry Mountain, Roberson's Creek District of Rutherford County, North Carolina, to William Cansaler and Rebecca M. Baber DePriest.

The DePriest family settled in Rutherford County in 1783, when Thomas Baxter's great-grandfather, William, fulfilled a promise he made during the Revolutionary War.

William DePriest, born about 1760 in Goochland County, Virginia, moved to Henry County, Virginia, prior to the outbreak of the Revolution. In 1778, he enlisted in the local militia. According to family legend, during one of his three tours of duty with the militia, the young man passed through Rutherford County, met a young lady, Esther Daves (Dayves or Davis), promised to return and marry her.

After serving in the war at such battles as Kings Mountain, Monck's Corner, and Goose Creek, William returned to Rutherford County and married Esther. They settled in Rutherford



Thomas Baxter DePriest

County near Cherry Mountain and raised a family of ten children: William, John Pitt, Green, James H., George, Randolph, Elizabeth, Jennie, Elmira, Barbara.

In 1831, William DePriest donated a parcel of land to Methodist Church trustees which encompassed the 'Meltons or Salom Meeting House' which became Salem Church. William is buried in the church cemetery.

Thomas Baxter's grandfather, son of the Revolutionary patriot, was also William DePriest. He was born on August 10, 1784, and on December 30, 1809, married Julian (Julia Ann) Cansler, daughter of John and Barbara Rudisill Cansler of Rutherford County, North Carolina. Julian Cansler DePriest died on January 8, 1844, but William lived to be 91 years ten months and eleven days old, dying on June 21, 1876. Both are buried at Salem Methodist Church cemetery.

Thomas Baxter DePriest's father, William Cansler DePriest, was born on June 8, 1818. About 1841, he married Rebecca M. Baber, daughter of James and Catherine Bell Baber of Sunshine, N.C. A miller by profession, William Cansler and Rebecca raised a family of eight children. William Cansler died on April 1, 1897. Rebecca M. Baber DePriest died on June 22, 1899. Both are buried at Salem Methodist Church cemetery.

After the War Between the States, Thomas Baxter bought twenty-five acres, a store and two-room cabin in New House, North Carolina. Perhaps the political climate in Rutherford County caused the young Confederate veteran to look elsewhere to establish his home as reconstruction in Rutherford County was extremely heated.

After his relocation, Thomas Baxter met and married a Cleveland County girl. On September 2, 1876, Amanda Jane Covington, daughter of William Covington and his second wife, Mary Rencie Greene, became Mrs. Thomas Baxter DePriest. Amanda Jane, always called 'Mandy', was born on September 28, 1855. Her father died on January 28, 1861, when

Mandy was only five years old. Her mother, a strong woman by all accounts, lived to be 91 years and eight days old, dying on November 20, 1902. Both parents are buried at Zion Baptist Church in Cleveland County.

For many yeras, Thomas Baxter operated a store in New House. He and Mandy had ten children, eight of whom lived to adulthood in Cleveland County. Their children were William Wesley, born July 8, 1877; Bessie Beatrice, born April 20, 1879; Adolphus Bradshaw Clarence; born September 3, 1881; Pauline Belle, born April 13, 1889; Samuel Henry Covington, born August 20, 1891; Annie Nannie Dorcas, born November 1, 1896; and Olive Madge born October 9, 1901.

On February 22, 1907, Thomas Baxter DePriest died and was buried at Salem Methodist Church in Rutherford County. Mandy lived to see the births of many of her great-grandchildren. She died on February 18, 1945, and was buried at Salem Methodist Church beside Thomas Baxter.

Sources: Interview with Olive Madge DePriest William-son of New House, N. C.; *Salem United Methodist Church, An Historical Workbook* by Miles S. Philbeck, Jr., copyright 1979; Pension Application Papers of William DePriest, National Archives file #S-8319; DePriest Family Outline compiled by A.B.C. DePriest, St., Shelby, N.C.; Article from Forest City THIS WEEK, dated April 26, 1972, entitled "DePriest Spent 'Prime of My Life in Defense of My County'"; The DePriest Family Bible in the possession of Miss Jessie Robertson of Rutherford County.

— Patricia DePriest King



Manda Covington DePriest

WILLIAM DICAS and DESCENDANTS

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Persons with the name Dicas, Dicos, Dicus, Dycas, Dycus, Dykehouse, and Dykus all descended from one William Dicas who came from the British Isles and settled on a plantation in Kent County, Maryland around 1695. The ancestors of William originated from Holland and imigrated to the British Isle, Scotland and Ireland.

William first married Elizabeth Ambroso in 1707 and had one son, Edward, born September 18, 1708 in Kent County, Maryland. Elizabeth died at Edward's birth or soon thereafter, and William married Mary Ann Smith in 1710.

William and Mary Ann had five children, all born in Kent County, Maryland; William, Jr., born January 4, 1712; Thomas, born August 13, 1716; Mary Elizabeth (Nemo or Nimmo) born May 28, 1718; James, born 1720; and John, born October 8, 1723. All five children lived and died in Maryland. William died around 1735 in Kent County, Maryland. Mary Ann died after 1735.

Edward, the son of William and Elizabeth, first married Ann Phillips in 1734 in Kent County, Maryland. They had two children; Edward Jr., born September 7, 1735; and Elizabeth (Lee), born June 11, 1736, both in Kent County, Maryland. It appears Edward's wife, Ann, died around 1740. Soon thereafter Edward and children migrated to North Carolina and settled in Rowan County on the Yadkin River around 1745. After arriving in Rowan County, Edward married Margaret, last name unknown, and no known children were born from this marriage. Edward died around 1774, probably in Tryon County, North Carolina.

Edward Jr. married Lear or Leer, last name unknown, around 1752 in Rowan County, North Carolina. They had four children, all born in Rowan County: Edward C., born January 27, 1753, was in the Revolutionary War, and later moved to Jackson County, Tennessee; John, born about 1754, later moved to Montgomery County, Tennessee; William, born about 1755, later moved to Barren County, Kentucky; and James, born about 1758, remained in North Carolina.

James, wife unknown, had five sons born in Rutherford County, North Carolina; Edward, born about 1779, later moved to Tennessee; William, born about 1784 remained in North Carolina; James Jr., born about 1795 married Polly Edwards in 1814 and later moved to Jackson County, Tennessee; Michael, born about 1801 later moved to Kentucky; and George, born about 1802 later moved to Jackson County, Alabama. James died around 1810, probably in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

William, born about 1784, married Usely or Urcilla Walker April 12, 1803 in Rutherford County, North Carolina and had two sons in Rutherford County; Elijah, born about 1805 remained in North Carolina; and Edward, born about 1810 married Martha Mullens January 9, 1833 in Rutherford County and later moved to Murray County, Georgia. William and Urcilla also had several daughters, names and birthdates unknown. William died about 1818 in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

Sources: Census reports, court records and correspondence with descendants of William Dicus.

— William Allen Dycus

CLARENCE FRANKLIN DIXON 384

Clarence Franklin Dixon (Dick) was born March 10, 1898, and was the son of Henry

Pinkney Dixon and Alice Jane Skinner Dixon. He grew up on the family farm in the Kadash Church community. He was educated at Piedmont Boarding School in Lawndale. His early occupational years in the construction business took him to Miami, Florida where buildings that were being constructed were destroyed by the 1922 hurricane. He returned to North Carolina where he located in Boone, North Carolina and bought a butcher shop. Here in Boone was where he met his wife, Alta McSwain born September 28, 1905. She was a student at Appalachian, and went on to graduate there. They were married June 8, 1930.

Dick's favorite sport and hobby continues to be fishing.

The family later moved to Statesville, North Carolina where they still reside. He was a meat-cutter and she was a fourth-grade teacher and homemaker. They had three children: Charlene Franklin Dixon, Jr., June Katherine, and Rodney McSwain.

Clarence Franklin Dixon, Jr. was born May 15, 1931 and was a graduate of North Carolina State University. He married Laura Williams September 4, 1954. She was a graduate of Duke University and is a math teacher in the Greensboro Schools where they reside. He is a plant manager in Engineering Administration of Larillard in Greensboro. They have two sons Thomas Lloyd Dixon born April 29, 1957. He is a graduate of Rochester Institution of Technology in Rochester, New York. He is working for Aldermans Inc. as Production Coordinator in High Point, North Carolina. Richard Williams Dixon born May 5, 1960, attends North Carolina State University.

June Katherine Dixon was born May 2, 1934. She is a graduate of Greensboro University with a degree in business. She was a teacher. She married James Moffett Alexander II September 8, 1956 in Statesville. They now live in Fairfax, Virginia where his work is with American Telephone and Telegraph Co. in Washington, D.C. They have four children. James Moffett Alexander III; he is a graduate of Hampton Sidney University in Virginia. He is now working toward a masters degree at Georgia State. He was born August 9, 1958. Mary Moffett Alexander born January 31, 1961 is in school at Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina. Anne Kathryn Alexander, born December 14, 1962 is also in school at Meredith at Raleigh, North Carolina. John Christian Alexander born September 27, 1969 is a student in the grammar grades in Fairfax, Virginia.

Rodney McSwain Dixon born June 8, 1937.

He graduated from North Carolina State in ceramic engineering. He works with Lebbby Owen Ford Co. in Toledo, Ohio. He married Joan Cranford Dixon February 27, 1960. She was a graduate of Salisbury Business School and is a legal secretary. They have three daughters. Patricia Janeen (Patti) Dixon attended Owens University and is married to Douglas P. Dauer. They have one child — Vincent born February 4, 1981. Lari Beth Dixon born June 23, 1967 is a high school student in Maumee, Ohio. Traci Leigh Dixon born February 2, 1970, is a grammar student in Maumee, Ohio.

Both Alta and Dick are retired, and cele-

brated their fiftieth wedding anniversary June 8, 1980 at a reception given in their honor by their children. They live at 222 Brevard Street, Statesville, North Carolina.

Sources: Personal knowledge

— Clarence Franklin Dixon

THE EDGAR WILLIAM DIXON FAMILY

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Edgar William (Ed) Dixon was born on Christmas Day (December 25, 1896) to Henry Pinkney and Alice Skinner Dixon in a log cabin on First Broad River in Cleveland County near Zion Baptist Church. He was the second of eleven children born to this couple. The family later moved to the Belwood Community of Upper Cleveland County, where he met and married Hettie Sarah Gantt. She was the daughter of John and Eliza Hoyle Gantt. Mrs. Gantt was of German descent. The family still has a German Bible dated 1545. It is a leather bound and in good condition considering its age.

Ed and Hettie Dixon had four children. Lucy Alice Dixon was born on September 30, 1907. She married Fred Anthony of Kings Mountain. Jessie Adeline Dixon was born on February 2, 1909. She married David L. Blanton of the Union Community of Cleveland County. Ruth Edna Dixon was born September 14, 1921. She married Luke J. Carnes of Kannapolis, North Carolina. William Max Dixon was born December 20, 1924. "Bill" married Willie Hodges of Boone, North Carolina. They also raised a foster daughter Betty Jean. She was born August 14, 1930. She married Arnold Lail of Shelby.

Mr. Dixon was a farmer and a deputy sheriff for years, before moving to Shelby in 1928 to become chief deputy for Irwin M. Allen. He was elected High Sheriff during his stay as Sheriff. He was then elected as Magistrate for Number Six township, when he held for years, and was also a Justice of the Peace until he died on September 1, 1975. Mrs. Dixon died on November 15, 1967 and their daughter Lucy died on July 22, 1976.

While Mr. Dixon lived at Belwood, he organized the residents into a Co-op to get electricity from the Lawndale power company. He got the right-of-ways and helped build the lines.

When Duke Power Company decided to serve Cleveland County, the Honorable James B. Duke came to Shelby, stayed at the hotel and supervised. He wanted to hire someone who knew the entire county well to secure right-of-ways for their many poles. Mr. Dixon was recommended and hired by Mr. Duke. After the work was completed Mr. Duke was well pleased, so he wanted to do something extra for Mr. Dixon. He asked him what he would like, but Mr. Dixon told him he didn't want anything for himself. His church, Kadash, needed a bell, so Mr. Duke told him to pick out any bell he wanted, and send him the bill. Kadash Church has been replaced with a new building, but it has the same bell.

The Dixons' were faithful members of Kadash Methodist Church while living at Bel-



Ed W. Dixon with clock collection

lia Dixon married Sherrill Wehunt of Lincoln County and they had five children, three girls and two boys. Ophelia and Sherrill are buried at Bess Chapel in Lincoln County.

Bessie Dixon was born June 13, 1896 married Doctor E. S. Wehunt of Cherryville, North Carolina. They had a son and twin sons. Bessie, Dr. Wehunt and one of the twins, Loy, are buried in Cherryville City Cemetery.

Clarence Franklin Dixon was born March 10, 1898 married Alta McSwain. They have two sons, and a daughter, now living in Statesville.

John Thomas Dixon was born July 20, 1900 married Carrie McMurry. They have three sons and a daughter. Tom died March 20, 1976 and he and their daughter, Dorothy are buried at Kadesh Church.

Lona Dixon was born October 22, 1902 married Edward S. Qualls of Boone, North Carolina; and they have two sons and two daughters.

Della Mae Dixon was born October 10, 1903 married Raymond Brackett, also of Belwood. They have three sons and three daughters. Both Raymond and Della are deceased, he in September of 1966, and she in July of 1973 and they are buried at Forrest Lawns in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

In 1905, the family moved back to Belwood living in Henry's homeplace near Kadesh Church, where he had several hundred acres of land and tenants to tend the land. He sold the other farm in the Zion Community to a Cornwell family. They were members of Kadesh Church once again. The large two story house was changed somewhat, and was furnished with Victoria furniture covered in red velvet, marble top tables, lamps, and the organ was especially remembered by the children. They were so excited when Grandmother Skinner would come and visit, so they could gather around the organ and play and sing.

On May 26, 1907 Raymond Dixon was born, and at the age of eight months on January 20, 1908 he died of spinal meningitis and was buried at Kadesh.

Henry Dixon took pneumonia and died March 3, 1909, three weeks before his wife was to give birth to their twelfth child. He was buried at Kadesh. Three weeks later his wife had a daughter and she named her Henry Pauline, born March 23, 1909. She married J. Alvin Propst of Belwood Community and they had one daughter.

Alice (mother) was always known for her good smelling kitchen, where the aroma of homemace bread could be found. She would rob the bees, the family and friends would enjoy fresh honey from her table. On the right side of the house was an old-fashion rose garden with lilacs and periwinkle.

She was a very religious woman and the girls remember their mother spending much time on her knees in prayer. Alice Jane became sick with tuberculosis and died June 17, 1916. She is buried with her husband, Henry and son Raymond in Kadesh United Methodist Church Cemetery.

— Mrs. Charles L. Peeler



wood. Mrs. Dixon taught a Sunday School Class for many years. She was a well-versed Bible Scholar. Mr. Dixon served as steward of the church. He was also treasurer and Sunday School Superintendent.

Mr. Dixon was one of three school committee men who were responsible for consolidating several small schools into one larger school. The old Belwood School had burned down, so the large new Belwood High School was built. The first year in the new building was the 1926-1927 school year. That was the year Lucy and Jessie both finished high school. The county had debating teams in each high school that wanted to compete with other schools. Jessie was on the debating team at Belwood. Her team mate was Fletcher Sain of Toluca. They won out in the county and went to Chapel Hill to debate other counties, but were eliminated in the finals by one vote.

Mr. Dixon had many hobbies, such as fishing, hunting, horses and dogs. His most prized hobby was clocks. He could fix any clock and make it run, even if he had to make a piece for it, regardless of its condition. At one time he had as many as 200 clocks. He had customers from Virginia, Tennessee, South Carolina and other states.

Sources: Family records

— Jessie D. Blanton

HENRY PINKNEY DIXON FAMILY

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Henry Pinkney Dixon was born March 20, 1849 in Belwood. He was the son of Gilbreath Dixon and Lydia Dixon. He was known to most as Gilly Dixon. The original name was spelled Dickson, and during his lifetime he was responsible for changing the spelling to Dixon to shorten the name. The Dixons were of English ancestry.

Henry's father, Gilly, was a wealthy landowner, having owned at one time a thousand

acres of land in the Belwood section, and owned 75 slaves. He lost a lot of money when the slaves were freed because they were so expensive. Henry had four brothers, and four sisters: John, Bill, Edgar, Frank, Susan, Lydia, Hattie Bess, and Laura Lee. The house Henry was reared in later became his to rear his family in, and was given several hundred acres of land by his father. The house was a large two-story house that sat on a knoll about a fourth of a mile east of Kadesh Church. It was built of log, but plastered on the inside and wood siding on the outside. The house servants had a part of the upstairs, a petition being between the part the family lived, and where the servants lived. The servants stairs went up from the back, and family stairs from the front of the house.

Henry was educated at Rutherford College located in Valmead, North Carolina in Catawba County. After college, he spent some time living in Texas. After traveling around he came back to Cleveland County where he settled for a few years in the Zion Community buying some land and raising crops.

Henry met and married Alice Jane Skinner, born August 19, 1869, daughter of John Skinner and Nancy Agnes Reid Skinner. They were married in 1883; she being fourteen years old and he was thirty-four. The first child, a male, died in infancy and was buried at Zion Church. Other children born at this location were Susan Dixon, born October 25, 1884; she married Ezra Champion. They had one son Everette — are all deceased; Susan dying in 1911 and being buried at New Prospect Church.

Edgar William Dixon, born October 25, 1885 married Hettie Sarah Gantt and they had five children, four girls, and a son. Hettie died November 15, 1967 and Ed died September 1, 1975. They are buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Rachel Dixon was born February 10, 1888 married George Wilson and they had three boys and 2 girls. Rachel, George, and daughter Madge are buried at Kadesh Church. Ophelia



Henry Pinkney and Alice Jane Skinner Dixon

JOHN THOMAS DIXON

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John Thomas Dixon (Tom), the son of Henry Pinkney Dixon and Alice Jane Skinner Dixon was born July 18, 1900 in Cleveland County. He was named for Thomas Dixon, Jr. the famed author, lawyer, playwright, and actor who was a native of Cleveland County and a cousin of Tom's.

He was educated at Belwood School and farmed at the family farm. He married Carrie McMurry born November 20, 1897 of Lawndale, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Crowell McMurry.

Their first son, Thomas Harold was born in Cleveland County, May 3, 1921. He married Mary Gales of Kannapolis, N.C., born February 17, 1930. They have three children. Thomas Owen Dixon born June 25, 1950 in Cabarrus County, married Mary Jessica Herman October 29, 1949 from Newton, N.C. They have two children — Kathryn Patricia Dixon born June 11, 1975 in York County, S.C. and Matthew Thomas Dixon born December 19, 1978 in York County, S.C. Their second child is Sandra Gail Dixon born December 26, 1952 in Cabarrus County, N.C. and she wed David Samuel Spurrier born November 28, 1951 of Gaston County. They have two children Bryan Damon Spurrier born November 30, 1976 in Mecklenburg County, N.C. and Mary Allyson Spurrier June 23, 1979 in Mecklenburg County, N.C. Their third child was Joni Elizabeth Dixon born September 30, 1954 in Cabarrus County, N.C. She married David Earl Beaudry born July 18, 1953 of High Point, N.C. They have one son, Wesley Earl Beaudry born April 8, 1979 in Mecklenburg County, N.C.

Tom's family moved to Lincolnton after a few years when he owned and operated a dry-cleaning business. Their other three children were born in Lincoln County. The second son was Robert Crowell born August 1, 1922 and

married Blanch Beal of Lincoln County on May 17, 1942 in York, S.C. Bob is a postman in Lincolnton, N.C. They had two sons and 2 daughters. Jimmy; and Robert Crowell, Jr. (born July 1, 1950 and died 1970). Janis, oldest daughter born March 9, 1945 and later married Jerry Story. Cynthia born October 31, 1948 married Jimmy Fitzgerald.

Dorothy Alice Dixon, their only daughter was born February 5, 1924 and died March 14, 1937. She was 13 years old and is buried at Kadesh Church.

The fourth child was Richard Henry born February 17, 1926. He now lives in Baltimore, Maryland, is an artist in advertising and is unmarried.

Tom and Carrie later moved to Kannapolis, N.C. where she was a homemaker, and he was a professional tailor with Haney and Holbrooke Mens Store.

Tom had a heart attack on March 20, 1976 and is buried at Kadesh Methodist Church in Upper Cleveland.

Sources: Personal knowledge

— Mrs. Charles Peeler

THOMAS DIXON

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Thomas Dixon was the son of John Dixon, brother of David Dixon, who was the father of Rev. Thomas Dixon Sr. Rev. T. Dixon Sr. had five children: 1) Thomas Jr., lawyer, preacher, actor, playwright, novelist, and motion picture producer, 2) Rev. A.C. Dixon, 3) Frank, minister and lecturer, 4) Addie Dixon Thacker, author, 5) Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll, one of the first women physicians in the state, served as physician for Meredith College 35 years.

Thomas Dixon married Cynthia Lackey, born Oct. 31, 1810, and died of small pox Dec. 25, 1862. To this union were born the following children: 1) Mary Dixon, born May 8,

1830, died July 11, 1866; 2) Roxanna Dixon, born Jan. 1, 1833, died Mar. 18, 1925; 3) infant, born June 27, 1835; 4) Thomas Jefferson Dixon (Little Tom), born Apr. 11, 1837, died May 17, 1921; 5) Adolphus I. Dixon, born July 6, 1839, died of small pox, serving in the Civil War on Sept. 5, 1862; 6) William Osborn Dixon, born February 2, 1843, died May 21, 1864 of small pox, serving in the Civil War. Cynthia, Mary, Adolphus, and Osborn were buried in the family cemetery a few hundred years south of the T.J. Dixon old homestead. Roxanna and Thomas Jefferson were buried in New Bethel Bapt. Church Cemetery.

Thomas Jefferson Dixon, "Little Tom", son of Thomas and Cynthia Lackey married Barbara E. Allen born Jan. 7, 1841, died Oct. 26, 1867. To this union was born 1) Osborn Clement Dixon born July 15, 1866, died Apr. 3, 1932; married Mattie Gold, born Dec. 31, 1878, died Apr. 6, 1955. 2) Thomas Adolphus Dixon, born Oct. 19, 1867, died July 20, 1901, married Lula Lattimore, born Feb. 13, 1872, died May 13, 1960. When Barbara died Thomas married her sister Mary Catherine Allen, born Apr. 3, 1843, died Jan. 3, 1915. To this union were born 1) Ella, born May 17, 1871, died Dec. 30, 1960, married C.S. Morehead. 2) Ada, born May 28, 1872, died Jan. 22, 1958, married Dr. John T. Buff of Casar, N.C. 3) Ida, born Nov. 12, 1873, died Nov. 23, 1953. 4) Her twin, Estelle, died May 8, 1874. 5) Edith Elizabeth born May 9, 1867, died Nov. 9, 1970, married O.M. Green. 6) Mary Kathryn (Kate) born Sept. 24, 1877, died Feb. 20, 1969, married Charles D. Stroup, Fallston, N.C. 7) Laura Alice, born Aug. 6, 1879, died May 3, 1951, married O.V. Warlick, Lawndale, N.C. 8) Sallie Lucretia born Apr. 21, 1881, died July 19, 1970, married John H. Trott. 9) John Allen born Dec. 4, 1882, died Dec. 12, 1911, married Clayton Cline, born July 23, 1888, died Dec. 12, 1911. Their marker in New Bethel Cemetery reads, "Murdered on the night of Dec. 12, 1911." 10) William Jefferson born Sept. 23, 1885, died Sept. 21, 1960, married Lucy Gold born June 16, 1888, died Nov. 25, 1961.

To the union of Osborn Clement and Mattie Gold Dixon were born the following children: 1) Thomas Gold born April 5, 1899, died Sept. 2, 1957 married Ruth Branton born Feb. 27, 1899. 2) Benjamin Franklin born June 14, 1902, married Selma Cabiness born July 25, 1907. 3) Pearl born May 10, 1904, died Apr. 3, 1970, married George Murray born Jan. 30, 1900. 4) Max R. born March 6, 1907, married Frances Ellis. 5) Minnie Cleo born Oct. 26, 1900 died April 24, 1901. 6) Ellowee born April 11, 1909 died July 21, 1909. 7) Avery Clarence born Feb. 10, 1911 married Thelma Spurling born Nov. 9, 1914. 8) Margaret born Apr. 24, 1913 married Albert F. Watson born March 2, 1906. 9) O.C. Jr. born May 15, 1915 married Irene Self born Nov. 20, 1917. 10) Williamson Fortune born May 25, 1917 married Hazalene Richardson born Aug. 28, 1922. 11) Hal born July 15, 1919 married Doris Jenkins born Sept. 10, 1922.

To the union of Adolphus and Lula were born: 1) Maude Ila born Dec. 11, 1894, died Dec. 11, 1958 married Fred Washburn born

Apr. 2, 1891, died Apr. 27, 1957. 2) Dr. Hoyt Carson born March 8, 1896 died Dec. 27, 1963. 3) Vera Catherine born Dec. 29, 1898.

To the union of Ada and John T. Buff were born 1) James Edward, Lawyer, born Apr. 8, 1906 died Jan. 5, 1969. 2) Jonnie Pauline born May 21, 1910, married George Brown born July 31, 1910.

To the union of Edith and O.M. Green were born 1) Thomas Caryle born July 16, 1910 married Lillian Shields born Aug. 13, 1917. 2) Joe Marshall born July 3, 1912 married Wilma Shields. 3) Odus Max born July 18, 1915 married Myrtle Parris born May 29, 1918.

To the union of Kate and Charles D. Stroup were born 1) Edward Yates born Oct. 12, 1899, died Oct. 19, 1976, married Lona Lounette Brackett born June 29, 1906. 2) Thelma born Oct. 7, 1902, died Sept. 19, 1963 married Robert Moore Willis born Nov. 16, 1899 died Nov. 20, 1964. 3) Kathleen born Oct. 7, 1904 married Hugh Beam born March 28, 1899, died July 15, 1978. 4) Charles Dixon, Jr. born Sept. 2, 1910 married Mildred Hord born Dec. 16, 1911. 5) Wilma born March 28, 1913 married Lawson Bryon Sweezy Sr. born Nov. 20, 1912. 6) Eloise born May 14, 1915 married James Hill Dameron born Jan. 30, 1916.

To the union of Laura Alice and O.V. Warlick were born 1) Ruby Estelle, born Feb. 6, 1908, married Taft S. Putnam, born Oct. 17, 1908; 2) Harvey Sam, born Mar. 28, 1909, married Pearl Gold Cornwell, born Feb. 7, 1909; 3) John Graham (James) born Feb. 11, 1912, married Evelyn Fowler, born May 19, 1913; 4) Mary Frances, born June 28, 1916, married Thomas A. Lattimore, born Aug. 28, 1914.

Sallie Dixon married John H. Trott, born Nov. 5, 1876, died Oct. 23, 1940. Their children were 1) Ralph Dixon Trott born Sept. 4, 1904, died Jan. 27, 1972. 2) Lucille born July 29, 1906. 3) Lamarr, born June 16, 1908, died Mar. 19, 1975. 4) Robert born Dec. 7, 1910. 5) Catherine, born July 25, 1913, died June 11, 1917. 6) Matilda, born May 12, 1915. 7) Eloise, born June 16, 1917. 8) Ruth, born Mar. 14, 1922.

John Allen Dixon married Clayton Cline, born July 23, 1888, died Dec. 12, 1911. Their child was Ruth, born Dec. 27, 1910, died July 6, 1980, was married to Walter Jackson Lackey, M.D., born July 12, 1906, died May 1, 1943.

William Jefferson Dixon married Lucy Gold born June 16, 1888, died Nov. 25, 1961. Their children were 1) Paul Allen, born Oct. 9, 1908, 2) Tom, born Oct. 1, 1910 3) John, born May 4, 1913, 4) Wilma, born May 21, 1916, 5) Jesse Sr., born June 28, 1919.

"Little Tom's" home in upper Cleveland become the choice meeting place of the Dixon kin, as well as the neighbors because of the congeniality of the family and the appetizing food served. His family was a church going family and most of them filled places of leadership in their churches.

Sources: Family knowledge

— Mrs. T.S. Putnam

MR. and MRS. WALTER C. DIXON

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Walter Carl Dixon was born November 10, 1890, at the Dixon homeplace across the road from Kadesh Methodist Church, Belwood, North Carolina. He was the fourth child of John Robinson Dixon (born November 17, 1852, died December 27, 1895) and Frances Eliza Cline (born July 16, 1858, died July 5, 1931).

Other children in the family were Thomas L. (born January 4, 1883, died February 21, 1888); Lucy Ann (born June 15, 1885, married Muncy Dorsey, died June 12, 1925); Katherine Cornelia (Kate) (born June 23, 1888, died June 6, 1928); Ambrose Clayton (born July 22, 1893, died December 18, 1920); and Johnnie Adeline (born April 8, 1896, died May 5, 1968).

On September 1, 1921, he married Marie Self, born May 16, 1896, daughter of William F. and Samantha Brendle Self; and granddaughter of Lemuel and Martha Willis Self Hoyle, who remarried after the death of her first husband; and Joseph and Frances Nance Brendle.

The Dixons adopted two daughters. Frances Marie, born February 2, 1933, married Dwight Kenneth Beam on June 6, 1953. They have two children. Kathie Rose, born March 7, 1955, married to Tim Mossteller, has two children: Christy Hope Beam, born January 12, 1973; and Kenneth John Mosteller, born March 27, 1981. Jeannie Lynne, born March 15, 1957, married Ronnie Owens and has two children: Michael Beam Owens, born April 27, 1974, and Hollie Jean Owens, born August 27, 1978.

Roslyn Jane, born December 19, 1943, married Johnny Self on February 18, 1962. The Selfs had four children: Gary Wayne, born January 14, 1963; David Allen, born December 27, 1966; Lisa Marie, born February 9, 1968. One child, Sherri Jane, was born August 28, 1965, and died the same date.

After the death of Walter's father, his mother built a more modern home on the same place, and Walter continued to make his home with her and his sisters even after his marriage. He was a farmer, a good provider for his family. He was devoted to Kadesh Methodist Church and, in his quiet, unassuming way, was an active member during his lifetime, always present for all services.

Marie was essentially a homemaker, but held many offices in the work of Kadesh Methodist Church and has been heard to say that she had done "everything but preach."

In 1968, Marie burned her hand severely and was for a while incapacitated. That summer, Frances and her family moved into the home and were there to help care for Walter during his illness. He died July 8, 1975, and is buried in Kadesh Church cemetery.

Frances is a musician, serves as organist at Kadesh Methodist Church and is always on call for any occasion requiring music. She is a constant "doer of good works" in the Belwood community. Dwight Beam "sees to" the farm, but is a mechanic and has a farm equipment repair shop.

Jane and her family live just across the road. She sings in the Kadesh Church choir and

teaches a Sunday School class. She works in the office of Dr. Joseph E. Walker at Toluca. Her husband is in the insurance and real estate business.

Marie is still living in the homeplace, is a shut-in, confined mostly to her bedroom and sitting room. But all the Dixon descendants are still in or near Belwood and so she is surrounded by children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who now celebrate their birthdays with a party in her sitting room.

Sources: "The Genealogy of Peter Heyl and His Descendants" — Rucker; family records; personal knowledge

— Frances Beam

WILLIAM MAX DIXON FAMILY

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William Max Dixon, Sr., son of Edgar William Dixon and Hettie Sarah Gantt Dixon was born December 20, 1924 in Belwood, North Carolina. He moved to Shelby in 1928, attended Washington Elementary School and Shelby High School graduating in 1941. He joined the United States Navy in 1943 and served on the Destroyer U.S.S. Southerland in the Pacific in World War II, as a Gunners Mate. His ship was just off Tokyo during the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and was the first warship to enter Tokyo Bay after the Japanese surrender, being there during the surrender ceremonies. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

In 1947 he married Willie Lee Hodges of Boone, North Carolina, a registered nurse, who was a Shelby Hospital Nursing School graduate. She is a granddaughter of Charles Gray Hodges who taught school in Belwood, North Carolina and Bethware Community in the early 1900's.

Bill has lived in Boone since 1947 and works for the United Postal Service in Boone. He is an active member of the Boone United Methodist Church serving on the Official Board, Board of Trustees and Member of Methodist Mens Club. His hobbies are fishing, wood working, gardening and hunting.

They have three children. Linda Lee Dixon, born February 26, 1949 in Boone, North Carolina and is married to Larry Ford and they live in Raleigh, North Carolina. She attended Appalachian Elementary School, Watauga High School and Appalachian State University. She was a top honor graduate of Watauga High School and a member of the National Honor Society, active in youth groups at Boone United Methodist Church, Girl Scout, Garden Club, School clubs. She plays piano, also attended Governors School while in high school. She was an honor graduate from Appalachian State University with a degree in Home Economics. Linda taught at Ravenscraft Private School for three years and is now a full-time wife, mother and homemaker. She is active in Sunday School, Church, Library at the Edenton Street United Methodist Church and Womans Club. They have two daughters Laura Ashley age 4½ and Sarah Katherine age 2.

Laura Beth Dixon, born August 24, 1952 in Boone, North Carolina, attended Appalachian Elementary School, Watauga High School, Appalachian State University and North Caroli-

na State University. Beth was top honor graduate of Watauga High School, was the highest ever scorer on SAT (Test) at Watauga High School, also a nominee for Governors School. A top honor graduate of Appalachian State University with a double degree in Mathematics and Sociology and a Masters Degree in Sociology from North Carolina State University. She now works in research at Research Triangle in Raleigh, North Carolina. She plans to be married in May to Richard Layton, Appalachian State University Sports Director. Beth was active in youth group at Boone United Methodist Church, Hand-bell choir, clubs at school, National Honor Society and Girl Scouts. Beth's hobbies are cooking, sewing, and piano playing.

William Max Dixon, Jr., born February 22, 1955 in Boone, North Carolina, attended Appalachian Elementary School, Watauga High School graduating in top ten of class. Active in school clubs, youth groups at Boone United Methodist Church and Boy Scouts. Hobbies are guitar playing, song writing, art, drawing and sketching. Graduated from University of North Carolina in Charlotte in the School of Architecture. He lives in Charlotte and works as a kitchen designer, married to Barbara Barnaby of Granite Falls, North Carolina.

Sources: Personal knowledge

— William Max Dixon

THE CARL JAMES DOCKERY FAMILY

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In the fall of 1931 Carl James Dockery with his wife Alma Dwin Dockery came to Shelby, North Carolina from Morristown, Tennessee and established the Dockery's Funeral Home and Mutual Burial Association.

Carl is the son of Charles J. Dockery and Addie D. Dockery and Alma is the daughter of Tobe F. Dwin and Mayme Goins Dwin of Morristown, Tenn.

They have three sons, Carl J. Dockery Jr. who is Vice-President of the Dockery's Funeral Home, Charles Dwin Dockery who is an Associate Professor at Davidson College, and Paul Edward Dockery, who is a stock broker.

Carl Jr. is married to Chloe E. Runderson and they have two children, Carl James III and Rosanna Alma. Charles is married to Lia Amelia Martins and they have three children: Frederic Emanuel, Carmen Anita and Natasha Maria. Paul Edward is married to Mary E. Fernandez and they have two children, Melanie, Renee and Paula Edwina.

DAVID CROCKETT DODD

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According to family tradition, David Crockett Dodd came to the Kings Mountain Battleground area of York County, South Carolina at the close of the Civil War with a Wesson boy, who lived near Grover, North Carolina.

He worked as a hired hand and was sent to William Wesson's, just southwest of Zoar Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina, to get

some horses.

He later married Mariah Elizabeth Jane Wesson at her parents' home on January 7, 1867. William Wesson deeded them eighty-one acres on Red Road, Number Two Township of Cleveland County, North Carolina. They first lived back in the field, but their son, Dave, said that they built up on the road in 1877, the year he was born. This house is now owned by Harry Ramsey.

David Crockett Dodd was born September 19, 1843 in Tennessee, the son of Richard Dodd (ca. 1819, N.C.), and Elizabeth (ca. 1820, VA.). Elizabeth Dodd died September 16, 1871. Richard Dodd died April 13, 1878. (These dates in Bible owned by David Drewey Dodd).

In the Tennessee census, Richard and Elizabeth were listed in 1840, Haywood County, with no children. In 1850, they were in the adjoining Lauderdale County with children: Jane 9, David 7, Asa 5, Newton 3, Elizabeth 10/12. They were in Van Buren County, in northwest Arkansas in 1860 with additional children: Matthew six (Tenn), Wiley three (Ark), Anne one (Ark). They were in Dunklin County, Missouri, in the southeastern "Boot," in 1870 with another child, Richard six (Ark).

"Will" Dodd said the only member of his father's family that he ever saw was his Uncle Wiley, whom he visited in Tyler, Texas. His father told him that his forefathers were Scotch-Irish.

David Crockett Dodd enlisted in the Confederate Army in 1861 at Camp Shaver, Arkansas. He was with Company K, 7th Regiment, Arkansas Infantry, Captain McCauley's Company. He served as a Regimental wagoner and at General Liddell's Headquarters as orderly and hostler. He was wounded in the left lung at Kennesaw, Georgia in 1864. He was listed in

Govan's Brigade, Army of Tennessee.

David and Elizabeth Jane Wesson Dodd had ten children:

Elizabeth Jane Dodd (1867-1937) married James F. Blanton (1864-1906), son of Reuben Blanton. Both are buried at Zoar Baptist Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Mariah Emeline Dodd (1869-1954) married Pinkney B. McMurry (1867-1954). They had no children.

William Newton Dodd (1870-1935) married Mamie Martin (1883-1926), daughter of Newton T. Martin of Greenville, South Carolina. They are buried in Springwood Cemetery, Greenville, South Carolina. His second wife was Mrs. Essie Stewart Daniel of Thomaston, Georgia.

John Clinton Dodd (1872-1931) married Rhader Hyder (1880-1966), daughter of C.D. and Sarah Lou Rainey Hyder of Rutherford County, North Carolina. Both are buried in Sharon Methodist Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina. They had no children.

James Robert Dodd (1875-1892) was single. He is buried at Zoar Baptist Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

David Drewey Dodd (1877-1942) married Sarah Doggett Packard (1880-1940), daughter of John Zadock and Frances Elliott Packard. Both are buried in Sharon Methodist Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Alice Estelle Dodd (1880-1949) married Isaac Kendall (1879-1920), son of Benjamin D. Kendall. Her second husband was Robert Ramseur (1886-1963). They are buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Broadus Oscar Dodd (1882-1944) married Mrs. Lula Pruett Dixon (1890-1944). Both are buried in Bethel Baptist Cemetery, Ellenboro, North Carolina.

Fredrick Love Dodd (1884-1937) married Pearl Lillian Cochran (1898). He is buried at



David Crockett Dodd Family. Front row L to R: Fredrick, David Crockett, Claud, Jane Wesson. Back row L to R: Elizabeth, Emeline, Estelle, William, Clinton, David. Jane Wesson holding picture of Broadus who was in Military Service.

Rosemont Cemetery, Union, South Carolina.

Claud Foy Dodd (1887-1970) married Mattie Ellen Collins (1902-1973). Both are buried in Woodlawn Park Mausoleum, Greenville, South Carolina. They had no children. Claud told me that he was in the 56th Coast Artillery, Fort Hancock, New Jersey when his father died in 1912, and he didn't have the money to come home for the funeral.

The Dodd family always participated in the "Tent Meetings" at Sharon Methodist Church. David Crockett Dodd, Elizabeth Jane Dodd and daughter, Alice Estelle Dodd, were charter members of Poplar Springs Baptist Church (1898), Shelby, North Carolina.

After Elizabeth Jane Wesson Dodd died in 1909, David Crockett Dodd married Mollie Hardin of Grover, North Carolina, daughter of Jud Hardin.

He died February 4, 1912 and is buried in Zoar Baptist Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Family records

— Annie Ray Jones Dodd

MARIAH ELIZABETH JANE WESSON DODD

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Mariah Elizabeth Jane Wesson was born January 23, 1847 in Cleveland County, North Carolina and died June 30, 1909 (Aurora Newspaper) or July 1 (tombstone). She is buried at Zoar Baptist Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina. She was married to David Crockett Dodd.

Her obituary in the *Star* said, "She was one of Shelby's most estimable and highly esteemed residents, gentle, unassuming, modest. Her life was marked with sixty-two years of usefulness and consecration to her master and the family she loved so dearly."

Later in the *Aurora*, her death was reported along with that of her brother, James A. Wesson, of Grover, North Carolina, who died July 5, 1909.

A few years before her death, Mr. and Mrs. Dodd had moved to the Sam Bostic house in South Shelby, beside the old Second Baptist Church.

She was the daughter of William Wesson (born December 7, 1800 VA, died June 1, 1874 NC) and Mariah McEntire (born August 18, 1804 NC, died January 9, 1889 NC). Both are buried at Zoar Baptist Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

William's parents probably were James and Nancy Wesson. James' will dated September 12, 1819 lists his wife Nancy and children Henry, daughter Claryman, William, Luke, Edward Clanton, Rebecca Pearson, Patsy, Nancy.

Will Dodd said that his grandfather William was of German descent. He said that his grandmother Mariah was said to be of Irish descent, and the daughter of William McEntire, who lived between Little Hickory Creek and the old home of Ford Hughes, on east side of the present State Highway (Highway 18, South).

He said their children were: Minnie (1831),



Charles Reinhardt Doggett family: Four Generations: Mrs. Margaret J. Blanton Doggett; son, Charles Reinhardt Doggett; granddaughter, Mrs. Lollie May Doggett; great-grandson, Charles Thomas Lattimore.

Dilsey E. (1834), James A. (1836), Drewry D.R. (1839), William P. (1842), Luke C. (1845), Mariah E.J. (1847), Martha M. (1849) Wesson.

Elizabeth Jane Dodd was a postmistress of the Sharon Post Office in Number Two Township, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

David Drewey Dodd was the only child to remain in the Sharon Community. He moved his family from the Mt. Sinai Community in 1910 to the Caphus Lee house on Highway 150, across from the Shelby Airport.

His mother-in-law, Mrs. Fannie Packard, sent Art Wilson with her wagon to help them move. Art said "Mr. Dave, I'm glad you're getting over here near the old mistress, or you'd perish to death on this rabbit farm that you've bought."

Dodd Street in Shelby, North Carolina was so named because, at that time, Broadus Oscar Dodd happened to be operating a Service Station where Dodd Street runs into South Lafayette Street.

David Crockett and Elizabeth Jane Dodd had eleven grandchildren and twenty-one great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Dodd Blanton had: William Herschel Blanton (1889-1952) married Darfer Hoyt Hamrick. Their children were Jane Elizabeth, Kathryn Myers, James Sidney and Hazel Rebecca Blanton. Arthur Waudell Blanton (1889-1952) married Mrs. Ellen Brock. They had no children. William Newton Dodd had: Hattie Estelle Dodd (1899-1981) married Edwin Guy McMillan. They had infant son Edwin McMillan. James William Dodd (1903-1959) married Gertrude L. Thorman (?Thurnborg). They had one son Frederick Newton Dodd. His second wife was Mrs. Lucille D. Mews (no children). David Drewey Dodd had: John Fitzhugh Dodd (1900) married Margaret Alice Magness (daughter stillborn). His second wife is Annie Ray Jones. Their children are

David Drewey and Ann Holland Dodd. Waudell Barnett Dodd (1902-1977) married Alice Opal Vess. Both are buried at Cleveland Memorial Park, Shelby, North Carolina. Their children were Lillian Rebecca Dodd and Robert Vess Dodd. Janie Sue Dodd (1907-1979) married Arnold Wesley Kincaid, son of Samuel and Eva Stine Kincaid. Both are buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Their children were Iva Jean, Robert Arnold, Sarah Mae, David Ronald and Edith Jane Kincaid, Janie Dodd Kincaid married William Adolphus Campbell on May 22, 1976. Estelle Dodd Kendall Ramseur had: Isaac Horton Kendall (-1971) married Ginny . Their children were Douglas and Donna Kendall. Broadus Oscar Dodd had: Infant (1927) and J.C. Dodd (1931-1963). Frederick Love Dodd had: Elizabeth Jane Dodd (1917) married Christopher Edwin Webber. Their children are Jane Dodd, Christopher Edwin, Junior, Laura Elizabeth and Sarah Catherine Webber. Elmena NMN Dodd (1919) married Henry Lee Joyce. Their children are Henry Lee, III and Marsha Ann Joyce. Richard Earl Dodd (1923) married Mary Frances Roberts. Their children are Richard Earl, Junior; Nancy Karen and Phillip Kevin Dodd.

Sources: Family records

— Annie Ray Jones Dodd

THE CHARLES REINHARDT and LAURA G. WRAY DOGGETT FAMILY

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The Doggetts are of English and Irish descent. It is not known when they first came to Cleveland County. Charles Reinhardt Doggett (1863-1938) was the oldest of eight children of Minor Win Smith Doggett (1840-1902) and

Margaret J. Blanton (1845-1924), who were married September 23, 1862. Minor Win Smith Doggett was the second child of Coleman Doggett (1801-1853) and Mary A. Smith (1812-1861), who were married May 2, 1833. Minor Win Smith Doggett and family were members of First Baptist Church. He served in the Civil War.

Charles R. Doggett and Laura G. Wray (1869-1936) were married in Shelby, North Carolina, on December 16, 1884. They were members of First Baptist Church and Laura Wray was one of the first Sunday School teachers when the church was organized. Charles R. Doggett was a 32nd degree Mason and a Shriner, being a member of the Cleveland Lodge No. 202 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons. At the time of his death, he had more years of service as a Mason than any member of the Lodge.

Laura Wray and her double first cousin, Georgia Borders, were the first young women from Cleveland County to go away to school. They attended the Thomasville Female College in Thomasville, North Carolina. Later Laura attended the Shelby Female College.

Charlie Doggett was a horseman of note and was proud of the horses in his stable. He was a judge of horse racing at the Cleveland County Fair for years. Affectionately known as "Mr. Charlie" and "Miss Laura" they operated the Central Hotel for a number of years. It was a popular place for travelling men to stay and for the young people of Shelby to gather.

Later, Charlie, with his two sons, operated the district Esso Standard Oil Company and also had the agency for Studebaker cars. Always one to keep up with the times, he owned one of the first automobiles in the country. He was interested and active in politics and, when women were granted the vote, he personally saw to it that every woman in his household went to the polls.

After they moved from the Cleveland Hotel, Laura Doggett operated a boarding house in their large frame house. An excellent cook of outstanding reputation, people felt it a privilege to eat with them. She was known for her kindness to the ill, usually sending homemade dessert to people in the neighborhood when they were sick. She was president of the Civic League, the forerunner of the Shelby's Woman's Club. She was a member of the Cleveland Guards Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Charlie R. and Laura Wray Doggett had three children: Lollie May Doggett (1887-1980) See the Samuel Nelson Lattimore Family. John Wynn Doggett (1890-1943) See the John Wynn Doggett Family. Charles Robert Doggett (1893-1962).

Robert Doggett married Mary Frances Lide from Darlington, South Carolina, in Darlington on July 15, 1925. They had no children. Robert worked with his father and brother in operating the Esso Standard Oil Company. Later he worked at Belk's Department Store. He shared his father's love for horses and horseback riding. He was a deacon at First Baptist Church.

Mary Frances Lide Doggett taught at Boiling Springs Junior College (now Gardner Webb

College) before her marriage to Robert. After they were married, she taught at Shelby High School until her retirement. A Latin teacher of note, she also taught other subjects and was admired and respected by students and faculty. After her retirement from the Shelby Schools, she again taught for several years at Gardner Webb College. For 50 years she taught Sunday School at First Baptist Church. The Mary Bible Class there is named in her honor. She was a deacon at the time of her death, October 18, 1980, and was known and will be remembered for her constant concern and visiting with the sick and bereaved.

Brothers and sisters of Charles Reinhardt Doggett were: Sarah Elizabeth Doggett (1866 — date of death unknown), George Burwell Doggett (1868-1941), Florence Roxanah Doggett (1872-1958), William Pinkney Doggett (1877-1878), Thomas Albert Doggett (1880-1947), Maggie Bussey Doggett (1883-1884), Halby Doggett (1886-1929).

Sources: Family Bible, *A History of First Baptist Church*, Shelby, North Carolina personal knowledge and memories

— May Lattimore Adams

THE JOHN WYNN AND FLORENCE MOSS DOGGETT FAMILY

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John Wynn Doggett (7-8-1890 — 2-14-1943) was the son of Charles Reinhardt and Laura G. Wray Doggett. He worked with his father and brother in the gasoline and oil business and also in trading horses and mules. A most generous person and a friend of everybody he knew, he was well-liked by all. He shared his father's love of horses.

John Wynn Doggett married Florence Moss of Spartanburg, South Carolina, in Spartanburg on June 15, 1920. Florence was a teacher in the Shelby Schools before their marriage, and after her children were in school, she taught again. She was a beloved and respected teacher for many years until her death May 17, 1959. The Doggett family were members of First Baptist Church and Florence was an active and interested member of the church where she taught Sunday School. She was a member of the Ishpeming Club and the American Association of University Women.

John and Florence Moss Doggett had two children, Mabel Wray Doggett, born May 2, 1921 and Mary Leslie Doggett, born July 9, 1923.

Mabel Wray Doggett graduated from Furman University. She married Curt Folke Lindholm (born February 4, 1914) of Illinois, in Shelby, North Carolina, on January 19, 1946. They now live in Blue Mounds, Wisconsin, where they are active in the Mt. Horeb Evangelical Lutheran Church and in community affairs. Curt was an engineer with the United States Department of Agriculture until his retirement. He was president of the village of Blue Mounds for several years and was instrumental in securing a water system for the village.

The five children of Curt and Mabel Doggett Lindholm are, Steven Curt Lindholm, who was

born November 27, 1946, and is an electrical engineer in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin. He married Janet Milarch on May 30, 1970.

Steven and Janet Lindholm have four children, Kristin Elizabeth Lindholm, born February 4, 1971, Jenny Leigh Lindholm, born March 8, 1974, Amy Terese Lindholm, born May 31, 1976, and Melissa Ann Lindholm, born October 17, 1978.

John Aaron Lindholm, born July 9, 1949, is a Doctor in Podiatry Medicine in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He married Patricia Meyer on August 9, 1975. Patricia has been a teacher and is now in graduate school at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee where she will receive the degree, Master of Arts in Business Administration.

Marcia Gail Lindholm, born January 28, 1955, is employed at a bank in Madison, Wisconsin.

Robert Jennings Lindholm, born July 26, 1956, is a landscape architect in Madison, Wisconsin. He married Jane Merklein on June 17, 1978. Jane is a dental assistant.

Sara Jan Lindholm (10-20-1959 — 8-5-1980)

Mary Leslie Doggett attended Mars Hill College and graduated from Furman University. She married Walter Woodrow Wilson (12-28-1951 — 3-29-77), also a Shelby native, on April 24, 1952. "Woody" was a golf pro and he and Leslie operated the Magnolia Inn in Pinehurst, North Carolina, until his death. Since his death, Leslie, with the help of her daughter, has operated the Inn. The Magnolia is described in *Southern Guest House Book* and a picture of the Magnolia is featured on the cover of the publication.

"Woody" and "Les" Doggett Wilson have two children:

Ann Wilson, born November 24, 1953, married Dennis Martin on March 30, 1978. Ann works with her mother in operating the Magnolia Inn and Dennis is employed by the Moore County Sheriff's Department.

Sue Wilson, born January 20, 1955, married Earl Payne on March 31, 1974. They live in Southern Pines, North Carolina, where Earl is self-employed in construction work and Sue works for Calvary Christian School Day Care.

Earl and Sue Wilson Payne have four children, Sarah Ann Payne, born May 9, 1975, Eric Payne, born August 31, 1976, Grace Ellen Payne, born May 3, 1978 and Micah Timothy Payne, born February 8, 1981.

Sources: Family Bible, personal knowledge and memories

— May Lattimore Adams

JOHN WESLEY DORSEY

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John Wesley Dorsey was born in Red Bluff, North Carolina, May 14, 1882. His parents were Pinkney Johnson and Sarah Chisholm Dorsey. His father was a railroad man and moved about the country building new railroads in the late 1800's and early 1900's.

John was a handsome man with a fair complexion, curly black hair, grayish eyes, and he stood about five feet, eight inches tall. He was

known as a friendly person in the community. His children knew him as a strict but loving father.

His family lived in the Patterson Springs area while the Southern Railway was being built from Blacksburg, South Carolina, to Marion, North Carolina. As a young man he worked at several occupations. Farming and learning the barber trade were two of these occupations.

He married Essie Rachel McCoy, the daughter of Thomas and Martha McCoy of Shelby, in 1902. They lived in Shelby, and their first child, Winifred Pinkney, was born November 14, 1904. Selby Caroline was born October 25, 1907, and Elmer Johnson was born July 16, 1910.

During these years John owned a barber-shop located in the basement of the present Shelby Cafe building. In the early 1900's bar-

bershops generally had rooms available where men could take their Saturday bath and get a shave, haircut and shoeshine.

Starting about this time he began a practice of buying, remodeling and reselling houses. The young family lived in the house during the remodeling and then moved to another house to begin work on it.

After a lengthy illness Essie died around 1912, and the three children were cared for by their grandparents in Shelby.

In 1914 John met and married Clara Bell Hamrick, daughter of William S. and Mary Hamrick of Shelby. Five children were born in the next eleven years. On August 27, 1915 Evelyn Virginia was born, and Dewitt David was born on June 17, 1917. Sara Lee was born September 4, 1919, and Hugh Manson was born June 12, 1922. All of the children were born in Shelby or Cleveland County except

Wilda Ray who was born April 16, 1925, in Weirsdale, Florida.

John continued his barbering, but he also started something new for Shelby, a "Pressing Club." This was the forerunner of the modern dry cleaner. The "Pressing Club" consisted of scrub brushes, an ironing board and a nine-pound flat iron for pressing the clothes after the dust, lint and dirt had been removed.

In the fall of 1923 John's health had deteriorated. He kept the hiccups continuously for many weeks. The doctors were puzzled by this but advised a stay in the warm climate of Florida where plenty of fresh fruit, fish and other restoratives were available. The family, all but Winifred, packed a new Model T Ford and moved to Florida.

Because of John's sickness, the trip to Florida was very long. On some days they only traveled fifty miles. Each night the family slept in their tent along the roadside. One night they camped in Citra, Florida. John was very sick at this time and people from the village brought food and friendly words to the worried travelers. The family decided they had found their new home among the helpful people of the village in the heart of Florida's orange grove country. The cure the North Carolina doctors had prescribed worked.

John now tried a new venture. He started truck farming. Because farmers in Florida were not organized, there was a very poor market for their fresh vegetables. An arrangement between Winifred, John and the merchants in Shelby was made. Soon fresh beans, peas, tomatoes and cucumbers were being shipped to grocers in Shelby. This arrangement worked nicely for several years.

In 1932 the Florida boom ended! The depression arrived! The family, except Selby, moved back to Shelby.

John started a dry cleaning business in the basement of his home on the corner of West Graham and Market Streets. Later he opened Dorsey Cleaners on West Graham Street which operated until about 1975.

John had many talents that the family enjoyed. He was the family doctor, a good cook and a very good tailor. One time the whole family, with the exception of John, came down with influenza. John nursed and cared for Clara and the children until they all recovered. Often John was persuaded to cook up one of his "specials." The family favorite was roast beef and hot biscuits.

John was very proud of his children, and he always said he wanted enough grandchildren to make up a ball team. Winifred married Emma Young of Ruth, North Carolina. Selby married Evert Stambach of Mt. Hope, Kansas. Elmer married Mary Anderson of Spartanburg, South Carolina. Evelyn married J.D. Ellis of Grover, North Carolina. Dewitt married Doris Wolfer of Charlotte, North Carolina. Sara married John Sturdivant of Louisiana. Hugh married Dorothy Classen of San Diego, California. Wilda married Howard Haskell of Cherryfield, Maine. John soon had enough grandchildren for several ball teams, and the "stately" house at 833 West Marion Street was the "teams" favorite place to be, especially when John would gather them in his old Dodge and ride



John Wesley and Clara Dorsey

the group over "tickle belly hill" on Graham Street.

After a short illness John died in the Cleveland Memorial Hospital March 8, 1952, and his beloved wife died on November 23, 1980. They are both buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. John's funeral was held in the Central United Methodist Church where he was a member, and he was buried with Masonic Rights.

They are survived by six children, twenty grandchildren, forty-one great-grandchildren and six great-great grandchildren.

Sources: Date and Births: Dorsey Family Bible

— Evelyn Dorsey Ellis

CHARLES IRVIN DOVER

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Charles Irvin Dover (June 28, 1903 —) was born in Shelby at 301 South Washington Street to John Randolph and Ella Toms Dover. He had a twin brother, William Jennings Dover, who lived only five years.

Charles attended the Shelby Schools, Fishburne Academy and North Carolina State College.

On October 12, 1929, he married Kathleen Nolan (1903-1981) of Shelby.

Because of his father's belief in the value of work, Charles began working in the Ella Manufacturing Company at eleven years of age. He worked eleven hours a day when not in school, and his wage was thirty-six cents per day. (Mills at that time operated two shifts per day, first shift being eleven hours for week-days with five hours on Saturday, and the second shift being twelve hours per day for five week-days. A work week contained sixty hours.)

With his first pay, his father helped him open a savings account in the Union Trust Company. On a later payday, his father asked how much Charles wished to keep from his pay. Charles asked for seventy-five cents. His father answered, "Great Scott, boy, what are you going to do with all that money?" Charles explained that he wanted to buy a work-shirt for forty-nine cents, and he would have twenty-six cents to spend for two weeks. This answer satisfied his father.

Charles and his brother, Jack, worked with their father at the Ella, in the construction of the Dover and Ora Mills, and the reorganization of the Eastside Mill (later named the Esther Mill). When John R. Dover died in 1931, Charles became secretary-treasurer of the Dover group, and Jack became the president. These two young men assumed this responsibility at the beginning of the depression of that decade. Their working relationship was remarkable, as Charles assumed the management of the finances while Jack concentrated on manufacturing. Out of this, they made joint decisions in the operation of the plants.

They expanded the Dover Textile Group to include Dora Yarn in Cherryville, Dover Yarn at Buffalo, J & C Dyeing Company and the D & O Warehouse. Those who have worked with Charles Dover through the years will affirm that he has put his best into his part in building this business, and that he has expected and



John Randolph Dover Home, 1906. Built by E B. Jennings.

received the best from those around him.

For many years, he held positions of leadership in the Dover Baptist Church, where he was president of the Men's Bible Class, Superintendent of the Sunday School and a Deacon.

In 1946-1947, Charles was president of the Shelby Rotary Club. In the year prior, he was attendance chairman. During his year as president, he continued the emphasis on attendance, and the club had an attendance record of over 98%, the best ever had by the Shelby Rotary Club and rating with the ten top Rotary clubs of the World.

He organized the Cherryville Rotary Club during that year. He attended in Cherryville on Wednesday and in Shelby on Friday for the first two years of the Cherryville Club's existence.

Because of his service, he has made a Paul Harris Fellow, the highest award a Rotarian can receive from Rotary International.

Charles Dover has maintained a family tradition of interest in education. The Charles I. Dover Community Service Center and the Dover Memorial Library are physical evidence of his close ties to Gardner-Webb College, from which he received an honorary doctor of humanities in 1977.

He and his brother, Jack, along with members of their families, started the Dover Foundation, whose purpose is to provide educational opportunities for young people.

As a youth, he began to cultivate his hobbies of hunting and fishing, and trophies from both are among his treasures. He has fond memories of his favorite dog, part setter and part pointer, given to him by an uncle. He called this dog "Bell", and he is sure that Bell understood every word he uttered, and can tell many stories to back up his belief.

His love for the outdoors is also shown in the varied garden which he has every year. He frequently surprises kin and friend with gifts from his harvest.

Like his brother, Jack, he was exposed early

in life to the fun experienced from jokes and pranks, as practiced by his father. When Charles' nieces and nephews married and had their first children, he knew well the pride the young parents felt about each new baby. But to emphasize Charles' claim that all new babies looked alike, he would deposit on the doorstep of the home of every new parents early in the morning of the first day at home a likeness of the baby inside. This likeness was always a live 'possum loosely cased in a burlap sack.

Charles Dover has been a silent benefactor in small and large ways to both friends and people he knew only by their need.

He is a man with many faces: the conservative, strict financier of the textile world, the outdoors man, the interested citizen, the faithful Christian, the caring head of a family, the concerned friend, and best of all, the man whose smile spreads through the eyes from thoughts of something present or past.

The Dover children are: 1) Ann Nolan, married Hoyt Q. Bailey, 2) Elizabeth Kathleen, married Harvey Bly Hamrick, and Dorothy Esther Cykers.

Sources: Family knowledge; newspaper

— Esther Ann Ford

WILLIAM HUGH DOVER

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William Hugh Dover was born in the Sharon Community of Cleveland County on November 7, 1920 to Charlie and Elizabeth Dover. The youngest of five sons, Hugh performed the chores typical for a boy growing up on a small family farm.

At age 16, he graduated from Boiling Springs High School with a dream for his future already shaped. His old friend Earl Scruggs said he and some other local musicians would gather at Hugh's home and before they played their music, Hugh would announce them by speaking into the end of a



William Hugh Dover, one of the first Cleveland County radio announcers.

folks who have been wished a happy birthday by Mr. Dover could be heard, there would be a great chorus. Thirty years on the radio airwaves earned Hugh the sobriquets "The Happy Birthday Man" and "Mr. Radio."

A highlight of the radio career came in July, 1963 when he was a guest disc jockey for the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville, Tennessee and interviewed in a world-famous banjo picker who had played to sold-out houses in Carnegie Hall in New York — his old friend Earl Scruggs.

Children came to the Dover family in 1951 with the birth of Stephanie Sue and in 1957 with the birth of Robin Kay. Stephanie Sue married Wayne Roberts and had two children of her own, Richie and Hayley. Robin Kay married Tommy Burns of Kings Mountain, a son of Tommy Roger Burns II. Both daughters work in the Shelby public schools.

In 1956, Hugh enlarged his business interests by founding with Yancey and Rebekah Ellis the Shelby Wood Preserving Company, the first wood preserving firm in the country.

Politics tempted Hugh in 1960 and he ran for Cleveland County commissioner. After defeating two opponents in the primary, Hugh went on to victory in the general election and garnered more votes in Cleveland County that election than did Governor-elect Terry Sanford or President-elect John F. Kennedy.

As chairman of the county Board of Commissioners, Hugh, in 1967, accepted from Vice President Hubert Humphrey in Detroit, Michigan a national award for human relations activities of the Cleveland Association of Governmental Officials.

A Shelby attorney later ran into Humphrey who asked about "his old friend Hugh Dover."

While a commissioner, Hugh helped add space for county government offices and helped bring industry to the country. In 1984, he will have been a commissioner for 16 years.

Active also in church and civic affairs, Hugh was instrumental in the building of Zoar Baptist Church, twice received calls as music director in churches outside of Cleveland County; worked with school PTA, March of Dimes and Tuberculosis Seals.

Several times he has been honored by awards for his contributions to the community. He may have said of those awards, as he has often been known to say, "Yessiree . . . Oh boy . . . What about that?"

— Wm. Hugh Dover

JOHN RANDOLPH DOVER

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John Randolph Dover (December 14, 1858 — October 18, 1931) was the son of James Marion and Amanda Nichols Dover. He was born on a small farm in York County, south of the Kings Mountain Battleground area.

After attending Bell's Academy for a short period, he left the farm and went to Oklahoma, where he found a job splitting rails. During this period, he continued his quest for learning on an individual basis, and taught school.

When he returned to the eastern part of the country, he made his base in Washington, Georgia, where he became a cotton buyer.

Nazi nation.

After his military service, Hugh returned home and worked briefly in the towel packing room at Cliffside Mills. His big break arrived, his dream became reality, when word came that a radio station was to begin operating in Shelby. Cleveland County's first radio station, WOHS, went on the air in August, 1946 and Hugh, hired a month earlier after a single interview, was one of the announcers.

Hugh once described his radio show as "a little informal get-together with the radio audience in which I play country, western and religious music."

His baritone voice did more than announce records. A large part of the popularity of "Carolina In The Morning" was Hugh's daily renditions of "Happy Birthday," sung particularly for his older listeners and for children.

A newspaper profile in 1962 said, "If all the

broomstick. Eventually the broomstick was replaced by a real microphone and Hugh announced for Earl on a radio show in Spartanburg, South Carolina. The work was only part-time, however, so Hugh continued his dream of becoming a regular radio announcer.

In 1941, he married Minnie Sue Haynes, the great-niece of Raleigh Rutherford Haynes, who was the founder of the towns of Cliffside, Avondale and Henrietta in Rutherford County. For a time, Hugh and his wife operated the "Eat-A-Bite" lunchroom at Cliffside Mills for his wife's father, Sam E. Haynes.

World War II called and, on his second wedding anniversary, Hugh left for Europe. He served as a member of the 821st Military Police Battalion. During the first part of the war crimes trials in Nuremberg, Germany, he was assigned for three days to guard Hermann Goring, the former industrial dictator of the



Vice President Hubert Humphrey and William Hugh Dover at Awards Banquet in Detroit, Michigan, 1967.

On September 27, 1887, he married Ella Esther Toms (September 11, 1867 — January 27, 1936), daughter of James M. and Priscilla (Wray) Toms, of Rutherfordton, who had been a student at the Shelby Female Academy, and a frequent visitor in Shelby at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Bate Suttle.

The Dover family moved to Shelby in the late 1890s, and moved into a home at 301 South Washington Street in 1900, where the five youngest children were born.

Backed by friends who had confidence in him as a business man with vision for the emerging textile industry of the region in 1907, John Dover organized the Ella Manufacturing Co., which was named for his wife, who threw in the first armful of cotton to be manufactured in the new machinery. This mill was sold at a profit for the investors in 1921. In 1923, he and associates built the Dover Mill, and added the Ora Mill in 1925. He assumed responsibility in the Eastside Mill (later renamed the Esther). At the time of his death, he was president-treasurer of the Dover, Ora and Esther Mills, and a director of the Charles Mill in Red Springs, North Carolina.

John Dover found great joy in learning about people, places and things all his life. Any plan for industry included availability of a school for children of the families connected with the mill.

He was a life-long student of the Bible, a member of the Baptist Church, and a participant in the religious life of the community. In

order that a church be a part of any planned industrial community, he was active in the beginning of the Second Baptist Church, the Eastside Baptist Church and the Cover Baptist Church. He taught Sunday School regularly, and was widely known for his ability as an orator. *The Cleveland Star* of October 19, 1931, described him as "the most eloquent lay speaker in this part of the state."

He was a director of the Union Trust Company, a president of the Rotary Club, and an active member of the Masonic fraternity.

Events in the busy home on South Washington Street with nine growing children revolved around "Papa," as he was called by his children and then grandchildren. He started his mornings early with a turn around his always excellent garden in the back of the house, or with a three-mile walk from his home to the Dover Mill. When his step was heard on the side porch in the evening, all minds in the house turned toward "Papa" and the supper soon to be eaten together.

With six daughters, a constant stream of young men friends came to this house. All knew the house rule for the evenings: When the clock strikes the first stroke of eleven, the front door latch must click. When the last stroke is heard, the latch for the picket fence gate must sound. But some of the young men kidded John Dover with the assurance that they clicked the door-latch — but hopped over the fence.

Overnight visitors in the family were frequent. All knew John Dover's habit of enjoying breakfast at a very early hour. Any visitor who made the effort to get up in time to enjoy this early hour with his or her host was always after a favorite visitor.

John Dover had a great capacity for humor, both in laughter at himself, and with others. He liked to be the perpetrator of surprises, whether prank or pleasure. In September, less than four weeks prior to his death, he planned a surprise celebration of forty-four years of marriage for his wife, with all the children, husbands and wives, and grand-children present.

He had a gentle side, shown in his patient display for a grand-child of the wheels and gears inside his large gold watch, which he wore suspended from a chain and in his vest pocket.

When he saw one of his grandchildren meeting him on the sidewalk in town or near the house, he would keep his erect, brisk pace, pretend that he did not see the child, and make a gleeful collision happen to the two of them.

John Randolph Dover was a man of vision in a time of change, who embraced life and the people he found in it, who practiced his faith in his private and public life, and who used all his



John Randolph Dover Family, about 1911. Front row L to R: Lila, John, Katherine, Ella, Evelyn, Charles; back row L to R: Dorothy, Margaret, Toms, Helen and Jack Dover.

abilities to benefit those around him. The Dover children were: (1) James Toms Dover (1888-1964) married Georgia Ida Boone (1888-1963), (2) Helen Amanda Dover (1890-1972) married Flay DeWitt Quinn (1887-1957), (3) John Randolph Dover, Jr. (1892-1963) married Mary Elaine Hamrick (1893-) (4) Lila Elizabeth Dover (1895-1976) married Charles Preyer Roberts (1891-1971) (5) Margaret Marion Dover (1897-) married James Franklin Love (1894-1975), (6) Dorothy Esther Dover (1900-1979) married Robert Gaffney Laney (1890-1944), (7) Charles Irvin Dover (1903-) married Kathleen Nolan (1903-1981), (8) William Jennings Dover (1903-1908), (9) Mary Evelyn Dover (1906-1972) married John Fox (1902-), (10) Katherine Louise Dover (1909-) married Frank Hart Chamberlain, Jr. (1910-).

John Randolph and Ella Dover are buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Sources: Family records

— Esther Ann Ford

JOHN RANDOLPH DOVER, JR. 400

John Randolph Dover, Jr. (September 4, 1892 — August 15, 1963) was the son of John Randolph and Ella Toms Dover. His birthplace was a farm house in the southern part of Cleveland County, his parents' first home after their marriage.

He attended the Shelby schools, Boiling Springs, Berea College and the New Bedford Textile School.

On May 22, 1918, he married Mary Elaine Hamrick (1893 —), a native of Shelby.

Jack, the name by which he was known all his life, started to work in the Ella Manufacturing Co. at an early age. He worked with his father and Charles Dover, his brother, in the building of the Dover and Ora Mills, and the reorganization of the Eastside Mill (later known as the Esther Mill).

After his father's death in 1931, he became president of the Dover group of plants. In 1962, he was named chairman of the board of directors. At the time of his death, the group included the Dover, Ora and Esther plants in Shelby, Dover Yarn Mill at Buffalo and the Dora Mill and Dora Knitting Mill in Cherryville. The J. & C. Dyeing Company was under construction.

Jack and Charles Dover, who was Secretary-Treasurer of the Dover group, were a remarkable team because they were complements to one another with their different talents. In the Shelby Daily Star of April 30, 1981, Charles described their relationship with these words: "Jack stayed in the mills the great part of the time. He was really a great manufacturer. I think one of the best in the United States. I stayed in the office and handled the financial matters. We'd get together and talk things over and decide what we needed to do."

Jack was an innovator in manufacturing and management, and he conveyed the feeling of accessibility to all connected with the Dover

plants. Everybody felt free to take their concerns to "Mr. Jack." On one occasion, a driver for one of the plants felt that he was not highly regarded because a driver at another of the plants had been furnished a new truck. The first driver went to Mr. Jack's office, described his predicament, said that the other driver refused to speak when they met on the road, and that friends were telling him that he was not as important as the other man. Jack told him that plans had been made to trade his truck in, also, and the matter was settled happily for all concerned.

His activities covered all segments of community life. He was active in the Rotary Club, the Masonic Lodge, the Dover Baptist Church, director of First National Bank, and was recognized as Citizen of the Year in 1945 by the Shelby Lions Club.

His chief interest was in education. He and his brother founded the Dover Foundation, with one of the purposes being the provision of opportunities for education for young people. The Dover Memorial Library and the Dover Chapel at Gardner-Webb College are monuments to his and his family's interest in the college and education.

In Jack Dover's presence, everybody felt at ease, regardless of their age or the circumstance of their meeting. He conveyed a sense of inner happiness and radiance.

From his father, he and his brother, Charles, inherited a fondness for pranks and jokes. Early every Christmas morning, Jack and his daughter, Sara Esther, got out shortly after dawn to try to visit his brother's and sisters' homes before any family had waked up. And they often succeeded, to everyone's delight.

His generosity extended far beyond his public image. His help for others was constant, with only the recipient knowing about his gift.

For more than a year before his death, he faced the tragedy of a terminal illness. As long as he could, he kept his schedule in the mills, and did not disclose the facts about his health. During this time, he was able to share with his wife and children, as well as his brother and sisters, his inner sense of acceptance and peace. To think of Jack Dover is to think of a joyful man.

Jack and Elaine Dover had two children: (1) Sara Esther married George Jackson Vincent, (2) John Randolph Dover III married Anne Louise Pearson.

John Randolph Dover, Jr., is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

— Esther Ann Ford

THE RENN and ERMA DRUM FAMILY

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Erma Johnston and Renn Drum, Sr. (b. April 28, 1902 — d. August 26, 1935) met on a blind date in the fall of 1923. This was the beginning of a two-year courtship that led to their marriage on August 14, 1925.

Erma, daughter of Rhett and Mary Johnston of Jacksonville, Arkansas, came to Shelby to teach in the fall of 1922 after graduation in

June that year from Winthrop College.

Renn, Sr., only child of Charles A. and Etta Sherrill Drum of Stony Point in Iredell County, came to Shelby in the fall of 1923 to become News Editor of the *Cleveland Star*, now the *Shelby Daily Star*. He had attended Davidson College.

Two sons were born to the couple: Renn, Jr., (b. November 13, 1931) and Dale Johnston (b. September 21, 1933).

Renn, Jr. graduated from Limestone College in 1962 and from Wake Forest Law School in 1965. In August that year he passed the State Bar examination, and in early September he filed a reapportionment suit to force the State to reapportion seats for state legislators and members of the U.S. Congress from North Carolina.

The court ruled in his favor and a special session of the legislature was called to map the reapportionment.

Again in 1969 he filed suit against the state to force it to provide school bus service for urban children as it had done for years for rural children. Again, he won his case and North Carolina began providing bus service for city school children in the 1969-70 school year.

He has been twice married: on February 8, 1964 to Nancy Dawson, who is the mother of his two daughters, Jennifer (b. June 9, 1967) and Meredith (b. March 4, 1970); and to Jane Cline on August 20, 1978. They live in Winston-Salem.

Dale attended North Carolina State College, and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He served in the U.S. Army from October 13, 1953 to October 5, 1955.

He was married on October 24, 1968, to Betty Lengrand Maroney. They live in Kenner, Louisiana.

Renn Drum, Sr., was a born newsman: fast, accurate, versatile and with a "nose" for the human interest element in news.

He was one of the early writers of personal columns among North Carolina journalists.



Renn Drum, Sr., 1925



Erma Johnston Drum, taken in 1925

In later years she looked back on this with satisfaction. Future revelations about the bomb, she felt, had justified her handling of the story when it was first reported.

(Pictured of Renn, Sr., and Erma, used with this article, were made in 1925, near the time of their marriage).

— Erma Johnston Drum

JOHN GORDON DUDLEY

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In 1899, shortly after John Gordon Dudley was mustered out of the army in the Spanish American War he was talking with friends, and Mr. A.W. McMurry of Shelby was in the group. He asked him to go to Shelby, North Carolina, his native home. His offer was "go

with me to Shelby, stay three months and if you are not happy there he would provide transportation for him back to Richmond." John Gordon loved Shelby, met Blanche Eskridge, daughter of Albert Dixon and Susan Beam Eskridge, and the August 1901 wedding ensued in the Shelby Baptist Church.

The wedding invitations were handwritten by my mother's first cousin, Jefferson Lector Eskridge. His daddy, Webb Eskridge and my granddaddy were twin brothers. Lector Eskridge was a silver engraver by profession called chirographer and according to the dictionary meaning "elegant penmanship." Lector Eskridge was also a brother of Charles L. Eskridge, the Cleveland County Ford dealer.

John Gordon's father was the sheriff of Madison County and lived in the jail with his

His column, "Around Our Town," was a widely feature in the *Star*.

He left the *Star* in 1933 and accepted a public relations job with the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, D.C. He died on August 26, 1935. He is buried in Shelby's Sunset Cemetery.

Erma joined the staff of the *Cleveland Star* in 1930 as editor of the Society-Womans Page. She wrote social news, features, "personals," and a column, "Small Talk," which became a popular feature in the *Star*.

She won a number of awards for news writing and columns in North Carolina Press Women's annual competition. She served as president of North Carolina Press Women in 1960-61.

She remained a member of the *Star* staff for 34 years. During World War II, when all the young men on the staff were called into military service, Erma took over the news editor's desk for nearly four years, from early 1942 to late 1945. She handled the Associated Press wire news, editing this incoming world news, writing heads for it and local news, laying out the front page, etc., etc.

It was while on this job that she had the privilege of handling what she considers the news story of the century: the advent of the atomic bomb, when the first one was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6, 1945.

While the first atomic bomb was being put together, it was probably the best-kept secret in America. When news broke of the atomic bomb raid on Hiroshima, it caught news people by complete surprise. No one ever heard of an atomic bomb. They had no background for assessing its importance.

But the atomic bomb story, as it came in over the wire that momentous August 6, sounded like something bigger than big to Erma. So she played it big. She gave it two 8-column streamers and a three-line, 2-column drop head.



Blanche Eskridge and John Gordon Dudley

THE ELIJAH and LAVINIA DYCUS FAMILY

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Elijah Dycus born 1805 in Rutherford County, North Carolina married Lavinia (Green) November 1, 1826 in Rutherford County. They owned property and farmed near Cow Creek and Sandy Run Creek in Rutherford County.

Elijah was the son of William and Usely (Walker) Dycus of Rutherford County. Usely's name later was listed as Urcilla.

Lavinia known as "Viney" born about 1807 in Rutherford County was the daughter of Ansel Green, mother unknown, of Rutherford County.

Elijah and Lavinia had thirteen surviving children all born in Rutherford County; (1) Abner Green born August 1, 1827, (2) Dicy L. (Bridges) born 1830, (3) E. Celia (Doughty) born August 23, 1831, (4) Martha J. (Bridges) born 1833, (5) Beady M. born 1835, (6) William R. born 1837, (7) Sarah A. (Green) born 1839, (8) Ancil N. born 1841, (9) Artimincy M. (Philbeck) born 1843, (10) Joseph J. born February 10, 1847, (11) S.J. (Sedford) born 1848, (12) Dorah N. (Bridges) born 1851 and (13) R.M. (White) born 1855.

Ancil and Joseph, on the way home from the Civil War, drowned in the Catawba River near Mt. Holly, North Carolina due to an overloaded ferry boat in 1865.

Elijah, Lavinia and children were listed on the 1850 census report for Cleveland County. Cleveland County was formed in 1841 from parts of Rutherford and Lincoln Counties.

Elijah died about 1860 and Lavinia about 1883 in Rutherford or Cleveland County.

Sources: Family Bible, census reports, deeds and correspondence with descendants of Elijah and Lavinia Dycus

— William Allen Dycus



James Abner Dycus, 1882-1965 Photo taken at Shelby about 1902

Joanna known as "Jonie," born March 28, 1885 in Cleveland County, was one of five children of William Thomas and Nancy Matilda (Hord) Allen. Jonie was active in community and church affairs and both she and Jim were charter members of the present Elizabeth Baptist Church in Shelby, located on Route 180, one-half mile north of intersection 180 and Highway 74.

James and Joanna had eight children; (1) Adam Glenn, born October 17, 1906, in Cleveland County married Esther (Anderson) December 24, 1938 in Asheville, North Carolina and had six children; Bertha Joann, Nancy

Elizabeth, Barbara Catherine, Glenda Sue, Margaret Annie, and James Adam. (2) James Hoyt, born May 14, 1908, in Cleveland County, married Wilma (Poston) June 9, 1928 in Gaffney, South Carolina. They had two children, James Ronald and Richard Kerr. Hoyt died April 2, 1956 in Daytona Beach, Florida. (3) Jesse Thomas, born September 17, 1911, in Cleveland County, married Mary (McAbee) September 24, 1938 in Asheville North Carolina. They had three children; Jerry Thomas, Delores Jean and Marilyn Kaye. (4) Harry Manning, born November 23, 1914, in Anderson, South Carolina, married Elma (Hudson) June 29, 1935 in Gaffney, South Carolina. They had three children; Wanda Raye, Patricia Faye (twins) and Harry Manning. (5) William Allen, born September 19, 1917 in Hopewell, Virginia, married Martha (Wright) February 9, 1941 in Greenville, South Carolina. They had one son, Bruce Allen. (6) Helen Louise, born March 13, 1921, in Cleveland County, married Ruel C. Crawford June 6, 1942 in Greenville, South Carolina. They had two children; Lela Jean and Carol Louise. (7) Nancy Varee, born July 3, 1923 in Cleveland County, married Harvey A. Sorrells June 13, 1940 in Asheville, North Carolina. They had two children; Joanna Varee and Harvey Allen. (8) Arpie Ezelle, born July 29, 1925, in Cleveland County, married Jack H. Littlejohn June 8, 1944 in Gaffney, South Carolina. They had no children.

Adam Glenn served several years in the Marine Corps during peace time. He also was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a railway postal clerk. Later he became an insurance salesman. Adam and family made their home in Mars Hill, North Carolina after leaving Cleveland County.

James Hoyt, until his death in 1956, was manager of an Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company store in Daytona Beach, Florida. He won several awards as best manager of the year in

THE JAMES ABNER and JOANNA ETTA DYCUS FAMILY

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James Abner Dycus was born April 24, 1882 in Cleveland County, North Carolina and married Joanna Etta (Allen) September 20, 1905 in Cleveland County. They owned property in Shelby at Cleveland Springs on old Highway 74 near Route 150 and the Elizabeth community on old Highway 74 near the fairgrounds.

James, known as "Jim," owned and operated the Shelby Radiator Shop for a number of years, The Chocolate Shop in Shelby for several years, and he was also an employee of the State Highway Commission as a prison guard and vehicle radiator repairman. During World War I he was employed in the gun powder plant of E.I. DuPont Company in Hopewell, Virginia and the Newport News Virginia Shipbuilding Company in Newport News as sheet metal worker. During World War II he was again employed by the Newport News Virginia Shipbuilding Company as a sheet metal worker.

James was one of eight surviving children of Willis Elijah and Nancy Jane (McMurray) Dycus.



James Abner and Joanna Etta Dycus Family: Seated, L to R: Nancy Varee, James Abner, Joanna Etta and Arpie Ezelle. Standing, L to R: Adam Glenn, James Hoyt, Jesse Thomas, Helen Louise, Harry Manning and William Allen. Picture taken 1955 in Shelby at Thomas and Matilda Allen homeplace.

that area. Hoyt and family made their home in Daytona Beach after leaving Cleveland County.

Jesse Thomas was a self-employed brick mason in Cleveland County. He assisted in the construction of quite a few homes, schools and commercial building in the Shelby area. J.T. and Mary are active members of the Elizabeth Baptist Church in Cleveland County.

Harry Manning was employed by the Biltmore Dairy Company in the maintenance department at Asheville, North Carolina. He is also a Baptist Minister serving as pastor to several churches in the Asheville Area.

William Allen was employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C. as a finance officer. After leaving Washington, Bill and his son Bruce operated a television repair shop for several years in Asheville, North Carolina. During World War II Bill enlisted in the Marine Corps and served with the Second Marine Division in the South Pacific and on occupation duty in Nagasaki and Sasebo Japan. He was authorized to wear the following ribbons and medals; Sharp Shooter, World War Two Victory, Asiatic-Pacific Area and the Presidential Unit Citation.

Helen Louise makes her home in Asheville, North Carolina, where she assists her husband Ruel in the operation of their sign company.

Nancy Varee also made her home in Asheville, North Carolina where her husband Harvey was self-employed as a pipe fitter.

Arpie Ezelle lives in Newport News, Virginia, and is employed by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company. Her husband Jack is employed with another company as a machinist.

Joanna Etta died November 8, 1962 at the homeplace near the fairgrounds in Shelby. James Abner died January 26, 1965 at the Brentwood Rehabilitation Center in Asheville, North Carolina. They both are buried in the Elizabeth Baptist Church Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina. This is in memoriam to them, may they rest in peace.

Sources: Family Bible marriage bond; military records; discussion with family members; personal knowledge of preparer

— William Allen Dycus

WILLIS ELIJAH and NANCY JANE (MCMURRAY) DYCUS FAMILY

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Willis Elijah Dycus was born April 13, 1852 in Rutherford County, North Carolina. He was one of five children of Abner Greene and Susannah (Digh) Dycus. He married Nancy Jane (McMurray) about 1876 in Rutherford or Cleveland County. She was one of three known children of James W. and Susan (Hughes) McMurray. They owned and farmed land in both Rutherford and Cleveland Counties. Their church affiliation was Baptist. Willis Elijah had no known military record.

Willis and Nancy had eight surviving children, all born in Cleveland County. (1) Charles Baxter, born December 15, 1878, married Elizabeth (Whitaker) and they had no children. Charles died January 30, 1960 in Cleveland County. (2) Susan Marie (Mayes), born Febru-



Willis Elijah and Nancy Jane Dycus Family: Front row L to R: Nancy Jane, William and Willie Elijah. Middle row L to R: Julius and Jesse. Back row L to R: Noah, James, John, Charles and Susan. Picture taken about 1898 in Cleveland County

ary 4, 1881 married Richard Mayes and had four children; Lillian, Pearl and Robert. Susan died September 21, 1917 in North Carolina. (3) James Abner, born April 24, 1882, married Joanna Etta (Allen) and had eight children; Adam Glenn, James Hoyt, Jesse Thomas, Harry Manning, William Allen, Helen Louise, Nancy Varee and Arpie Ezelle. James died January 26, 1965 in Buncombe County. (4) John Robert, born August 2, 1883, married Cora (Hancock) and had five children; Thelma Lee, Mary Elizabeth, Gaither Boyd, Charles Robert and Nancy Ann. John died June 14, 1971 in Sanford, North Carolina. (5) Noah, born June 14, 1885, married Minnie (last name unknown) and had four children; Homer, Lucille, Robert and Mildred. Noah died October 1, 1956 in Arkansas. (6) Julius E., born September 19, 1888 married Mary Etta (Hullender) and had eight children; Mavis, Gary Leroy, Aline, Elsie, Reba, Nancy Elizabeth, Herman and Ervin Lewis. Julius died July 14, 1971 in Hamlet, North Carolina. (7) Jesse Gilford, born November 19, 1889, married Irene (Francis) and had six children; Fannie Loraine, Nancy Frances, Jesse Burl, Donald Hubert, Rachel Irene and David Arnold. Jesse died October 14, 1951 in Columbia, South Carolina. (8) William Elijah, born November 22, 1895, married Lillie (Allen) and had five children; Virginia Blake, Robert Willis, Thomas Hord, Patsy Rena and Joe Henry. William died March 3, 1952 in Cleveland County.

Sources: Family Bible, discussion and correspondence with members of the family and from personal knowledge of the preparer, William Allen Dycus.

— William Allen Dycus

JOHN BORDERS EARL

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John Borders Earl, second son of Abel and Mary Earl, was born August 15, 1847. He was a private in Company "D", 2nd Junior Reserves. Returning home from the war and finding the country disrupted and all of the servants free, he decided to move west after an altercation with one of the colored hands. Traveling through Georgia he settled in Cullman County, Alabama in 1869. Buying land he also traded a shotgun for forty acres of land and later a milk cow was traded for another forty acres.

In 1869, he married Elizabeth Burgess, daughter of Smith and Sallie Burgess. Elizabeth was born on December 7, 1844. John Borders and Elizabeth built a home on the land he had purchased. The house was much like the one his father had built in North Carolina. It is still standing in Holly Pond, Alabama. Also like his father, when the community needed a Church he gave the land for it. He was also a deacon of the Church.

Being industrious like his forefathers, he was a farmer and also had a large avery. John Borders did not believe in banks so the story is told that he kept his money in a box which looked like and indeed served as a step inside the smokehouse.

In his declining years he had a habit of talking out loud to himself. Family history has it that two robbers hid in the house planning on robbing him, but when he came into the house talking to himself they thought someone was with him and ran away. To the union of John Borders and Elizabeth Earl was born two daughters and two sons.

Mary Earl was born July 29, 1871. She married Benjamin F. Chambers who was born May 28, 1864. He died July 20, 1945. They





John Borders Earl Home.

had one son, B.F. Chambers, Jr. born on March 29, 1912. He died February 8, 1932 and all are buried in Blountsville, Alabama.

Alice Earl was born July 20, 1874. She married William Jackson Wright on January 2, 1894. He was born January 13, 1865, the son of Joseph and Susan Griffin Wright. Alice inherited her father's farm at his death. Alice died September 30, 1960 and William died on June 8, 1943. To this union were born eight children. Pearl was born December 30, 1894 and died March 12, 1982. Grover David born September 13, 1898 married Pearl Simmons. Wriha A. was born March 27, 1900 and she married Elbert Key. Lanie Susan was born March 17, 1903. She never married and resides in the family homeplace. Joseph Abel was born April 4, 1907. He married Winoni Bussy. Hamilton Borders was born December 3, 1910 and married Minnie L. McAlpin. Euriah was born October 21, 1913. He married a girl named Sherrie. Zebiah F. was born on July 5, 1916 and married Hubert Smith.

Eursie Abel Earl born January 6, 1875 married Fannie Josephine Persall on December 18, 1892. Fannie was born in 1872. To this union were born ten children. Vera was born September 25, 1893 and she married Edward Garrison and they had four children. James was born September 28, 1895. He married Elmore Mitchell and they had six children. Viola was born January 6, 1898. She married Chester King and they had two children. Lilar Earl was born March 10, 1900. She married Grady Canady and they had two children. Almer and Elmir were born on June 15, 1902. Almer married Katherine Smith and they had two children. Elmir married Curtis Mitchell and they had five children. Desirma was born November 6, 1904 and married Persion Haynes. They had seven children. Attis was born May 5, 1907. He married Beulah Jones and they had three children. Flora was born February 15, 1911 and she married William Hays and

they had four children. Velva was born October 24, 1913 and married Luther Dover. They had three children.

Eursie died in 1951 and Fannie died January 25, 1944. Both are buried in Holly Pond, Alabama.

William Jacob Earl was born January 31, 1883. He married Mary Angeline Augustus McGinnis on November 11, 1901. They had three children.

John Borders Earl died July 7, 1925, and is buried in a family cemetery along with his wife, Elizabeth, in Holly Pond, Alabama.

— Victor L. Raimey

WILLIAM DAVIS EARL

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William Davis Earl, the youngest son of Abel and Mary was born August 12, 1863 and died August 22, 1952. His first wife and mother of his children was Nancy Demmy Francis. She was born September 1863 and died July 15, 1905. William and Nancy were married April 15, 1883. Nancy was the daughter of John and Susan Arnold Francis.

William and Nancy had three sons and a daughter. John Abel Earl was born December 5, 1885 and died February 25, 1971. He married Clyde Runyan on January 8, 1905. She was the daughter of Joseph M. and Alice Fulton Runyan. Clyde was born April 5, 1883 and died August 10, 1965. Both are buried at New Hope. Unto this union were born: J.B. Earl born July 30, 1905 and died June 1, 1979. He never married. Josephine Earl born October 7, 1909. On September 27, 1956 she married Fred W. Reid who was born April 1, 1907. They have no children and reside in Earl, North Carolina. Hundley Gale Earl born November 22, 1919 and died on December 8, 1971. On October 26, 1946 he married Ruth Ramsey who was born September 9, 1924. Their children are Billy Joe born on August 7, 1951 and

married on August 10, 1974 to Cathy Kendrick born December 11, 1954. They have one child, Ashley Kendrick born August 26, 1981. Barbara Gail was born April 28, 1948 and married on April 25, 1971 to Bill Gettys who was born April 11, 1951.

Jacob Quinn Earl was born August 25, 1889 and died on December 18, 1975. On June 25, 1913 he married Virginia Rebecca Patterson, daughter of Hayne and Mary Hardin Patterson. Virginia was born August 14, 1892 and died October 25, 1977. Both are buried in New Hope Cemetery. Their issues are Mary Gladys born December 29, 1915. On November 18, 1950 she married Raymond C. Robinson, Jr. He was born on April 15, 1912. They have no children. Mildred Patterson Earl born March 3, 1919 married George Solansky on December 26, 1947. George was born April 19, 1917. Their children are Rebecca Lee born November 4, 1949. She married on April 24, 1970 to Gary William Lewis; he was born May 8, 1972. They have three children; Dawn Michelle born May 8, 1972, Melanie Anne born August 31, 1978, and Gary William Jr. born September 18, 1979. George A. Solansky Jr. born August 21, 1951. His twin brother died just after birth. Stephen Quinn Solansky was born August 17, 1953 and Virginia Elizabeth was born May 25, 1958. Evelyn Lucille Earl was born February 9, 1927. On August 16, 1947 she married Earl B. Horner, Jr. He was born January 25, 1926. They have two children: Mary Michelle born April 23, 1952 and married on June 7, 1975 to John McNeill Holmes, Jr. He was born June 2, 1951. Their children are: Lauren Michelle born August 6, 1979 and Leslie McNeill born November 23, 1981. The other child Earl Baynes Horner, III was born October 13, 1954. He died January 19, 1959.

On November 21, 1892 twins were born to William and Nancy Earl. One died at birth, the other, Ira Roe, died December 1, 1896.

Thelma May Earl, the youngest and only surviving child of William and Nancy was born May 13, 1898. Thelma has never married but continued her education at Boiling Springs, Lenoir Rhyne and the State College for Women at Milledgeville, Georgia. After completion of her formal training Thelma became a schoolteacher. Her first school was in Catawba County, North Carolina at the Clermont School where she taught for sixteen years. From there she spent five years at Hickory and the next twenty-four years were spent at Patterson Springs and Earl, North Carolina. Since her retirement in 1965 Thelma has lived in the ancestral home in Earl keeping active in the community and holding the position of City Clerk and Treasurer since 1971.

William having inherited his father's farm continued the family tradition of farming, but also he was a merchant and the first Postmaster of Earl in 1888 and again in 1893. Family history tells us that he purchased a Model T in 1925 which he drove until he was 85 years of age. The State refused to renew his license due to his age so he sold the car for the same price that he had paid for it back in 1925.

William Davis remarried on July 29, 1908 to Myra Fulton. Myra was born August 11, 1871 and died March 4, 1963. William, Nancy and

Myra are buried in the New Hope Cemetery in Earl, North Carolina.

— Victor L. Raimey

WILLIAM JACOB EARL

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William was born January 31, 1883. On November 11, 1901 he married Mary Angeline Augustus McGinnis, daughter of George Washington and Joanna O'Kelley McGinnis. Mary was born on August 8, 1881. Having been married in Alabama and following in the footsteps of his ancestors he was a farmer and a carpenter. Leaving Alabama in 1912 and moving to Georgia, he sent his wife and two children along with all the household and farming tools by train to Georgia. He himself rode his horse and drove all his livestock to where he settled in Forsyth County, Georgia.

He then built a house on the same style as his father and grandfather before. He sold his farm in 1918 and moved to Gwinnett County, Georgia. He died on February 23, 1920. Angie lived with various children until her death on June 11, 1964. Both are buried in Hog Mountain Cemetery, Gwinnett County, Georgia.

Their children are Clifford Walter Earl born January 15, 1903. On January 18, he married Beatrice Hanna, daughter of William R. and Nora Maddox Hanna. Beatrice was born October 30, 1903. Their children are William Elbert Earl born October 15, 1920. He married Montine Marshal and they have two children. Elbert died August 18, 1977. Wennell Earl was born September 12, 1923 and lives at home. Clifford Buman born April 1, 1930 married Dorothy Whigby and they have five children.

Elie Eula Earl was born October 1, 1904. On March 1, 1925 she married Clarence Olin Raimey, who was born April 17, 1907. He was the son of George Washington and Ida Roxitine Maddox Raimey. Their children are Quintine Clarence born December 14, 1925. On September 3, 1947 he married Sarah Bates who was born May 12, 1928. They have one son, Larry, born June 27, 1948.

Lola Grace Raimey was born September 21, 1927. On April 20, 1944 she married Eurskin Clustus Mobley, who was born May 20, 1921. Their children are Joanna born November 28, 1946; Sammy Ray born September 10, 1948; Loretta Marie born November 13, 1954. Grace died May 12, 1974 and was buried at Applachee Church in Barrow County, Georgia.

Betty Lou Raimey was born April 27, 1931 and on August 19, 1950 she married Willie Gordon Branham. He was born February 24, 1927. Their children are Mary Helen born December 5, 1951; Willie Gordon Jr. born August 1, 1955; and Donald Fred born October 31, 1958.

Victor Lewis Raimey was born October 5, 1936 and on December 5, 1959 he married Norma Gail Lowery, born November 5, 1940. She was the daughter of Carl Truit and Evelyn Glanton Lowery. Their children are Christopher Earl born August 7, 1961, and on October 6, 1979 he married Mitzi Summers who was born October 18, 1961. They have two sons Christopher Earl Jr. born December 5,



William Jacob and Mary Angeline Augustus (Angie) Earl.

1980 and Bradley Franklin born April 14, 1981. Melanie Diane Raimey was born February 21, 1963 and has a son Philip Ashley born June 11, 1981. Cecelia Lane Raimey was born January 26, 1967. Clarence Raimey died December 17, 1963 and is buried at Applachee Baptist Church, Barrow Co., Ga.

J.C. Earl was born May 31, 1913 and on October 4, 1931 he married Georgia Devera Brown, the daughter of Charles and Della Allredge Brown. Vera was born July 19, 1917.

Their twelve children are J.C. Earl, Jr. born and died May 29, 1932.

Rev. L.B. Earl born May 29, 1932 and on August 30, 1952 he married Pauline Pate and they have six children.

Angie Irene was born June 2, 1936 and on May 29, 1954 married Gene E. Smith, who was born August 1, 1935. They have two children.

Agnes Estelle was born December 31, 1937 and on December 29, 1956 she married Bledward Smith, born July 16, 1931 and they have two children.

Douglas Gary was born November 3, 1939 and on October 8, 1976 he married Margerett Denny. They have no children.

Royce Clifford Earl born September 16, 1941 married Annie Jo Adams, daughter of Iva and Eula Adams. Annie was born April 14, 1943. They have four children.

Floyce Beatrice born September 16, 1941 was married on February 16, 1957 to Robert Gene Wood, who was born January 10, 1937. They have three children.

Lenora was born April 11, 1943 and on March 7, 1959 she married Kenneth Little. They have three children.

Brenda Sue was born March 25, 1945 and married James H. Shoemaker born October 7, 1960. They have three children.

Willie Charles born March 23, 1947 and on July 22, 1965 he married Scherry Nesmith born January 31, 1949.

Vivian Elaine was born February 18, 1949 and married on August 28, 1965 Gary McRae born September 9, 1947. They have four children.

Dora Lynette was born March 16, 1951 and on March 14, 1970 married Earl Young born on June 11, 1948. They have two children.

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ABEL EARLE

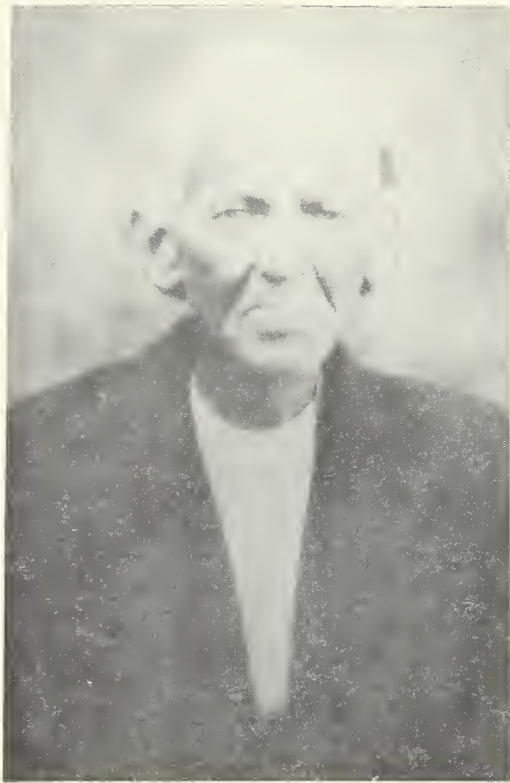
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Abel, son of Zachariah and Jemima Earle, was born on November 5, 1817. He was appointed Ensign in the 10th Regiment of the North Carolina Militia on May 18, 1840.

On December 10, 1840 he married Mary (Polly) Sepaugh; the daughter of Jacob and Elizabeth Howser Sepaugh and granddaughter of Henry and Jane Heffner Howser. Having previously purchased his father's farm he carried on the family tradition of buying and selling land and farming.

On November 27, 1853 Abel started building a new home as per a bill of material listing made by him on that date. The house still stands today in the town named for him and his forebears, Earl, North Carolina. To supplement his income in the years before the Civil War, Abel is found in the tax records as paying taxes to the Confederate Government while running a distillery. On September 12, 1865; Abel, as most Southerners did, signed an oath of allegiance to the United States.

In 1872 the community needed a church for their meetings instead of the brush arbor which they had been using. Since there were now 56 members they decided to build a church. Abel Earle gave the land; five acres for the church and cemetery and Jacob W. Gibbons gave the spring. Abel was also a deacon for the church and was also on the early school committee from its founding until his declining years.



Mary (Polly) Sepaugh and Abel Earl.

He also had a surveyor layout part of his land into a town and began selling lots. The town, Earl, North Carolina was incorporated in 1881. When the Southern Railroad began laying tracks linking Rock Hill, South Carolina and Marion, North Carolina, Abel gave the land on which the train station was built.

Abel and Mary raised a family of one daughter and three sons. Mary was born and died on May 17, 1844 and buried in the Adams Cemetery.

Jacob Sepaugh was born December 2, 1841. He was a private in the 34th North Carolina Volunteers, Company "F". During the Civil War he married Mary Ann Little of Blacksburg, South Carolina. After the war, Jacob came home to pursue his career as a school-teacher. He taught in Earl, Cleveland County, North Carolina. Jacob Earl died on April 7, 1897 and Mary died on November 5, 1917. They are both buried in Berea Cemetery, Blacksburg, South Carolina. Jacob and Mary had no children.

John Borders Earl, second son of Abel and Mary was born August 15, 1847. He married Elizabeth Burgess of Cullman County, Alabama in 1869.

William Davis Earl, youngest son of Abel and Mary was born August 12, 1863. On April 15, 1883 he married Nancy Demmy Francis.

Abel Earle died November 7, 1889 and his wife Mary died July 9, 1909. Both are buried in New Hope Cemetery, Earl, North Carolina.

— Victor L. Raimey

WILLIAM EARLE AND HIS DESCENDANTS

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Family tradition has it that three brothers came from England; one settling in South

Carolina, one in Georgia, and the other, William Earle, in North Carolina. The first evidence of William Earle in North Carolina is his marriage to Mary Webb in Chowan County, North Carolina on September 9, 1779. Records show that he posted 2500 shillings as bond for his license. Mary is thought to be the daughter of Zachariah Webb.

William entered the Revolutionary War and served as Captain of the First North Carolina Regiment in 1780 and 1781 under Colonel Jarvis as shown in the state payroll records, page 1059. Tradition has it that he fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain in South Carolina.

The first U.S. Census shows a William Earle and wife, Mary, living in Edenton District, Tyrrell County, North Carolina owning ten slaves. Family records show that he moved into Lincoln, now Cleveland County, North Carolina looking for better lands.

In 1799 land documents show William Earle owning land on Buffalo Creek adjoining lands of Abednigo Adams and Abraham Collins. There he built a log home for his family, which still stands today. As family tradition has it, William was a tobacco planter and on January 13, 1802 he bought 100 acres of land on Buffalo Creek from Abraham Collins for which he paid for it with twelve hundred pounds of good tobacco. On April 17, 1810 William purchased from the state of North Carolina ninety-one acres for fifty shillings. Records of deeds at the statehouse show that on January 17, 1817 he sold 191 acres of land with improvements to his son, Zachariah Earle, for the sum of two hundred dollars.

William Earle's gravemarker shows he died on May 23, 1826. He and his wife, Mary, are buried in the Adams Cemetery, Earl, Cleveland County, North Carolina. The exact date of Mary's death is not known.

— Victor L. Raimey

The son of William and Mary Earle was born on February 5, 1793. In 1814 he married Jemima Hardin. Jemima was born about 1784. A deed recorded in Rutherford County, North Carolina on November 16, 1814 shows Zachariah purchased 33 acres of land located on Borens River from James Lindsey for seventeen dollars. In 1817 he purchased his father's farm in Lincoln County, North Carolina. Increasing the land holdings further, he purchased 100 acres with a mill and other improvements located on Camps Mill Creek on October 28, 1839 for \$117.00. On November 8, 1844 he purchased 30 acres of land from Abedinego Adams for seventy dollars.

To Zachariah and Jemima were born five children. Irena Earle was born 1815. No record is found of her ever marrying, but we know that she had a son, John, born in 1840. He died in the Confederate War and is buried in the Adams Cemetery, Cleveland County, North Carolina. His Epitath reads: "Born March, 1840, JOHN EARLE, who died in service of his country at Goldsboro, North Carolina on June 18, 1862, aged 22 years, 2 months, 22 days. He was a member of the 49th Regimental Co., Goldsboro, North Carolina Volunteers. He died of disease. He was the son of Irena Earls and was raised by his mother and grandfather. He was strictly moral, dutiful, upright and obedient to his parents. He was loved by all who knew him. He heard his country's bleeding call, nor did she call in vain. He put his armour on and went her honor to sustain. But sickness with its heavy hand upon him did lay hold, the fever burned like scorching sand till death released his soul." Her other son, Columbus, was born in 1854. She and Columbus went West to Arkansas in 1872 joining her sister and brother-in-law, Leitha and Larkin Howell, in Yell County, Arkansas.

Abel Earle was born November 5, 1817. He married Mary Sepaugh on December 10, 1840.

Tridora Earle was born in 1820. She married Jacob Etters. Little is known of them except they had three children. Lydia, Elizco and E.L. Etters.

Leitha Earle was born in 1822. She married Larkin Howell. To this union were born two children; Sarah E. was born and died in 1855. She was buried in Antioch Church Cemetery, Blacksburg, So. Carolina. Thomas Jefferson, their only son went West with his parents traveling by covered wagon and settling in Yell County, Arkansas.

Elizabeth Earle was born March 9, 1824. She married William Dixon, a blacksmith. To this union were born Amanda, George C., William and W.N. Dixon. William Dixon's gravemarker shows he was born June 3, 1824 and died August 22, 1879. Both are buried in the Adams Cemetery, Earl, North Carolina.

On August 17, 1842 Zachariah Earle sold his farm to his son, Abel. Zachariah bought a farm in No. 4 Township, Cleveland County, North Carolina on Long Branch Creek in 1856. In 1857 increasing his land holdings he added 203 acres, as shown on deed records. On April

23, 1857 Deed No. 485 from the State of North Carolina shows he purchased 26 acres for \$3.25.

Zachariah and Jemima were charter members of the Bethel Baptist Church and both died of typhoid fever within a couple of months of each other. They are the last of the Earles to be buried in the Adams Cemetery. Their Epitaths read; "ZACKERY EARL: A consistent member of the Baptist Church 56 years and a Deacon of same 27 years who died April 30, 1869 aged 76 years 2 months and 25 days." "JEMIMA EARL: Consort of Zackery Earl and a consistent member of the Baptist Church 60 years. She died February 28, 1869 in the 85th year of her age." "FAREWELL MY FRIENDS AND CHILDREN ALL, I LEAVE YOUR ABODE TO OBEY THE CALL OF HIM WHO GAVE MY BEING FIRST."

— Victor L. Raimey

DR. ANDERSON SAMUEL ELAM

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Anderson S. Elam (1792-1878) came from Virginia about 1820, bought land and settled on Maple Creek in what is now upper Cleveland County. Here he farmed and practiced medicine until he died, except for the time he served in the Mexican War. He was Irish extraction, and, if a family legend is true, his father, Edward Elam, Jr., was a drummer boy with Cornwallis.

Anderson was born October 28, 1792, near Chase City, Virginia. He married Letisha Weatherford, also of Virginia, on February 7, 1814. Sometime after the birth of two boys, Francis and Thomas J., Anderson and "Letty" hitched up the wagon, packed their belongings, bundled up their babies, and headed for North Carolina. Among their possessions were the family cow and their Bible which has a hole made by an Indian bullet in its kidskin cover. This Bible is well preserved and is owned by Ernest Gardner, a great grandson.

It is not known where or how Anderson acquired his knowledge of medicine or when he began practice. Another family legend is that "Letty" was a great help to her doctor husband because of her Indian heritage and the knowledge of the medicinal value of herbs. Also, it is said that he manufactured his own whiskey for use in his sometimes potent medicines.

The family was Baptist and Anderson was active in church work, first as a deacon in Zion Baptist Church and later in New Bethel Baptist Church when it was organized in 1848. Anderson, "Letty," a son, William T. and his wife, Cornelia Royster, were charter members of the new church.

Anderson and "Letty" were parents of eleven children, seven boys and four girls. Of the two born in Virginia, we have no record of where they lived, married or died.

William T. and Cornelia emigrated to Yellville, Arkansas, where he became a large landowner and the father of several children. One of them, George Francis Elam, became a successful doctor.

Silas S. was for a time in South Carolina, then he moved to Charlotte, North Carolina, where in 1890 he operated a tailor shop in the "Democrat Building."

George A. married Mary Ford. He fought in the Civil War. He was killed in the Battle of Gaines Mill in Virginia. A short time after his death, a child, George, Jr., was born. It is told that mothers brought their babies to kiss baby George believing it would bring good luck to their child to kiss a baby born after his father's death.

Philip Ramseur married Mary Barber. He was ordained as a Baptist minister serving New Bethel and other churches. He was actively engaged in the work of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

Samuel left his home to join the Gold Rush in 1849. Because of unlucky experiences, he returned home to marry Martha Jane McCall, also of Cleveland County.

The four daughters of Anderson and "Letty" remained near the homeplace. Elizabeth never married. She died when she was only nineteen and was buried on the home grounds. Later her body was moved to the cemetery at New Bethel and hers is the first grave there.

Sophia Jane married first a Lattimore, and after his death while fighting in the Civil War, she married Charles Gold.

Nancy's young husband, Lawson Greenhill, was also killed during the Civil War. There is mention that she married a Mr. Houser.

The youngest daughter, Sarah Dobbins, married Rufus Garner and lived south of Fallston, North Carolina.

Descendants of the old country doctor, Anderson Samuel Elam and Letisha Weatherford Elam are now scattered far and wide. Each generation has produced not only preachers and doctors, but nurses, attorneys,

religious workers, businessmen and women, scientists, and craftsmen — all proud of their Elam heritage.

Sources: Family Bible; Census Records; Church Records; Court Records (Deeds).

— Bryte Elam Lane

CARME NELSON ELAM FAMILY

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Carme Nelson Elam (1896-1980) was born near Belwood, Cleveland County, North Carolina. He was the fourth of five children born to Frank Elam (1867-1949) and Sarah Katherine Wray Elam (1862-1958). — See Article on Samuel Weatherford Elam (1826-1907).

Carme grew up at his birthplace, on the family farm, which was a part of the Samuel Weatherford Elam property, near Maple Creek, and attended Piedmont School, Lawndale. He served in the United States Army from 1918 to 1919 attaining the rank of Sergeant. He married Ruth Ethelda Caldwell (1898-1967) on April 17, 1919. They bought a farm and built a house about three-fourth mile north of the Elam homeplace.

Carme was an energetic man, always looking for new and better ways to farm and provide for his family. His keen interest in New Bethel Baptist Church provided him opportunity to serve as Deacon, Sunday School teacher and in other roles of leadership. He was active in and employed by a variety of farm programs and organizations through the County Agricultural Agent, Farm Home Administration, Extension Department of State College, the state Grange and others. Carme pioneered in senior citizen activities in upper Cleveland County.

Ruth, his wife, was a beautiful mild mannered woman who loved God and her family,



Abel Earle's home built 1853. Front of fence, L to R: Jacob Quinn, John Abel. Back of fence, L to R: William Davis, Nancy Francis, Mary Sepaugh.

and her life showed it. When discipline of her offspring was called for, she knew how to handle that too. Ruth admired and loved her husband and supported him in his "head of the house" role. Ruth and Carme reared a family of six children, four girls and two boys.

William Augustus (Bill) Elam (1920-) was more interested in the world of business than farming, and set out on his own in 1939. Bill married his childhood sweetheart Mary Elizabeth Sain, and they live in Charlotte. Their children are Melba, married Jerry D. Hall; Joel, married Betty Stringer, and Nelson married Sharon Stanback.

At this writing (1982) Melba lives in Gastonia, has two daughters, Carmen and Christine. Joel lives in Raleigh, has one son, Cary, and a daughter, Brittany. Nelson lives in Charlotte and has no children.

Katherine Elizabeth (1922-) is an accomplished piano teacher and devoted mother. She married Vinson Washburn and lives in Shelby. They have children: James William (adopted), married to Sandra Webster, Vinson, Jr., Sarah Glenn, Garry and Christopher (Chris). At this writing (1982) James William lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and has two sons, Jeremiah and Brandon.

James Durham (Jim) Elam (1924-) farmed with his father for some years and has been with Fiber Industries about 18 years. Jim married Marilue Roberts of Shelby. They raised five children, three boys and two girls, at their home on the Lawndale-Belwood Road. Their children are: Rachael, living in Jacksonville, N.C., Douglas (Doug), living in Shelby, Allison, William (Bill) and Mark living at home.

Sarah Lenoir (1926-) is loved and respected in her home town of Clemmons, N.C., as a kindergarten director, wife and mother. Sarah married Dorman Williams, who grew up in Fallston. They have one son, Dixon, a medical doctor practicing in Pulaski, Virginia. Dixon's wife is the former Julie McCollum. Dixon and Julie have two daughters, Jill and Lee.

Nancy Marion (1930-), a multi-talented lady, wife and mother lives in Shelby with her husband, Oliver Stanhope Anthony, Jr. They

have two children: Elizabeth (Beth) living in Charlotte with her husband, Jim Gantt III and their two daughters, Laura and Hope. Oliver Stanhope III (Stan) is an architect and lives in Atlanta.

Eleanor Ann (1941-), a loving mother, wife and retail store salesperson, married Frank Cloyd, Jr., a native of Charlotte. They now live in Shelby with their two sons, Ray and Todd and daughter, Amy.

In 1968 Carme married Cleo Withrow (1902-) a retired dietician and teacher, holding a Masters degree from Columbia University in New York. Carme and Cleo had twelve happy years together. During those years Cleo earned the love and respect of the family and the community. She now lives at the home-place.

Sources: Personal knowledge.

— William A. Elam

REVEREND PHILIP RAMSEUR ELAM

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The Reverend Philip Ramseur Elam was born March 12, 1833 near Fallston, N.C. The son of Dr. Anderson Samuel Elam and Letisha (Letty) Weatherford Elam both born in the Mecklenburg, Charlotte County area of South Central Virginia.

Philip Elam's early life is unknown to this writer, however, it is well known he grew up within a good christian environment provided by God-fearing parents. His education consisted of that available in the area, plus some time at Rutherford College and perhaps under Dr. John Broadus at Furman University.

Early in life, in the late 1840's, he dedicated his life to the ministry and started preparing himself to that end. In the 1850 census he was listed with the Josiah H. Durham household where he was following a course of study under Reverend Durham, a well trained and respected minister of that day.

He was ordained to the ministry on September 15, 1854 at New Bethel Baptist Church. He and his family were influential in the organization of the New Bethel Baptist Church. Reverend Philip Elam's name and influence can be seen in the minutes of this church until 1866. During these years he worked tirelessly for the establishment of Sunday school in churches. He was a delegate from New Bethel Baptist Church to the Kings Mountain Baptist Association in 1855, 56, 57, 58, 59 and 60. He was also very active in the Kings Mountain Baptist Association and preached the Annual Associational Sermon to this body in 1866 at the age of 33 years.

From 1861, to 1865 Philip Elam's life was interrupted by the Civil War when he joined in the recruitment of men and was present at the fall of Fort Sumter at the very beginning of the war. He then enlisted in Col. Conley's 55th N.C. Regiment and received the rank of Lieutenant.

He was active in most of the major battles of General Lee's armies of Northern Virginia. Lieutenant Philip Elam fell wounded in the

front lines on the third day at Gettysburg, was picked up by the enemy and imprisoned at Johnsons Island, a Union Prison in Ohio for nine months. He was later released on a prisoner exchange. He fell the second time in the front lines at Petersburg, defending Richmond, on August 5, 1864. Then temporarily disabled, he resigned his commission February, 1865. A copy of his letter of resignation is a part of this record.

At about 36 years of age he married Mary Barber Crawford, a young war widow with one small son, John Thomas Crawford. To this union were born Alice Elam, Charles Spurgeon Elam, William Broadus Elam, James Boyce Elam, and Richard Fuller Elam.

It is quite evident that Reverend Philip Elam promised his maker many times that if his life was spared, he would never forsake the calling and he did not. Even though he operated a 400 acre farm near Kings Mountain, he was very active as pastor of a number of churches including Bethlehem church for 22 years.

His name and works appears many times in the minutes of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association and also as a member of the Presbytery in the organization of many Baptist churches and was in some cases the first pastor. This was true in the chartering of the First Baptist Church of Gastonia, N.C. which he pastored on two separate occasions. Recently a grand piano was placed in the sanctuary of this church in his honor, by his grandsons.

Philip Elam was a student, had a good library which was housed in a single building some distance from the home known as the "Study." In addition to theological books, there were books on agriculture, agriculture year books and books on geology. He was a self educated geologist or mineralogist.

Because of impaired health, he was forced to reduce his ministry in later years. During warm months of the year he engaged in mineral prospecting.

On February 24, 1901, he died and is buried in Bethlehem Cemetery.

"Fervent in prayer, consecrated in life, sym-



Dr. Anderson Samuel Elam, 1792-1818



Reverend Philip Ramseur Elam, 1833-1901

Camp Cooke Brigade Va
Feb. the 27th 1865
Hon. Wm. Beckwith

Sir I have the
honor to ask you to accept my resignation as 2nd Lieut.
Company C 55th Regiment N.C. Troops and allow me
to officiate as clergyman. I am a regular ordained
Minister had the charge of Churches at the Coma
mencement of the war and Resided as pastor and
came in the Army. My Churches are still without
pastors and they insist that I should leave the Army
and preach for them I have also been appointed a
missionary to Johnston's brigade of this Army there are
other Regiments that want me as their Chaplain
I conscientiously believe it to be my duty to turn
my attention to religious duties and ask your serious
attention to my petition

I have been twice wounded and my left
arm is still weak and numb

I am Respectfully

Your Obedt. Servt-
P. R. Elam 2nd Lieut
Co C 55th N.C. Regt

A Civil War letter from Lt. P.R. Elam, C.S.A. See sketch 415 for details.

glish Roberts of Marshall, N.C. and to that
union three children were born:

Julia Anne Elam, assistant school principal,
Winston-Salem, N.C.

Janis Lucile Elam, married Dr. Eric Black-
well, West Texas Medical School, Lubbock,
Texas. They have two sons, and one daughter:
David Elam, Jonathan Eric and Janis Elizabeth
Blackwell.

Philip Ramseur Elam III, NCR Corporation,
Dayton, Ohio.

Philip Elam II, from 1947 until 1963, owned
and operated P.R. Elam Farm Supply Compa-
ny, Marshall, N.C. He then, after disposing of
this business, became a licensed real estate
broker and for several years was in real estate
and land development. To his credit, in this
endeavor, were three developments in West-
ern, N.C.; The Glenn Cannon Golf Course and
development, Brevard, N.C., The Crooked
Creek Golf Course and Development on the
Frank Sherril Farm in Hendersonville, N.C. and
the Bald Mountain Development's Wolf Laurel
Golf Course, ski slope, where he worked as
general developer for several years.

At age 54, Philip Elam then went to Asheville
to become Executive Director of the Business
and Industry Department of the Asheville Area
Chamber of Commerce. He intended to stay
three months, but has now stayed 14 years.
During his stay with the Asheville Chamber, he
has been responsible, many times almost single
handedly, for the increase in tax base of hun-
dreds of millions of dollars in new invest-
ments. This resulted in thousands of new jobs
for the area.

Presently Philip Elam is a member of the
N.C. Industrial Development Association, The
Southern Industrial Developers Association, a
member of the Governor's Industrial Council,
and a member of the Board of Directors of the
Tennessee River Valley Association. He was
appointed by the Board of Directors of the
Tennessee Valley Authority to represent N.C.

pathetic in council, friend of the friendless,
the sorrowing, the poor, and the rich, he went
about doing good."

Sources: Various public records, family records,
quoted Baptist associational minutes, and family recollec-
tions.

— Philip R. Elam, II

PHILIP RAMSEUR ELAM II

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Philip Ramsuer Elam II was born to Richard
Fuller and Sarah Roberts Elam on May 10,
1914, near Kings Mountain, N.C.

In the early 1920's, when young Philip was of
preschool age, he got lost at the Gaston Coun-
ty Fair, was recovered by a policeman and
taken to the tower or central office and given a
big striped stick of candy. He was asked two
questions: Who's boy are you?, Where do you
live? He politely answered, "I'm papa's boy
... I live in a house." He says until this day he
is still evading some questions.

Philip Elam II lived with his parents and
family 2½ miles west of Kings Mountain on
their family farm, with the exception of six
years. His father built a home in Kings Moun-
tain to get his family close to the City School

and its advantages. He attended grade school
and high school there, graduating in 1931.
While in high school, with the help of Miss
Daphne Doster and a Kings Mountain Civic
Club, he organized the High School Band.
Being a charter member, he was given the use
of the bass horn, supplied by the Civic Club.
His horn and training enabled him to be a
member of the Red Coat Band at N.C. State
College, where he received many advantages
by his participation.

In 1938, Philip Elam graduated from N.C.
State College with some distinction. He was
president of the class in his division of the
Agricultural School, was a member of the N.C.
State Judging Team and was a member of four
college fraternities, all free and won through
scholastic achievement.

After graduation, he was employed by the
N.C. State College Extension Service and sent
as County Agent to Madison County, Marshall,
N.C. He contends his greatest accomplish-
ment in this position was to organize the
French Broad Electric Membership Corpora-
tion, which now furnishes electric power to
thousands of families in approximately 10
counties in N.C. and Tennessee.

In 1940 Philip Elam married Miss Julia En-



Phillip Ramseur Elam, III.

on their twelve person Industrial Council. He is presently 68 years of age and resides with his wife in Mars Hill, N.C.

He is a Baptist, supports his church, and for over forty years has served as a deacon. He is a devoted Civitan, is an immediate past President of Asheville Civitan (the world's largest Civitan Club) and is a member of the Board of Advisors of Mars Hill College.

Philip Elam's hobby is farming and cattle raising. He has in the past, at times, owned over two thousand acres of farm land in N.C. and East Tennessee, being a great believer in land as an investment.

Sources: Personal knowledge and family records.

— Philip R. Elam, III



The Elam Coat of Arms

RICHARD FULLER ELAM

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Richard Fuller Elam was born Saturday, December 7, 1878, to Philip Ramseur and Mary Barber Elam at their home farm about two miles west of Kings Mountain, N.C. He was the youngest of five children.

His mother was an only child and had received education at All Healing Institute (later Linwood College), near what is now Gastonia, therefore, the parents were both literate. He attended the free school of that day and was considered a very good student, helping fellow students several grades ahead of him in the one room school.

Later Richard Fuller Elam, as a young man of approximately 21 years, entered and completed a course of study at Charlotte Commercial College, Charlotte, N.C. After graduation, his first position was secretary to attorney Hugh A. Harris in Charlotte.

In those days the railroad was new and popular and he received a job as secretary to the Train Master of the Charlotte to Atlanta Division of Southern Railroad. Later he moved

to Greenville, S.C. nearer the center of the division.

Tired, he said, of the jumpy nature, long hours on the railroad, and investigating night train wrecks, he accepted a position as private secretary to Captain Ellison Smyth, the owner of the Pelzer Mill, a nine mill textile group.

There he met and married Miss Sarah Victoria Roberts, a teacher in a local school, sponsored by the company, and who also worked in the company office. She was affectionately known as Miss Sallie.

To this union was born six children: Richard Broadus Elam, Mary Elizabeth Elam, Sarah Viola Elam, Philip Ramseur Elam II, Alice Evelyn Elam and John Edgar Elam.

After several years as a Standard Oil Company distributor in South Carolina, Richard Fuller Elam bought his brother's interest in the family farm. This was the same 400 acres owned by his family for four generations and so he moved back to Kings Mountain. At Kings Mountain he farmed, to some degree, as a side line.

Richard Elam was a very enterprising man, continuously thinking, with many activities other than farming. At times he had to drop some other enterprise to care for a crop. He dealt in land, heavy at times. During his lifetime he held title to many pieces of property in No. 4 Township plus farms and residential sub-divisions and other properties in both North Carolina and South Carolina.

On one occasion, about 1922, he bought a large farm near Rock Hill, S.C. for \$40,000.00 and intended to move there to be close to Winthrop College. Because some of his Kings Mountain property did not bring as much as he expected, he forfeited \$4,000.00, which was a 10% down payment. He never went back to Rock Hill. Corn-on-the-cob was served for lunch at the hotel the day of the transaction. He never ate corn on the cob again.

Richard Elam had many good traits; he was honest, hard working and very frank in his



Sarah Victoria Roberts Elam, wife of Richard Fuller Elam (1780-1869)

approach to others. One always knew where he stood.

He spoke impeccable English and was a great writer and speller. His greatest attribute was his love for education and the fact he strived to give all of his six children a college education. They all attended college and five graduated. This was also true of the twelve grandchildren. All were well educated with some holding several advanced degrees. Two medical doctors came from the family of Mary Elam Vance. Even though he lived in the country he always paid tuition for his children to attend the city schools. He later built a home in Kings Mountain for the expressed purpose of getting his family close to the better school and its appurtenances.

Like his father, he was a Baptist, supported his church, and always regretted he could not make larger monetary contributions to his church.

He could do most anything he set out to do. He was a good engineer. Once he engineered and built a water wheel to supply water and power to a handle mill. It all worked! He was also a carpenter and an excellent cabinet maker. Always busy, he never had a moment to waste. This also went for anyone working around him.

Richard Fuller Elam was tough and determined. While feeding a corn shreader in the fall of 1924, he slipped and fell into the mouth of the machine. He quickly pulled back and forced the belt off with his hips. The shreader ground his hand almost in two. He rode to Kings Mountain, some two and one-half miles, with out benefit of anesthetic, traveling in a buggy. He was aided by one of his good black men, Ellison Swann. Then they went onto Gastonia to the hospital where he told the doctors he would sue them if they cut his hand off.

He had an infection to develop and he pulled bones out of his hand for months. Finally his hand became better. It was a short hand and five short fingers but it all worked. The



Richard Fuller Elam, 1878-1955.

SAMUEL WEATHERFORD ELAM

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Samuel Weatherford Elam (1826-1907) was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina, the sixth child of Dr. Anderson S. Elam (1792-1886) and Letisha Weatherford Elam (1795-1881). We can only assume that he lived the normal life of a country boy in the mid-nineteenth century.

When news of the discovery of gold came, Samuel couldn't resist the lure of treasure. He joined a group California bound. It is said they went by boat around the Cape and arrived at the gold fields before 1850. Samuel was lucky and found a fortune, which he soon lost by putting it in a bank that failed.

In despair, broke and homesick, the young man returned home by land. Somewhere

along the way he was in an accident. He later became ill and lost the sight of one eye. It is not known when he arrived back home, but he often said that he was foolish to go off. He spent the remainder of his life within a mile of his birthplace on Maple Creek. He was the only son of the old country doctor to do so.

When Samuel was thirty-seven years old, he married Martha Jane McCall (1840-1898) and in the years ahead they reared a family of five. Both the Elam and the McCall families have been active in the New Bethel Baptist Church from the time of its founding.

The oldest child, Carme (1864-1932), left the farm when a young man and worked in Lawndale, North Carolina, with the Cleveland Mill and Power Company. He married Mamie Forney Peeler and for the remainder of their lives, Lawndale was home. They had no children. Carme was active in both church and civic affairs. He was for years a Sunday School teacher and superintendent. He served on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners and Board of Education, and was on the Board of the State School for the Deaf and Dumb. He was president of the Lawndale Industrial Railroad and became treasurer of the Cleveland Mill and Power Company. He and his wife are buried in the New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Frank Elam (1867-1949) chose to remain on the farm. On November 14, 1889, he married Sarah Katherine Wray (1868-1958) and moved into a house his father built for him not far from the homeplace. Life on the farm was always busy, especially so in summer. They grew abundant crops of vegetables and fruits and did custom canning for the Shelby Hospital. Busy as she was, Mrs. Elam taught school in Belwood and was active in Sunday School and the women's work of her church. They reared five children:

Martha Wray Elam (1891-1981) married Foy Putnam (1888-1963); Sam. W. Elam (1892-1980) married Agnes Meerman; Mary Addie Elam (1894-1978) married C.B. Morgan (1892-1969) of Anson County; Carme N. Elam (1896-1980) married Ruth Caldwell (1898-1967) and after her death married Cleo Withrow (1902-); and Minnie Ramseur Elam (1899-) married the Reverend W.P. Biggerstaff (1902-1978).

Charles S. Elam (1869-) left home early and settled in Texas, where he married and died. He did not keep in touch with his family.

The only girl, Sarah Lettie Venora Elam (1873-1935) married William Noggle (1866-1903). Their family consisted of: Annie, who married Mr. Westmoreland and lived in Kannapolis until her death; George W. Noggle (1900-1960) married Eva Hamrick (1910-); and Lester T. Noggle (1902-1962) married Veda Dayberry (1914-).

After the death of Mr. Noggle in 1903, Venora married Frank Beam (1862-1940). Their children were: Boyd C. Beam (1908-1968) who married Mary Bracket (1911-); Carroll E. (1911-1978) who married Rosemary Peeler (1913-); and Broadus (1913-) who married Ezma Grigg (1915-).

William Anderson Elam (1878-1951) spent his early years on the farm. After the death of

tendons were badly crushed, but not severed. This he knew and he won his battle. In spite of sometimes overwhelming odds, he remained determined and most of the time he won.

Richard Elam known by most of his peers as "Mr. Dick" was very devoted to and respectful of his wife, Miss Sallie. He loved horses and his favorite saddle horse "Duke" was kept by his son John Elam, Bladenboro, N.C., until the horse was nearly forty years old.

At the age of 76 he was accidentally killed in a tractor accident near his home and was interred in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, N.C. in 1955.

Sources: Personal knowledge and family memories.

— Philip R. Elam, II



Samuel W. Elam and wife, Martha Jane McCall



William Anderson Elam, wife Georgia, and daughter Bryte. Picture taken 1906.

his mother in 1898, he and his father "batched" and farmed. He married Georgia Wayne Parker (1881-1942) on November 22, 1900, and their only child, Ollie Bryte, was born in 1904. After the death of his father in 1907, the family left the farm as William A. became a Baptist minister.

Samuel Weatherford Elam and Martha Jane McCall Elam are buried in the New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sources: Family Bible; U.S. census records; church records; and personal knowledge.

— Bryte Elam Lane

WILLIAM ANDERSON ELAM

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William Anderson Elam was born September 2, 1878, the son of Samuel Weatherford

Elam and Martha Jane McCall Elam. He was a farmer and a tanner before answering the call to preach in 1910. On November 22, 1900, he married Georgia Wayne Parker (1881-1942) and their only child, Ollie Bryte, was born September 18, 1904.

Entering the ministry was a major move for this family. It meant seven years schooling for this thirty two year old head of the family and also pulling up roots, grown deep in the soil of Cleveland County. After much prayer and discussion, they moved to Boiling Springs. The family theme became "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow," the hymn sung by the future preacher as he left his home church, New Bethel Baptist Church.

Automobiles in 1910 were a rare sight for these country people and on the way to their new home, they heard one coming. Not knowing what the horse might do, they pulled off the

road into some woods. The three got out of the buggy and Mr. Elam held the bridle and prayed. The horse ignored the noisy vehicle, and, somewhat chagrined, the family resumed the journey. There were many laughs over this episode in later years.

To help defray expenses, the family served as house parents in the only boys' dormitory of Boiling Springs High School and were soon at home in an apartment there. The father entered school and Bryte was enrolled in a private school. The mother taught a short time in the public school, encouraged her husband in his work, and enjoyed the many cultural advantages of the community.

After William completed high school, the family moved to Wake Forest where he entered college in the fall of 1913. These four years were happy ones. Summers were spent in Cleveland County with the homefolks while the college student was busy assisting pastors in special services. Later he had regular pastorates in the Wake Forest area and went by train once a month to Kenansville to preach at a nearby country church.

His ordination as a Baptist minister in his home church in 1914 and his graduation from Wake Forest College in 1917 were the culminations of busy years and the fulfillment of the country boy's dream.

For the remainder of his life, he served churches in Lilesville and rural Anson County, the Second and Dover Baptist Church of Shelby, and churches in Ramseur and Franklinsville.

Bryte attended Coker College in Hartsville, South Carolina. Then she taught in the Ramsuer School where her parents were living. It was here also that she met and married Guy Foust Lane in 1926. Ramseur is still home for them and this is where their four children were reared.

Martha Bryte Lane married Spotswood Bowers of Littleton; Elizabeth Lane married Robert Spencer of Ramsuer; William Guy Lane married Shirley York of Ramsuer and Margaret



William Anderson Elam, 1878-1951

Eugenia Lane married Dale McDonald of Thomasville.

Both Bryte and Guy Lane are happily retired in 1982, she, from school teaching, and he, from sales engineering with Johns-Manville Corporation.

After the death of Georgia Parker Elam on November 13, 1942, William Anderson married Nettie Moon of Franklinville.

Less than a year after retirement, Mr. Elam was killed instantly as he crossed the highway at his home. His wife, Nettie, lived less than a year after his death. He and his two wives are buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery in Franklinville.

William Anderson Elam, a grandson of the country doctor, Anderson Samuel Elam, was a dedicated pastor. He was a loving husband and father characterized by honor and justice tempered with humor. He always came home whistling a happy tune so that his family would not be startled by a sudden step at the door. He was proud of his Cleveland County heritage and always claimed that he knew when he crossed the county line as the air was sweeter and the sky bluer than any other place. He believed that the quotation with the senior picture in his college annual, *The Howler*, was an honor: "A good man never dies."

Sources: Family records; church records; and personal knowledge.

— Bryte Elam Lane



James Carson Elliott

THE JAMES CARSON and BRIDGET GETTYS ELLIOTT FAMILY

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James Carson Elliott, born July 12, 1845 near Polkville, North Carolina, died June 17, 1936. He married Bridget Gettys, born in Rutherford County, North Carolina, January 27, 1853, and died December 3, 1897. Both

were buried near their home in the Elliott Cemetery. James was the son of William Martin and Barbara Carson Elliott, grandson of John Crenshaw and Mary Donoho Elliott, great grandson of Martin Elliott and Anne Finch Elliott who about 1806 moved here from Virginia.

James Carson entered the Confederate Army and served from 1861-1865 in Co. F, 56th Regiment, North Carolina. He was in prison at Point Lookout. See: "The Southern Soldier Boy," copyright 1907, by James Carson Elliott. This book, well written and very interesting, gives a vivid picture of the war between the states, and conditions following its closure. Its a must for those interested in history.

James and Bidy had nine children: Elizabeth Lee Elliott 1874-1948, married David Anderson Beam; (seven children) — Charlotte Susan Beam (unmarried). Biddie Lillian Beam married Nicas Hicks, Delia Elizabeth Beam married Edwin Smiley, Esther Barbara Beam married Winfred Gaddy, Meredith Maie married William Coleman Doggett, David Elliott Beam married Ruth Azelia Spurling, Nancy Leona Beam married John Harrill McBrayer. (Note: See more on the Beam Family in this book.)

William Martin Elliott II, 1877 — 1921, married Elizabeth Noller of Denver, Colorado. They made their home and were buried there. (five children). William Martin Elliott III married Ruth Stalder and had three sons — William Martin Elliott IV married Mary Ann Burdick and had one child, Beth Wren Elliott; Steven Stalder Elliott married Emily Anita Ettling and had one child, John Oliver Elliott; and Joseph Vance Elliott, unmarried; Clara Dorothy Elliott married Hermon Pringle; Charlotte Elizabeth Elliott, unmarried. Gladys Frances Elliott married Henry Estabrooks and have three children: Elizabeth Edith married James Edward Kohl, (two children — Michael Henry Kohl and Elizabeth Elliott Kohl). Michael Bancraft Estabrooks married Kathleen Ann Broderick (child — Ann Elizabeth Estabrooks). Catherine "Kate" Estabrooks married Jack Gilbert Bivens, Jr., (one child — Elizabeth Loreta Bivens). Lottie Charlotte Elliott 1878-1962, unmarried. George A. Elliott 1879-1924, unmarried. Barbara Eugenia Elliott 1881-1954, unmarried, Leona Nora Elliott 1885-1963 married Rufus A. Bingham, (no child). Rufus had one daughter, Dollie, by his first wife. James Carson Elliott Jr., 1888-1900. Henry Bedford Elliott 1889-1916. Plato Jefferson Elliott 1896-1956, married Eugenia Lollar (three children).

Tribute to the James Carson Elliott Family.

James C. Elliott's family was interested in politics, government, state, community, and church affairs. "Uncle Jim," having been a school teacher, was a brilliant writer. He spent much time writing articles of interest, current events, etc. for the Shelby Paper. Much of his work has been preserved.

Uncle Jim was tall, slim, white haired and long bearded. Many of us remember him as having a twinkle in his eyes, a walking stick by his chair, and surrounded by his writing materials. He was a very kind hearted man. He and his children showed concern for our family when, after our father died leaving our mother,



William Martin Elliott

at age thirty-six, with seven small children, we came to live on their place, staying there until we married and had homes of our own. Never do I cease to be amazed at the patience cousin Lottie, Eugenia, and Leona had with children. They invited us to visit them frequently, to spend the night, to go play in the creeks, to walk in the woods, to see things of nature and identify trees, plants and wild flowers, They helped us saddle horses to ride, hitch up horses to buggies, etc. They seemed to get great enjoyment out of this also.

Lottie was a milliner. We girls loved to go each day in "Miss Lottie's Hat Store" to see what she'd made from the pretty flowers and braids. Her hats were exclusive.

Uncle Jim, first in the community to have an earphone radio, would invite us to come to listen. He'd put the earphones on us even when he was interested in the programs. This rare and unique family will always be dear to me.

Sources: Family records; Courthouse.

— Mrs. Palmer (Nan S.) Gold

THE FAMILY OF JOHN PAXTON ELLIOTT

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John Paxton Elliott (b. Janaury 5, 1817) was the son of John Crenshaw Elliott, born in Virginia and Mary Donoho Elliott, born in Caswell County, North Carolina. His parents were married in Caswell County, February 25, 1808 and came to live on a large plantation on Hinton's Creek, in what is now Cleveland County. It is said that John Crenshaw had the first grist mill and saw mill in this area. His parents were Martin Elliott and Annie Finch Elliott who moved from Virginia in 1806. Martin Elliott served as a Private in the Revolutionary War, Second Troop, commanded by Captain John Watts, First Regiment, Light Dragoons, Con-



Confederate Soldiers at Elliott Church Reunion

tinential Troops, which was a Virginia organization. He was a Revolutionary Soldier under General Washington, 1776.

John Paxton had the following brothers and sisters: Susan Elliott, married Nelson Nowlin; Elizabeth Elliott, married Dr. James W. Cabaniss; Nancy Elliott, married Joseph Bedford; William Elliott, married Barbara Carson; Mary F. Elliott, married Daniel Dobbins Lattimore; Thomas F. Elliott fought and died in the Mexican War, 1846; Edward Elliott, married Martha Eliza Piercy; Andrew Jackson Elliott, married Sarah Doggett; Dr. James Finch Elliott, was killed by a horse, 1850.

In the year 1940 John Paxton Elliott selected a homesite on his father's estate. This was on the north side of Hinton's Creek near a spring of running water. Here he cleared the land and built a log home.

On either side of the fireplace there was a window. These windows had panes of glass. They were the first glass windows in the neighborhood. This part of the house was divided into two rooms. On the right of the fireplace, a stairway lead to the upstairs. On the west side of this house was built two additional rooms, one to be used as a kitchen. The outside door led toward the spring. It was a Dutch door. A stone chimney was built at the north west end of the kitchen. The fireplace was used to cook their meals. The house was weather-boarded but not ceiled on the inside. The materials for the house were cut from the native trees and put together with pegs. What a lovely home for a bride!

John Paxton Elliott and Sarah Beam, daughter of Christopher Beam and Margaret Gordon Beam, and granddaughter of John Teter Beam and Elizabeth Rudolph Beam, were married on September 1, 1842. They moved into their new home. John Paxton Elliott was a farmer, blacksmith, and a Justice of the Peace. He was administrator, along with A.J. Irvin, for the estate of Christopher Beam, his father-in-law.

John Paxton Elliott and Sarah Beam Elliott had ten children: Christopher Beam, Mary Donoho, Margaret Gordon, Thomas Forbis, Oliver Beam, Ann Elizabeth.

Sources: *Bible*; John Paxton Elliott, Christopher Beam, "Book of Sermons"; Writings of Mrs. Ophelia Elliott Faus-soux.

— Mary Gordon Elliott

THE CHILDREN OF JOHN PAXTON and SARAH BEAM ELLIOTT

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Christopher Beam Elliott b. June 28, 1843. He served in the Confederate Army. He came home for a visit and had measles. Many of the kin-folks came in for a visit and to find out about their sons who were in the war. Christy died on January 27, 1862. He was eighteen years, six months, and twenty-nine days old.

Mary Donoho Elliott b. July 28 1845 m. Captain David Ramsour Hoyle on May 9, 1865. In 1880 he sold his plantation in Lincoln county and bought a farm near Lawndale, N.C. Their children were: Abel, Sarah, Ellen, Mary, John, Kate, and Ambrose.

Margaret Gordon Elliott b. June 28 1845 m. William Fortune Gold on September 27, 1866. He was a Confederate soldier. They purchased land and built about seven miles north of Shelby, North Carolina. Their children were: John, Laura, Julia, Ben, Mattie, Thomas, Minnie, Charles, and George.

Thomas Forbis Elliott b. February 1, 1851 m. Rebecca Bell Hoyle on November 6, 1878. Thomas Forbis Elliott was a businessman, owned a large farm, operated a harness shop, tannery, and had a large roller mill on Hinton's Creek. He was an honest and upright citizen and was well-liked by all who knew him. Their children were: Susan, Sarah, Mary, Margaret, Julia, Alice, John, William, Florence, Virginia and Belle. Bell Hoyle Elliott d. January 17, 1904. After her death, Thomas Elliott, married Caroline Withrow. They had one son, Valentine Jason Elliott.

Oliver Beam Elliott b. September 13, 1873. He spent many years in Georgia and Texas. He returned home in 1889 and married Virginia Ann Stockton on April 23, 1891. They bought

the John Paxton Elliott homeplace and moved there on December 24, 1895. Their children were: Ophelia, Alpha, Paxton, Frank, Robert, and Mary Gordon.

Ann Elizabeth Elliott b. April 23, 1856 m. J. Monroe Wilson. They purchased land and built a home north of Zion Baptist Church. Their children were: Vernie, Florence, Belle, Mary, Charance, Grady, Buren and Margaret.

John Daniel Elliott b. June 26, 1861 d. June 17, 1863 age 1 year and eleven months and twenty-three days old.

Sarah Susan Elliott b. January 23, 1859 m. William Comwell. They lived on a farm south of Zion Baptist Church. William Cornwell died quite young and Susan with the help of her children continued to operate the farm. In 1924 she moved to Shelby to be near her daughters. Their children were: Charlie, Frank, Laura, Nora and Pearl.

Andrew Jackson Elliott b. October 2, 1863 m. Lydia Rebecca Willis on February 14, 1893. When they first married they lived at the John Paxton Elliott homeplace, but later moved to a farm east of the First Broad River. This land was part of the Joseph Willis Estate. They built a large two-story house. Jackson Elliott was a farmer and also had a Tannery. Their children were: Mary, Christy, Joseph, LeeRoy, Sarah Belle, Ifey, Lenna, Sophia, Ozni, and Dixie.

Robert Lafayette Elliott b. May 21, 1866.

Robert was the youngest child of John Paxton Elliott and Sarah Beam Elliott. About 1884 he went to Texas. At that time Texas was a wild new land and many young men went there for adventure and to seek their fortune. Robert worked on the railroad, building and repairing water tanks. Among the people Robert met was the Montgomery family.

John G. Montgomery and Ann Stockton Montgomery came to Texas from Mississippi with the Stephen F. Austin 300 original Colonist in 1824. They had built a home in the Edridge-Matthew area about thirty miles from Eagle Lake, Texas. They had several beautiful daughters. Bob courted Jennie and they were married in 1890. They had one daughter, Erie. Later, Jennie died and Robert was left alone with a seventeen months old baby girl. He bought a train ticket and they came back to North Carolina. It was a long trip but he arrived safely. Robert and Erie went to his brother Thomas Elliott's home to live. Thomas and Bell and their children took care of Erie. Robert worked in the Tannery. He later married Julie Packard. They bought a farm and built a house on land adjoining the Thomas Elliott property. They had one son, Foster Elliott. John Paxton Elliott d. June 5, 1873 Sarah Beam Elliott continued to live at the home place. In 1884 she moved to the home of son Thomas Elliott and lived there her remaining years. She died March 28, 1885.

John Paxton Elliott and Sarah Beam Elliott are buried at Elliott Cemetery. Cleveland County, North Carolina.

Sources: John Paxton Elliott *Bible*; Christopher Beam "Book of Sermons"; Writings of Mrs. Ophelia Elliott Fays-soux.

— Mary Gordon Elliott



THE MARTIN ELLIOTT FAMILY 423

Martin Elliott was born in 1752 in Virginia, died in 1832. His wife Ann Finch was born in Virginia in 1761 and died in 1825. During the Revolution, Martin resided in Charlotte County, Virginia. He was a private in Second Troops which was commanded by Captain John Watts, First Regiment Light Dragons of Continental troops.

Martin and Ann had twelve children. They are recorded in his old leather Bible, (now in possession of Mrs. Plato Elliott of Polkville).

Jincy Elliott, born 1780, married George Cabiness in Virginia, their four children are: Nancy married Jack Finch; John married Susanne Hord; Dr. James married Elizabeth Elliott; and William married Caroline Smith.

James Finch Elliott was born 1782 and married Betsy Doggett in Virginia. His three brothers-in-law came to North Carolina with them. They settled on Buffalo Creek. John Elliott, born 1785, died young. John Chrenshaw Elliott, born 1787, married Mary Dohaho. "He had thirteen hundred acres on Hintons Creek." Martin Slaughter Elliott, born 1789, married Nancy Turner and had a large family. Robert Elliott, born 1791, "Went West," and has descendants in Texas. Sarah Hicks Elliott, born 1793, married Thomas Goode. They had three sons: Franklin married Sarah Magness; John married a Warlick; Martin Good married Milinda Walker, and Mary Martin. His daughter, Sarah Elizabeth married Rev. A.P. Avant, a Methodist Minister. Nancy Elliott born 1795, married Col. Pascal Grigg, (three children): Rosannah married Oliver P. Gardner, M.D.; James married Susanna Nolin; and Mary married Frank Hull. Susan Elliott, born 1797; Ann Elliott, born 1799; Elizabeth Elliott born 1803, married Nathan Hamrick. Adam Harmon Finch Elliott born 1805, married a Wilson, (two children): James "Went West," and Nancy married Majomin McCurry. Adam then married Verzilla Greene and had four daughters: Josephine married Amos Philbeck; Sara married Adam Weaver; Martha married Decatur Williamson, and Verzilla married William Crowder.

Martin Elliott married (Second time) Elizabeth McCombs, September 13, 1826. Their child Lucy Marion Elliott, born in 1829 married Dr.

Borden and moved to Florida. At least ten of the thirteen children were born in Virginia.

Mrs. Leona Elliott Bingham (deceased), and William Martin Elliott III and wife of Denver, Colorado, now residing in Virginia, as well as other relatives have done extensive research in North Carolina, Virginia, and other states. Considerable legal documents have accumulated which have been valuable in compiling Elliott History, (especially the John Elliott Will). Martin Elliott was named in the will. At times he spelled his name Ellett.

This will recorded in Book I, page 216, Nottowar County, Virginia, was dated April 15, 1792. In court June 2, 1796, the will of John Ellett, deceased was probated. According to the will, John Ellett was married twice, (first wife unnamed in will) and family tradition

says she was a Thompson.

By his first marriage, he had two children: Martin and Betsy (deceased) who had married William Mosley, "and my named grandchildren: Susan, Robert, Lemusel, Edward, and William Mosely" I give Betsy's share.

"To my beloved wife Milley Elliott, and three hereafter named children: William, Nancy, and James Elliott" (not of age). I leave my home plantation, etc., until her death or marriage. John left a considerable amount of property and slaves to each of his family. To Martin he willed 430A, to William 735A, and to James 635 acres of land.

Martin Elliott's son, James Finch of Mecklenburg County, Virginia, was the first to come to North Carolina. October 1, 1805 he bought "of Jacob Vinsant (Whisnant) for \$1,900" the place where he lived on little Broad River. About six months later Martin, Sr. moved his family to North Carolina. On April 14, 1806 he bought this same land from James Finch for \$1,900.00

On this farm, near the Dover Mill and Shelby, Martin built the first frame house in the section. The framing was sawed by a whipsaw and was of oak. It was three stories high and had a basement. The corner posts were 12 inches square, and all the framing was well mortised. John Hardin, who helped to tear it down, told this to Miss Lottie Elliott's father James Carson Elliott.

Martin Elliott and wife Ann, who have a multitude of descendants in North Carolina, are buried on the knoll near the Dover Mill, Shelby.

Sources: Courthouse records.

— Mrs. Palmer Gold



Oliver Beam Elliott, 1853-1932

OLIVER BEAM ELLIOTT 424

Oliver Beam Elliott b. September 13, 1853 was the son of John Paxton Elliott and Sarah Beam Elliott who lived on Hinton's creek in

Cleveland County, North Carolina.

After the death of his father in 1873 he left home and worked in a Sash and Door Factory in Greenville, S.C. From there he went to Covington, Georgia and did carpenter work and on to Walnut Grove, Georgia, where he and his cousin, William Donoho Elliott owned a store.

In 1876 Oliver Beam Elliott came home and went to school for a year in Forest City at "Burnt Chimneys." He returned to Georgia and continued to work there until he went to Texas in 1883. In Texas he worked as a carpenter and as a foreman of a bridge crew who helped him build the Great Gulf, Colorado, and Santa Fe Railroad. He lived in Eagle Lake, Temple, Granberry and went as far west as San Angelo where he bought a lot and built a house.

In 1887 he came home to North Carolina for a visit, but returned to Texas. In 1889 Oliver Beam Elliott came home to stay. His brother, Thomas Elliott, was there to meet him as the train came in. Thomas had written asking him to come home and offered him a job in the harness shop. He went to live at his brother's home and work in the harness shop as promoter and sales person for the business.

On April 23, 1891 Oliver Beam Elliott and Virginia Ann Stockton, daughter of Francis Marion Stockton and Louisa Cabaniss Stockton, were married at the Stockton home by J.A. Beam, Esq. After their marriage they lived with Thomas and Bell Elliott for a year and then moved in a house near the Thomas Elliott home.

Later, Oliver bought the Elliott homeplace and farm on Hinton's Creek. He and Ann and their little daughter, Ophelia, moved to the farm on December 24, 1895. They lived in the house that John Paxton Elliott built in 1840.

About the year 1900 a storm came and blew down many large pine trees on the farm. They decided to use these trees for lumber for a new house. By 1902 the house was ready and the family moved in. This house was located near the old house since the barn and pasture was near the spring and a good well was available. Descendants of the Elliotts have lived in this house continuously since that time.

Oliver Beam Elliott and Virginia Ann Stockton Elliott had seven children:

Ophelia Scott Elliott m. James Oliver Faysoux. She attended Hollis Elementary School and Asheville Teachers College. She taught in a one room, two teacher school at Double Springs, Cleveland County and in Gastonia City Schools. Their children were: Niel, Virginia, James, William and John.

The second child was an infant son who lived only two days. Sarah Alpha Elliott married William Chitwood Lattimore. She attended Hollis Elementary school and Asheville Teachers College. She taught at Piedmont Elementary School, Mt. Vernon Elementary School in Rutherford County, and Glenwood Elementary School in McDowell County, North Carolina. They had one child: James Gordon Lattimore.

Oliver Paxton Elliott married Edna Earle Parker. Second marriage to Sally Mable Jones. He attended Hollis Elementary School and Pied-



Virginia Ann Stockton Elliott holding daughter Ophelia

all who knew her.

Oliver Beam Elliott and Virginia Ann Stockton Elliott are buried at Elliott Cemetery, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

Sources: Family Bible.

— Mary Gordon Elliott

PHILIP LOVIN ELLIOTT

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Philip Lovin Elliott was a mountain man.

Philip Elliott was also a "mountain of a man" when his total contribution to Christian Education, his superb leadership at Gardner Webb College, his support of denominational and mission causes, and his shining example as a Christian gentlemen and devoted family man are all seen in profile.

Dr. Elliott was born in Wayside, N.C. a little village in the shadow of the Great Smoky Mountains, on September 22, 1891. He was the son of a Confederate soldier who fought in the battle of Atlanta in the Civil War, and was reared in typical mountain austerity and frugality, but whose parents provided him with a "common sense" education, then urged him to get all the book-learning he could.

In 1909 he walked 20 miles from Wayside to Robinsville to enroll in a small academy run by the Presbyterians, and by 1912 had enough education to enroll in High School at Mars Hill, then only a high school. While at Mars Hill he felt the call to the ministry and was ordained. He then rode a horse once a month across Bald Mountain to a little church in Tennessee.

His years at Wake Forest College found him deeply interested in English literature and journalism, and he got his degree in three years with majors in these subjects. While still a student at Wake Forest he married Miss Etta Maurine Carringer of Robinsville. Their first home was at Proctor, N.C. a sawmill village in the heart of the Smoky Mountains.

He later taught at a little school near the present Lake Fontana. In 1920 he became missionary pastor to all of Graham County, then was employed by the N.C. State Baptist Convention to be enlistment secretary for all of Western North Carolina. His career then took him to Cullowhee, Mars Hill, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, then to John Hopkins in Baltimore and back to Mars Hill, then to Western Carolina Teachers College as head of the English Department.

This is where O. Max Gardner found him, after the late Horace Easom remembered him as a classmate at Wake Forest, Horace was for many years music leader and educational director at Shelby's First Baptist Church.

Dr. Elliott came to Boiling Springs in the summer of 1943 and was formally inaugurated as president in the spring of 1944.

For the 18 year span of his presidency the story of Gardner Webb reads like a book, a successful, novel, history, drama, romance and catalogue of many things done by many people. Phil Elliott and Max Gardner were at once a great team and at times great antagonists. Governor Gardner enlisted hundreds of influential men and women, with money, and gave generously from his own resources,

while Dr. Elliott brought capable men and women to serve on the faculty, build the academic level of the school and prepare it for eventual accreditation by the Southern Association of Schools and Colleges and for full membership in the North Carolina Baptist Convention family of schools and colleges.

By 1948 all these things had come to pass, and Dr. Phil said "Now we are ready to begin to build a great school."

A more detailed history of Gardner Webb and the thrilling story of the Elliott saga and involvement are to be found in "Lengthened Shadows" by Dr. Francis B. Dedmond, a history of Gardner Webb, from its founding in 1905 through 1956.

Mrs. Etta Carringer Elliott continues to live in Boiling Springs and hundreds of alumni pay her homage at various times during the year. This is also "home" to their four children and eight grandchildren when they come to visit.

Ruth Eleanor (Taylor) Oakes is a registered nurse in Roanoke Rapids, N.C. Jane (Edward L.) Grady is a social worker in Morganton, N.C. Rachel Elizabeth Churchill is a teacher at Kansas University in Topeka, Kan. Dr. Philip Lovin Elliott Jr. is a teacher at Furman University in Greenville, S.C., following his father's favorite subject English Literature.

Dr. Elliott was an educated man, and all of his children are also educated — in the formula Dr. Phil advanced to his students so many times: "I want you to be so well educated that no one will ever suspect you have been away to school."

PLATO JEFFERSON ELLIOTT and EUGENIA LOLLAR ELLIOTT FAMILY

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Plato Jefferson Elliott, son of James Carson and Bridget "Biddy" Gettys Elliott and grandson of William Martin and Barbara Rudasil Carson Elliott, was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina, March 19, 1896. He died December 18, 1956 and was buried in the Elliott Family Cemetery.

Plato was graduated from Piedmont High School in 1915. That fall he taught school at Washburn (near Bostic) in Rutherford County.

In the fall of 1916 he entered the University of North Carolina, at Chapel Hill. He completed a year of college work and went back in the fall of 1917. His ambition was to be a medical doctor, but he enlisted in the U.S. Army November 22, 1917. His service was in the Medical Department at Fort Jackson and in France. December 9, 1919, he was discharged from the army and came home in very poor health, suffering from a bout with double pneumonia which left him physically impaired. He was unable to return to college, but later was able to successfully manage his father's farm.

On June 5, 1928, he married Eugenia Lollar, daughter of David Archie and Mattie Stimson Lollar of Rutherford County. They built a nice brick home adjoining his father's home where his father and three sisters lived, and with

mont High School and business college. He was cashier for many years at First National Bank and was appointed vice president in 1955. He gave sixty years of service to First National. There was one child by the first marriage: Sara Elizabeth Elliott.

Frank Donoho Elliott married Mercia Brown Smith. He attended Hollis Elementary School, Piedmont High School and Draughton Business College of Winston-Salem, North Carolina. He was in the real estate business in Winston-Salem for many years then moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1949 where he was owner of Elliott Realty Company. There was one child: Rachel Ann Elliott.

Robert William Elliott married Reba Blanton Whisnant. He attended Hollis Elementary, Piedmont High, Appalachian State Teachers College and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was a teacher and U.S. Government Internal Revenue agent. He gave almost forty-one years to government service. Their children are: Mary Carolyn Elliott and Ann Nixon Elliott.

Mary Gordon Elliott attended Polkville High School and Asheville Teachers Collge. She has taught in Cleveland County schools, Raleigh City schools and Shelby City schools.

On Sunday, September 13, 1931, relatives and friends gave Oliver Beam Elliott a surprise birthday party at his home. There was a cake with 78 candles. Over one hundred guests came to enjoy the day with him.

On May 31, 1932 he died at his home. He was a devoted husband and kind father and was always concerned about the welfare of his home and the education of his children, making sacrifices to send them to school to equip them for the duties and responsibilities of life. As a citizen he was industrious, upright, truthful and honest and was interested in those things that related to the upbuilding of the community in which he lived.

After his death Mrs. Elliott continued to live at the homeplace. In 1941 she moved to Shelby and made her home with her son, Oliver Paxton Elliott, still keeping the Elliott home. She died December 27, 1951. She was a devoted mother and grandmother and loved by

loving care, took care of them as long as they lived.

Plato resembled his father in many ways. He was kind and considerate and put others before himself. He and his wife always had time to stop and help a neighbor or anyone in need. (Example: He and Eugenia kept our little niece for several months when her mother was sick and confined to bed). He was interested in the economic conditions of our country.

Plato and Eugenia have three daughters, nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Elizabeth Ann Elliott, born November 2, 1933, married Reese Honeycutt, a school teacher. They have five daughters: Charlotte Ann Honeycutt, born 1956, married Charles McLain of Austin, Texas; Phyllis Eugenia Honeycutt, born 1958, married David Prater. (They have two children; David Vernell Prater, Jr. and Christine Marie Prater). Laura Maie Honeycutt, born 1961; Christine Ellen Honeycutt, born 1962; and Emily Jane Honeycutt born 1964.

Barbara Mildred Elliott born 1940, married Edward Joseph Czajkowski, native of Maryland, he died in 1977. They have one daughter, Julianna Lollar Czajkowski born in Atlanta, Georgia, December 16, 1971. Edward Czajkowski and first wife had two sons: Edward Bruce and Robert Joseph Czajkowski.

Martha Louise Elliott, born 1943, married Ronald Graham Hester, son of Hugh and Vida Price Hester. They had four children: Martha Ellen born 1968 (died in infancy), Marie Lynette, (died in infancy), Brian Edward born in 1969; Jessica Lynn Hester born 1976.

Eugenia Elliott and all three of the daughters are graduates of A.S.U., Boone, North Carolina. All four are, or have been teachers. Elizabeth Ann has a Master's degree from Bowling Green University, Kentucky. Mildred has her Master's Degree from Georgia State, Atlanta, and Martha is working on her Master's Degree at A.S.U., Boone, North Carolina.

Education, school teaching, and farming seem to be predominant for generations in the Elliott families.

Sources: Family records; Courthouse.

— Mrs. Palmer Gold

SAMUEL DANIEL ELLIOTT

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Samuel (Sam) Daniel Elliott (born October, 1877 — died August, 1950) was a giant of a man who stood seven feet tall and is fondly remembered for, among many other things, his "big heart," genial personality, and resonant laugh.

He was married twice, first to Lucinda Barner (died 1933), and then to Mamie Houser. Sam ("Uncle Sam" as he was affectionately called by his nieces and nephews) was the son of Daniel (Dan) Elliott and Eliza Wells Elliott (born c.a. 1840 — died February 27, 1930).

For sixty-one years he lived on the Walter Lattimore/D.D. Lattimore place above Polkville, North Carolina. The house in which he lived was located on the same site where his mother, Eliza, who lived on the Walter Latti-

more place for more than thirty years before her death, reared her children and grandchildren. Although Sam had no children of his own, he vowed that he "raised thirteen nieces and nephews."

In the latter days of his life, Sam enjoyed reminiscing about the tales his mother recounted to him of her childhood and the days of slavery. He said his grandparents were brought to America in the early part of the nineteenth century and his mother was born a slave to the Captain John W. Gidney family of Cleveland County.

Eliza was later owned by a Wells family of Cleveland County, but at the age of fourteen she and her brothers and sisters were sold by the Wells' at a slave auction. She was bought by Jonas Bedford for the sum of \$1,111.00. Sam often told people that he could show them the place where Eliza was sold as she "stood on two bales of cotton."

Although Sam's mother never "saw signs



Samuel Daniel Elliott.

ears of corn or any excess produce they were able to raise." It was sometime after this the share-croppers system was begun.

Before his death Sam had earned a reputation for being an "industrious, faithful, and prosperous man." He at one time owned several acres of land, "a good team of mules, a fine car, and also "had money in the bank."

Sam was a loyal member of and an active worker in Brooks Chapel Methodist Church located near Hollis, North Carolina. He served there as both a trustee and a steward and was often called upon to aid in lifting the church offering. Sam used his genial personality and "flattering tongue" to persuade reluctant members of the congregation to "dig deep into their pockets" and give for the benefits of the "Lord's Work." He is buried in the Brooks Chapel Church Cemetery.

Sources: An old news article and family memories.

— Linda A. Barner



Eliza (Granny) Wells Elliott, mother of Samuel Daniel Elliott.

THOMAS FORBIS and REBECCA BELLE HOYLE ELLIOTT

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Thomas Elliott, born February 1, 1851, died June 25, 1914. On November 6, 1878, he married Belle Hoyle, born December 23, 1862, died January 17, 1904. Both are buried in the Elliott family cemetery. His ancestry: John Paxton and Sarah Beam Elliott; John Crenshaw and Mary Donohoe Elliott; Martin and Annie Finch Elliott of Virginia and North Carolina; John Ellett (Elliott) of Virginia. Sarah's parents were Christopher and Margaret Gordon Beam; her grandparents were John Teeter and Elizabeth Rudolph Beam.

The home place of grandpa "Tommy" and grandma Belle is between Polkville and New House, Cleveland County, North Carolina. In 1920 all the family had died or moved away.

of battle" during the Civil War, she did say she remembered seeing a "bunch of Yankees" (at the close of the War) who rode into the yard where she was living at that time.

For a year following the close of the war, Eliza and Dan "remained with their white folks and helped with the crop." They were later given basic items with which to begin house-keeping and they gradually learned to shift for themselves.

Many of the ex-slaves were not as fortunate as Eliza and Dan. Some starved to death because "they didn't know how to take over on the farms" and "some of them were stubborn and just wouldn't work" so their owners sold them to speculators "to be sold further South."

Some ex-slaves made arrangements with near-by white families who found themselves "financially strapped" at the close of the war. These ex-slaves were able to buy land from the white families "by giving about five hundred

The place was rented to a Murphy family with daughters the ages of my sister and myself. Being neighbors, we visited often. To me, this home was fascinating, interesting, even aristocratic, and told much about the life of the people who had lived there. It had three stories, seventeen rooms, four staircases, it also had a bath room. With no electricity available, water was continuously pumped from a spring into a house by a ram. One staircase led from the living room to the second floor, one to the third floor, one from the parlor up to a private company bedroom, and above the large dining room and kitchen were two private rooms for hired help with another private staircase.

There was a huge barn with many stables. Since grandpa Tommy was a farmer and a tanner, there were many outbuildings, (pits, vates, caves in banks, etc., all the things necessary for conditioning hides into leather). The shoe cobbler's shop, with its many tools, patterns, heavy shoes for men, dressy shoes with heels and buttons, for ladies, and all kinds of shoes for children was very interesting.

Grandma Belle was a good seamstress and with nine daughters; there had to be much handwork and sewing in the making. Left behind were so many beautiful lacy, frilly dresses with puffed long sleeves, full gathered long skirts, full lacy underskirts, wide brimmed flowered hats, and buttoned shoes with high tops and high heels. There were discarded on the third floor because the styles changed or they were outgrown. (Imagine how the four of us thought we were in heaven for a half day at a time while modeling this beautiful apparel).

It was said of Tommy by his neighbors, that he was "an easy-going, serious person," a good manager, provider, industrious, and a good husband and father. Belle also was capable, industrious, and a good homemaker, wife and mother. Together they "looked well after their household," giving then the advantages of a good education. They were a church-going family. Some were doctors, some were lawyers, and many were teachers. All twelve have been successful in life.

The children are: Susan Ola Elliott, 1879-1954, married Rufus Lee Weathers, (five children). Susan taught school many years and in 1915 she became the first County Home Demonstration Agent in Cleveland County. After three years she quit to get married. Until her death, she was active and faithful in her club and church in Polkville, and an inspiration to those who knew her.

Sarah Therissa Elliott born 1881, died 1895. Mary Forbis Elliott, 1882-1965 married Samuel Carson Lattimore, (four children). Margaret Gordon Elliott 1884, married Matt Ransom Lattimore. They moved to Oklahoma, (six children). Julia Ann Elliott, 1886-1965, married Joseph Christopher Gold, 1881-1946, (nine children). Alice Hoyle Elliott, 1888, married Joseph Robert Jones, (five children). John Paxton Elliott, 1890-1944, married Fannie Whisnant, (six children). William Christopher Elliott, 1892-1977, married Lula Lattimore, (12 children), they moved to Oklahoma. Florence Bell Elliott, 1895-1971, married William Judson Jones,



Felix Guinn Ellis holding Jessie A. and Mary Octava Glass Ellis holding Woody R.

Sr., (four children). Virginia Well Elliott, 1897-1974, married Henry L. Whitely (no child). Rebecca Belle Elliott, 1904, married Daniel Max Coble, they live in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Thomas Forbis Elliott married the second time Caroline Withrow, (one son) Valentine. Jason Elliott, 1911. He married Nettie Jones, (four children). Vol and Nettie own and live on part of the old home place. The remainder belongs to Rufus Weathers, a grandson.

Sources: Family records; Courthouse.

— Mrs. Palmer Gold

FELIX GUINN ELLIS

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John Wallace Ellis, born June 6, 1861, was married to Mary Elizabeth Price, born November 6, 1856, and they lived in Cleveland Co., N.C. all their lives. Of this union, eight sons and five daughters were born, namely; Felix G., Sam A., Orie, John Lee, Clyde, W. Gor-

don, Mack R., Clifford B., Ina P., Mae E., Annie M., Fannie D., and Mildred H. Grandma Ellis died October 2, 1920 and Grandpa Ellis died July 14, 1926. Prior to Grandpa's death, the homestead caught fire and everything was lost, including records on the family. He lived in an old feed house on the farm while a new house was being built.

In late 1897, my father, Felix Guinn, born November 11, 1875, left North Carolina for Winston Co., Miss., to visit his grandparents, the Dr. Daniel Price family. That visit lasted for quite a few years. He went into the sawmill business and shortly afterwards, my uncle, Sam A., joined him to assist with the business. Dad operated the saw mill while Uncle Sam took over the planer mill. They also had the dry kiln where the lumber was dried before being shipped. In no time, the lumber mill became a prosperous business. Oddly enough, instead of mules, he used oxen to haul the logs to the mill.

Over the strong objections of her father, my dad, on December 1, 1900, married his first cousin, Mary Octava Glass, born March 30,



John Wallace Ellis Family. Seated: Mary Price and John Wallace. Standing L to R: Sam, holding Ray, Mattie, Mae, Gordon, Mack, Annie, Fannie, Mildred and Clifford.

1883, of Winston Co., Miss., daughter of Thomas Jefferson and Margrette Ann Glass. There were seven sons and five daughters born of this marriage; namely, Woody R. (Mann), Danley D., T. Audel, L. Spiva (Spike), Felix A., Garland W., F. Dean, Jessie A., Sarah E., N. Adelle, V. Margarette, and Ruby G. (Peggy).

On October 24, 1915, Union Ridge Baptist Church, located approximately five miles from Noxapater, Miss. (Winston Co.) was organized. My dad, Felix G. and I were charter members of the group instrumental in its organization and I relive many enjoyable memories each time I return to the church. My dad, one of the organizers, sawed and furnished every stick of lumber which went into the church. He also drew the plans, with the pastor's help, for the church and put in many hours of work helping to build it.

Uncle Sam, engaged to Mattie Turner, returned to Cleveland Co., N.C. and they were married on December 15, 1909. My parents, with the two oldest children (myself and oldest brother), traveled by train to North Carolina for the wedding. This was my first visit to my grandparents' home in N.C., and I can vividly remember the large pound supper given the night before and the beautiful home wedding. The highlight of the visit was my crossing Broad River from N.C. to S.C. on the Ellis Ferry.

We returned to Mississippi where dad continued his lumber business until 1919 when he decided to return, with his family, to his home. He chartered a box car to bring the household furniture, car, truck and all other possessions to Gaffney, S.C. where he thought opportunities were better than in North Carolina. He owned and operated a marble yard and bicycle shop for many years in Gaffney. He also did a little saw-milling in S.C. His last work was operating the Randall Foundry in Gaffney.

Sources: Family memories and personal knowledge.

Jessie Ellis Farish
and Margarette Ellis

THE SAM A. ELLIS FAMILY 430

Sam Ellis was born in Cleveland County near Ellis' Ferry on Broad River on August 20, 1877. He was one of thirteen children (five girls and eight boys) born to Mary Elizabeth Price and John Wallace Ellis. He was not given a middle name at birth, but sometime in his young adult life, he chose the initial A. for his middle name.

Education in the time of his youth was in one-room schools, but for the most part, he was self-educated. He preferred to tinker in his father's blacksmith shop thus acquiring skills at an early age. He had a love for bicycles . . . making his first one himself.

At the turn of the century, he left Cleveland County and went to Mississippi. He went into the lumber business where he carried on a successful trade for six years. While he was in Mississippi, he taught organ lessons and often had to transport the organ on a horse-drawn wagon. In two separate sawmill accidents, he lost the thumb on his right hand and the little finger on his left hand. But the loss of the fingers did not hinder him in future years in repairing bicycles, locks, or guns.

In December of 1909, Sam Ellis returned to Cleveland County and on the fifteenth of that month, married Mattie Turner, daughter of Mary Austell and Barrett Turner. He took his bride to Mississippi but there her health failed and they were forced to return to Shelby in 1913. Two children were born during this marriage . . . Susie Raye (1911) and John Barrett (1913). Mattie Ellis died February 28, 1919, a victim of the flu epidemic of 1918.

On October 18, 1920, Sam Ellis married Bessie Hall Barnette (1891-1972), a native of Tennessee. They had five children . . . Nadine Hall (1922), Elizabeth Jean "Bettie" (1923), Samuel Lee (1926-1944), Margaret Marie (1929), and Clyde Joseph (1931).

His children's families consists of . . . a daughter, Raye Ellis McMurry and her husband Clarence Calvin McMurry; a son, J.B.

and his wife Ottie. Their daughter Mattie Alice Boggs and her husband Charles Boggs have two daughters, Wendy and Michelle. A daughter, Nadine Ellis Brown and her husband Cecil. Nadine and her late husband Kemp Huss have two children . . . Kemp, Jr. and Linda. Kemp Huss, Jr. and his wife Pam have two children, Jeffrey McMurry and Elizabeth Jean. Linda Aschbrenner and her husband Don have three children; Laura Leigh Chapman, Jennifer Lynne, and Kristen Lea. A daughter, Elizabeth Jean Ellis Jordan and her husband Melvin (Jack) have one daughter Kimberly Hall Jordan. Daughter, Margaret Ellis Jenkins and her husband William (Bill) have one son Craig Lee Jenkins. Son, Clyde Joseph (Joe) Ellis and his wife Margaret have one daughter Trilby Lee Evans.

In 1914, Sam Ellis established Ellis Bicycle Shop, where he not only sold bicycles but worked on locks and guns. He was the dealer for the Indian motorcycle . . . , at that time the most powerful machine on earth. One day a customer wanted to try out a motorcycle and abandoned it in Alabama. Sam had to ride the train to Alabama, in order to get his motorcycle back.

Under his supervision, lumber cut and finished in Mississippi was shipped to Shelby. There it was used to build his home on LaFayette Street in South Shelby. He had a good singing voice, and for a time led the choir at LaFayette Street Methodist Church. The W. Barrett Turner home on West Warren Street was purchased in 1928 and during that year Sam Ellis moved his family to Shelby. The home, once the site of children playing, gathering eggs, and milking cows still remains in Ellis family ownership today.

In the early 1930's, he founded Cleveland Marble and Granite Works, a marble yard originally located on West Warren Street next to the railroad tracks. After his death in 1949, the business was operated by family members until it was sold in 1972.

During his lifetime, Sam A. Ellis acquired



Sam A. Ellis, 1877-1949.



Prized corn. L to R: Sam Ellis, Ambrose McWhirter, Shovine Beam.



Sam A. Ellis home, S. LaFayette St., Shelby, NC.

240 acres (of the original 1,800 acres) settled in the 1700's by his ancestors. This land was on the Broad River and farmed by tenants. When electrical power was not available to this part of the county, he installed a battery operated generator so that the tenant farmers would have a source of electricity. King cotton was the major crop. Molasses were made from sugar cane grown on the farm, and for a time turkeys were raised. Bottom lands were re-

served for the corn crop, however, these areas often proved destructive and were of great concern when the Broad River flooded its banks.

Sam A. Ellis died June 12, 1949, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Family records.

The history of the Ellis family in Cleveland County began in the middle 1700's according to known records and deeds. Two sons of James Ellis settled on the south side of Broad River near the Ellis Ferry on land purchased from Edward Dickson in 1773. Dickson had owned the land since 1763 which he received through a grant.

James Ellis married Peggy Hopper. They had eleven children: Mary (1761), William (1767), Rebecca (1771), James (1773), Elizabeth (1776), Jane (1778), Benjamin (1782), Lettie (1785), Absalon, birth unknown, and Nancy, birth unknown.

Benjamin married Polly Hopper, daughter of Joseph Hopper. They had the following children: Charles, J.R. (Rich), Lovisa, Sallie, and Dora.

Charles married Nancy Hopper. Their children were: Bolivar, Luther, Early A., Franklin, Cinthia, Robert, Sally, Elijah, and Puryear L.

Bolivar married Mary Hopper. Their children were: John Wallace, Sarah, Cleo, and Floyd. Bolivar died September 27, 1862 at Richmond, Virginia, Company R 34th Regiment C. SA.

John Wallace (June 6, 1861 — July 14, 1926) married Mary Elizabeth Price (November 6, 1866 — October 2, 1920). She was the daughter of Dr. Daniel Price, dentist. Their children were: Felix Guinn, Sam A., Orie, John Lee, Clyde, Ina Pearl, Mae Ella, Annie Margaret, Fannie Dora, Mildred H., William Gordon, Mack Raleigh, and Clifford B.

October 23, 1920, William Gordon Ellis (January 20, 1898 — May 23, 1952) married Gertha Gay Bridges (September 4, 1900 — July 26, 1965). She was the daughter of Joseph Chancey Bridges and Sara Ever Gold.

To this marriage was born: William Yancey (July 30, 1921), married Frances Rebekah Putnam; Joe Dean (May 19, 1923 — January 2, 1981), married Doris McCarver; and Fredricka Lillanthal; Margaret Ann (October 3, 1924), married Jack Raymond Mercier, divorced; James Edwin (May 28, 1926), married Jeanette Blanton; Cynthia Rebecca (February 28, 1929), married James Clyde Peeler; Martha Marilyn (June 26, 1930), married Allen Askins, divorced; Nancy Carole (November 15, 1931), married George Gilbert Greene; Gladys Ruth (March 8, 1937), married Larry Clinton Arant.

Gordon and "Gerth" lived at the John Wallace Ellis home place and took care of him after his wife died. Gordon farmed until the depression; then he operated a sawmill while his children continued farming. During the harvest season, Gordon and his sons traveled throughout Cleveland County and into the mountains, threshing grain. Being a skillful mechanic, he repaired broken machinery and cars. He used his ingenuity in inventing a triangular shaped, three wheel tractor, which was designed to operate on steep hillsides. He obtained a patent which was issued February 10, 1942.

— Kemp Huss



William Gordon Ellis Family, 1942. Front L to R: Ruth, Dick, Gordon, "Gerth", Dean, Margaret. Second row L to R: Yancy (insert) in Charleston, Rebekah, Nancy, Martha.

The children have wonderful memories of good times. When they weren't working together they were playing together. "Gerth" and Gordon were musical, she played the piano and he played the fiddle or harmonica while the children harmonized. Gordon and his sons attended the fiddlers convention at Hollis. When Dean was nine years of age he won first prize at a convention.

In addition to games like marbles, leap frog, hopscotch, blind man's bluff, and horse shoes, the children could be found playing in trees. As Dean climbed to the top of a tree, Yancey would begin cutting it down. As the tree fell Dean would have a hair-raising ride to the ground.

James, at the age of four, wanted to fly, so he jumped off the top of the barn with a parasol. The parasol folded the wrong way, causing him to be knocked unconscious. In later years, his dream came true and he became a pilot.

In winter, Yancey and Dean made wooden sleds to slide down steep hills. This was as exciting as skiing today.

Some Sunday afternoons were spent rowing boats they built. The children were not afraid because their father was very familiar with Broad River and knew all the dangerous places. Some of the children waded while others would swing out on grapevine swings and drop into the river.

Motorcycle fever ran in the Ellis family. Dean would ride standing on the seat with arms stretched out.

For indoor entertainment they would swing on barn rafters from one side to the other — luckily never failing to the ground.

Many hours were spent by Yancey and Dean making "flutter" mills. They put these in the

dam they had made in the branch. As the water would turn, the propeller it would lift an arm to hit a tin can making a weird sound scaring the black people as they went by at night.

Gordon was very talented in making toys for his children. He made a steam engine that would run for Yancey. He and his sons in a period of two years built two ferris wheels — one twenty feet high and the other forty-four feet high. As word spread, each Sunday the Ellis Ferry road was like the Cleveland County Fair. People from all around came to ride the ferris wheel.

For something more spectacular they tied two cow's tails together — to see which would be the winner.

Another exciting sight was when "Gerth" looked out the kitchen window and saw a cow running over the hill with a wash tub tied to its tail. The tub was sailing through the air.

During all these childhood escapades there were no serious injuries, not even a broken bone.

The children give credit to their parents for their musical, mathematical, and mechanical abilities.

Sources: Members of the William Gordon Ellis Family, Family Bible, Cleveland County Census 1850, 1860, 1870.

— Mrs. Rebekah Ellis and Mrs. Nancy Greene

THE WILLIAM YANCEY ELLIS FAMILY

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William Yancey Ellis was born July 30, 1921 to William Gordon Ellis (1898-1952) and Gertha Gay Bridges (1900-1965). Yancey was the first born of eight children and enjoyed

living in the home with his "dotting" grandfather, John Wallace Ellis. The attention soon passed as more children arrived and by age nine he was working at his father's sawmill as a full time worker. They arose at five each morning and worked until sunset, and then rode twenty-five miles home. During the depression Yancey quit school in the ninth grade and worked to help support his brothers and sisters.

At age twenty, Yancey took his savings of fifty-six dollars, which he had buried in a jar, and went to Charleston, S.C. where he was employed by Belk's, coming home every two weeks for a visit. From his first earnings, he gave twenty-five dollars to his home church's building fund, Mt. Sinai.

While in Charleston, Yancey received his high school diploma. This had been one of his goals in life and he achieved this by attending night school.

During one of his visits home he received a head injury while helping at the sawmill. This put him in 4F classification. He then became a draftsman in the Charleston ship yard.

He started dating Rebekah Putnam in the ninth grade. The romance blossomed while she was teaching Home Economics at Grover High School. They became engaged and were married May 31, 1944.

Frances Rebekah Putnam, born January 13, 1922, was the only child of Baxter Cleveland Putnam (1885-1955) and Ida Beau Hamrick Putnam (1883-1965). She graduated from Shelby High School and Meredith College.

After the wedding, they moved to Wilmington, N.C. where Yancey worked in the Ship Yard and Rebekah taught at Castle Haynes, a Dutch settlement.

Due to her mother's serious illness in 1945, they returned to Shelby for Rebekah to care for Ida. Nurses and domestic help weren't available during the war. Yancey went to work at Thompson Lumber Company in Shelby.

Yancey and Rebekah moved their letters to Zoar Baptist Church and became active members. He was Church Treasurer and deacon and she taught Sunday School and was active in Womans Missionary Union and Training Union.

On July 30, 1945, Yancey bought eleven acres of land from his mother-in-law and went into the lumber business. After Rebekah's father died in 1955, Ida sold the home to Rebekah and Yancey and she built a small house near by. In 1957, he built the Shelby Wood Preserving Company with Hugh Dover as a partner. This was the only wood preserving plant within a radius of forty-five miles. He saw the need for kiln dried lumber so he ordered blue prints and built one himself. It was completed in 1949. A freak accident caused it to burn in 1965, and he rebuilt it. Due to demand of dry lumber, he built two other kilns in 1975 and 1976.

Their first child, Rebekah Idette Ellis (Bec-ky), was born in 1948. She attended Meredith College, married Dr. James Hall Adams, Jr. of Statesville, N.C. her junior year (1968) and they both graduated from N.C. State, Raleigh. She graduated from University of Houston 1972, Cum Laude with Masters of Social

Work. They have a daughter, Mary Amanda, born in 1980. Becky is U.S. Probation Officer in U.S. District Court Washington, D.C.

The second child, William Baxter Ellis (Tim), born 1950, graduated from Shelby High School and Pheiffer College 1972, majored in business administration. He is associated with Ellis Lumber Company. In 1977, he and Elizabeth Lynn Bankhead, a graduate of Peace College, and The University of N.C. at Chapel Hill, were married. They have a daughter, Elizabeth Ann, born in 1978. They are members of First Baptist Church Shelby.

Karen Gay Ellis, born 1954, graduated from Virginia commonwealth University, Richmond, Virginia. Received a masters degree in Religious Education from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Houston, Texas. She met Donald Stephen Clarke at the Seminary, they married in 1979. They were appointed missionaries to Nairobi, Kenya May 10, 1981, by Campus Crusade for Christ International.

Stanley Scott Ellis, born 1958, graduated from Shelby High School and went to work at Ellis Lumber Company, declaring "experience on the yard is the best training ground". He inherited mechanical ability and love of motorcycles from the Ellises and hunting and fishing from the Putnams.

Yancey took the children on many train trips, to do and see the things he missed. A few months before Becky married, he took all four children to New York and Chicago by plane.

They have the following patriotic ancestors: In the Revolutionary War, Pvt. Isaac Robinson and Pvt. Housand Harrill.

The following served in The War Between The States: Bolivar Ellis, Co. F 34th Regiment N.C. d. Sept. 27, 1862. Sidney Hill Hamrick, Co. D. Regiment 2nd N.C. Paroled May 1, 1865. Drewy Harrill, Co. B 38th Regiment



The William Yancey Ellis Family, 1979. L to R: Yancey, Rebekah, Don & Karen, Clarke, Lynn, Elizabeth, Tim, Scott, Jim and Becky Adams.

N.C. d. February 24, 1862. Samuel Putnam, Co. B. 49th Reg. N.C. Samuel Evans Bostick, Co. I, 50th Reg. N.C.

Sources: Marriage and Birth Certificates, Moore Roster N.C. Troops, Cemetery Records and Memory.

— Rebekah Putnam Ellis



DECATUR ELMORE FAMILY

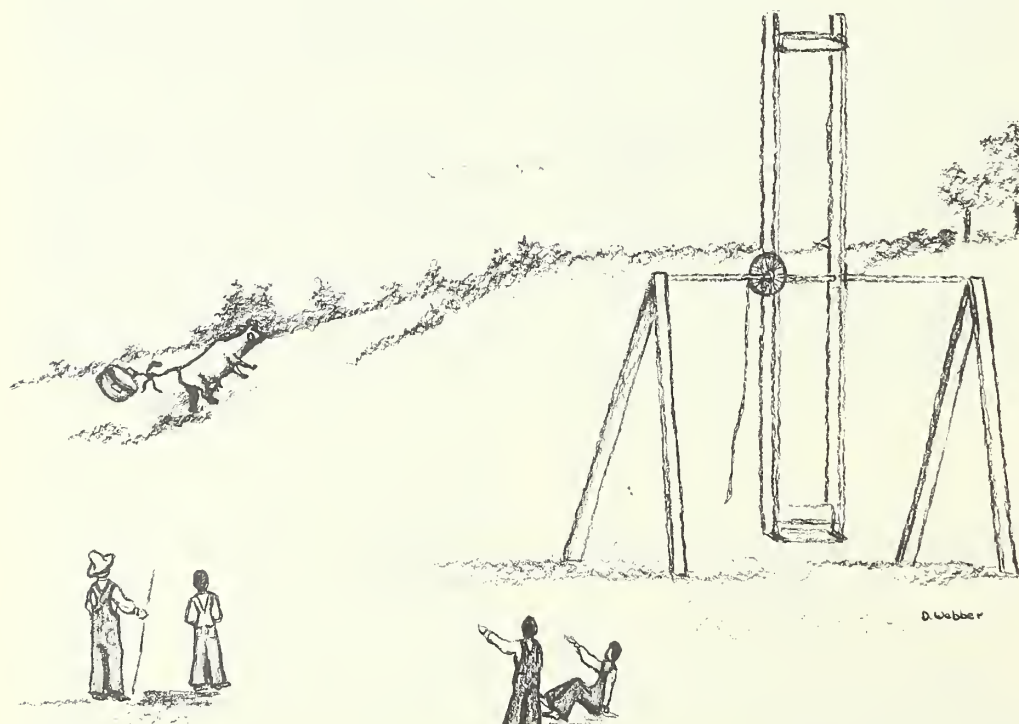
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Decatur Elmore was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina, June 27, 1871, son of Benjamin Elmore, a Confederate soldier, and Elizabeth (Betsy) White Elmore. He resided in Cleveland County all of his life and died at the age of 75, September 9, 1946. He was a life-time member of Clover Hill United Methodist Church, Casar, North Carolina. He was a man of unusual foresight and was known as a farmer, fertilizer dealer, and landowner, as well as having other business interests in the county. He took an active interest in community affairs, especially in the schools and served on the school board at Piedmont High School in Lawndale, North Carolina. He worked diligently at getting better roads and telephones for upper Cleveland County.

On August 8, 1897, in Cleveland County, he married Tallulah Rose Warlick, daughter of John Francis and Sarah Anne Norman Warlick. She was born September 5, 1878, and died at the age of 90, September 10, 1968. She was a pretty, blue-eyed petite and energetic lady. She was very proud of her home and took pride in making it comfortable for her family. She was fond of growing flowers, as was evident in her beautiful flower gardens. She was also a fine seamstress, making lovely dresses for her five daughters. Her art in stitchery left many heirlooms for her children.

Decatur and Lula had eight children: Ira H., Mary Ethel, John Broadus, Lula Maye, Verna Lou, Ruth Elizabeth, Anna Lee, and Robert Decatur (Bob) Elmore.

Ira Elmore married Clema Cornwell. They had four children: Jack, a World War II veteran, married Carolyn Bowen and their two chil-



"Fun on the Farm." Ferris Wheel made by Wm. Gordon Ellis and sons, 1937.

dren are Larry and Timothy. Betty Jean married Robert Edwards and their three children are Donald, Jeannie, married to Jerry Howard, and Julia Lynn. They live in Greenville, South Carolina. William H. Elmore, a World War II veteran, married Bobbi Lutz and their two children are Robin and David. They live in Charlotte, North Carolina. Donald Decatur Elmore, a veteran of the Korean War, is married to Beryl Dellinger and their two children are Brent and Douglas. Clema Elmore died in January 1933. After Clema's death, Ira married Della Powell. He died January 30, 1966, and both Ira and Clema are buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Fallston, North Carolina. Della lives in Lawn-dale, North Carolina.

Ethel Elmore married John Jack Hartigan of Holyoke, Massachusetts. She was an organ

and piano teacher and taught in the Cleveland County and Shelby City schools. She was organist at Central United Methodist Church in Shelby for 25 years. Jack Hartigan died April 30, 1969, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

John Broadus Elmore married Inez Cline and their sons are J.B., Jr., who married Janice Wallace. They have two children, John III, who married Sandy Lang, and Connie, who married Randy Grigg. Their two children are Scott and Wendy. Benjamin Cleve Elmore, veteran of the Korean War, married Barbara Dixon and they have three children. Jane married Chris Newton and their two children are Kathy and Heather. Steve Elmore married Patricia Passmore and their two children are Patrick and Tiffany. Allen Elmore married Anita

Wright. Dan Gold Elmore, a veteran, married Beverly Mitchell and their two children are Dan, Jr., and Lisa. They live in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Lula Maye Elmore married Donald S. Abernethy of Mooresville, North Carolina. Their two children are Donald Elmore Abernethy and Claudia Sue. Donald, an Air Force veteran, married Shirley Parrish and their three children are Michael Elmore, Cheryl Anne, and Julie Elizabeth Abernethy. They live in Kissimmee, Florida. Claudia married James E. Lutz, Jr., and their two children are Elizabeth Elmore and James William. Lula Maye Elmore died December 19, 1947, and was buried at Montlawn Cemetery, in Raleigh, North Carolina. After their mother's death, Claudia made her home with her mother's sister, Verna Elmore Joyner and Donald made his home with another sister, Ethel Elmore Hartigan of Shelby.

Verna Lou Elmore married C.W. (Jack) Joyner of Winston-Salem, North Carolina and a veteran of World War II.

Ruth Elizabeth Elmore married Warren Washington (Red) Balentine. Their two children are Elizabeth Lou (Betsy) and John Warren. Betsy married Arthur Randolph Palmer and their children are Elizabeth Randolph, Lynn, and Pamela Palmer. John Warren married Becky Franklin and their four children are Kimberly, Bryant, Warren and Cindy. All three families live in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Anna Lee Elmore married Dr. Fred Falls, a veteran of World War II. Their two sons are Richard Elmore Falls (deceased) and Fred Eugene Falls. Fred Eugene married Linda Valerie Lee and their three children are Susan Elizabeth, Kathryn Anne, and Lee Falls. Fred Eugene lives in Raleigh. Dr. Falls died in 1965 and he and Richard are buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Robert Decatur Elmore married Coye Peeler. Their three children are Linda Tallulah, Robert Michael, and Susan Ellen. Linda married Richard Goforth and they have one daughter, Lu Elmore Goforth. Michael married Kathy McDonald and they have one daughter, Emily, and twin sons, Robert Graham and Michael Adam Elmore. Susan married Hardee Mills and they reside in Greensboro, North Carolina.

Decatur and Lula Elmore were buried at Clover Hill United Methodist Church cemetery in Casar, North Carolina.

Sources: Family records and personal knowledge.

— Verna Elmore Joyner

ELAM SPURGEON EPLEY'S FAMILY

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Elam's great grandfather, Peter Epley, was born in 1780 and died in 1877. He came to the United States from Holland, and settled in Pennsylvania. He married Susan Anna Scott, and they had eleven children.

Their son Jacob Epley was born March 15, 1815, and died March 8, 1903. He married Elizabeth Rudicil. Their son John Wesley Epley was born March 30, 1851 and died November 29, 1907. He married Lettie Jane Waters.

Elam Spurgeon Epley the son of John and



Decatur and Lula Elmore.

Lettie Jane was born on November 4, 1880. He came to Cleveland county to live with his sister Julie Long and her family near Casar, and met Mary Floss Towry the daughter of John H. and Moriah Elvina Davis Towry.

They were later married on December 11, 1900. They made their home on a farm about three miles west of Casar. They were members of New Home Methodist Church.

Elam and Mary Floss had two daughters, Maud Augusta was born on November 14, 1901, and Florence Arene was born on September 11, 1906. They later moved to Shelby and they attended a Methodist Church in West Shelby. Maud married David Augustus Stroup (see related article) and Florence married Nelson Self.

Elam Spurgeon died in February 1977, at the age of 96 years. He is buried at Pleasant Ridge Church Cemetery in Burke County. Mary Floss died June 7, 1964 and was buried at New Home Methodist Church Cemetery near Casar.

Sources: Interviews with family members, correspondence with Fannie Epley Elliott of Gadsden, Alabama.

— Mrs. Gay Stroup Jenkins

ABRAM RICHARD and MARY JUDITH BLANTON ESKRIDGE

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ABRAM RICHARD ESKRIDGE, born November 22, 1852, was the fourth child of Elijah Eskridge, born May 1, 1809. His mother was Margaret Durham Washburn, born January 22, 1823. He had five brothers and sisters, Martha Jane Cabaniss, Eunice Harriett Holland, Corra Anne McBrayer, Thomas Clingman Eskridge and Charles Chester Eskridge.

Elijah Eskridge was the ninth and youngest child of Elizabeth Reynolds Eskridge and Richard Eskridge who came to North Carolina with his father and two brothers, Thomas and Samuel, from Virginia when he was about



Abram Richard Eskridge.

eight years old. Richard Eskridge and his wife Elizabeth settled on Beaver Dam Creek, formerly a part of Rutherford County, now Cleveland County, and lived there until their deaths. Richard Eskridge was the first of the Eskridge name to settle in this county and the ancestor of all the Carolina Eskridge family.

The Eskridge family cemetery on the Beaver Dam homestead contains forty graves, including that of Richard. By his side lies his wife, Elizabeth, for the love of whom he sundered parental ties, marrying against the will and wish of his father who disinherited him and moved on with his two other sons to Tennessee.

After Elijah's death, the Beaver Dam homestead was owned by his widow, Margaret Durham Eskridge, and subsequently sold at her death to Burwell Blanton. At his death it became the property of Burwell Blanton's daughter, Mary Judith Blanton Eskridge, the wife of Abram Richard Eskridge, whose children, Frances Eskridge Roberts and Forrest later inherited it at her death. From them the property was inherited by Mary Adelaide Roberts Austell and Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter, children of Frances Eskridge Roberts, and more recently the Eskridge homestead has become the property of Mary Adelaide Austell Craver, daughter of Mary Adelaide Roberts Austell, deceased: November 24, 1975.

Abram Richard Eskridge married Mary Judith Blanton Eskridge, born July 22, 1860 to Burwell Blanton and Frances Caroline Doggett. Her brothers and sisters were Charles C. Blanton, George Blanton, B. Edgar Blanton, Margaret Blanton Webb, and Dora Blanton Oates. They were married at the old Blanton homestead west of Shelby, and lived first at the Eskridge farm on Beaver Dam Creek west of Shelby where Abram Richard Eskridge was a land owner and farmer. They came to Shelby and built the "Charlie Webb House" on West Marion Street where the Shelby Junior High School is now located. They lived there for about ten years, then moved to Union, South Carolina and Atlanta, Georgia and Asheville, North Carolina; where he was associated with the railroad.

When Richard and Mary Judith Eskridge returned to Shelby, they lived until their deaths in the home formerly owned and built by her father, Burwell Blanton, at 522 West Marion Street. The large Victorian home was moved to its present location at the rear of the West Marion Street lot facing West Sumter Street in 1954 when their granddaughter, Mary Adelaide Roberts Austell, and her husband, Charles B. Austell, built their residence at 522 West Marion Street which is now occupied by their daughter, Mary Adelaide Austell Craver, her husband, Richard Davidson Craver, and their family.

Richard and Mary Judith Eskridge had two children, Frances Margaret Eskridge Roberts, born April 4, 1877, died December 9, 1942; and Forrest Eskridge, born July 10, 1880, and died March 7, 1943. Forrest never married.

Frances married William Joshua Roberts, Jr., born September 13, 1875, died December 5, 1933, son of Minnie Eddins and William



Mary Judith Blanton Eskridge.

Joshua Roberts of Shelby, on June 23, 1904. They had two daughters: Mary Adelaide, born August 16, 1905, and died November 24, 1975, and Minnie Eddins, born August 12, 1908. Mary Adelaide married Charles Benjamin Austell, born April 17, 1904, and died January 27, 1967. Their daughter, Mary Adelaide Austell Craver, born July 1, 1942, is married to Richard Davidson Craver, born August 19, 1942, and has two children, who are Joseph Newton Craver, II, born January 12, 1975, and Adelaide Austell Craver, born July 16, 1976. Minnie Eddins married George Moore Carpenter of Forest City, North Carolina. He was born May 8, 1907. They have no children.

Mary Judith belonged to First Baptist Church and loved her church, family, home, gardens and friends. She died September 26, 1927. She and her husband, Abram Richard Eskridge, who died June 20, 1911, are buried at Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: Family Bible, Newspaper Clippings and personal knowledge.

— Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter

ALFRED GREEN ESKRIDGE

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"Some men seem only to know how to make the most of whatever life offers them" — such a man was Alfred Green Eskridge. Alfred, a native of Shelby, was born January 2, 1914, to Charles Lester and Lela Porter Eskridge. He was a brother to Charles Robert, Martha Effie, James Lester, and Eugene Webb Eskridge.

As a boy, Alfred was always in a hurry. One Christmas Day he wore out a pair of new roller skates before the sun set. Frequently he was paid to stay out of his father's Ford Dealership garage because his mischievous manner created much chaos. His energies became well channeled in the years to follow, for he became an Eagle Scout at a young age.

Alfred was fondly nicknamed "Hoot" during his Shelby High School days. He was an out-

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Mr. Eskridge came from one of the South's old and prominent families. His earliest American ancestor was Col. George Eskridge from Lancaster, England, who in 1670 was seized in Wales by Press Gang who carried him aboard a ship bound for Virginia where he was sold to a planter as an indentured servant for 8 years. When freed, he returned to England to get his law degree and then came back to Northern Neck of Virginia between the Potomac and Rappahannock. He was guardian to the orphaned Martha Ball who married Augustine Washington and begat George (first president of the United States) named after George Eskridge in appreciation for his guardianship. George Eskridge lived at Sandy Point (Run) in Westmoreland County of Virginia on the Potomac River.

Charles Lester Eskridge was born in Shelby, N.C. on March 17, 1884. He was a son of Alfred Webb (born February 26, 1850, died February 24, 1922) and Sarah Phoebe (Hamrick) Eskridge (born May 17, 1855, died May 26, 1930). One newspaper, at the time of Charles Lester Eskridge's demise, wrote as follows: "Mr. Eskridge was endowed with a natural genius for mechanics, and even later in life, after he was a business leader, found much pleasure in working on mechanical problems. Progressive in his ideas, he was nearly always first to introduce modern conveniences in Shelby. He owned the city's first automobile, one of the first radios, and of recent years was deeply interested in aviation . . ." He graduated from Shelby High School in 1899, and Philadelphia School of Horology in 1907. Before going to Philadelphia, he was manager of Shelby Telephone Co., 1900, building the first telephone lines connecting with other towns. He worked establishing Indian River Telephone Co. in Florida in 1903. He started a jewelry business in Shelby, N.C. in 1907, millinery business in 1908, founded an



Alfred Green Eskridge, 1914-1970.

A.R. Eskridge home on W. Marion St. in Shelby, moved to W. Sumter Street.

standing athlete in basketball and football. He stood a very handsome 6'2" with piercing blue eyes. In 1931, he entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he joined the Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Restlessness set in, and Alfred left college to begin his career. He began by operating the Sinclair Station on Marion Street in Shelby. After he accepted his next job, the greatest single blessing in Alfred's life was his marriage to Elsie Belle Gidney of Shelby on June 19, 1935. She was born February 16, 1913, daughter of Robert Many and Hattie Sarratt Gidney. She proved to be the quiet inspiration that gave him the courage to be the man he was. Alfred and Elsie moved to Greenville, North Carolina where he traveled in the eastern counties as a station inspector for Sinclair. Several years later they moved to Salisbury, North Carolina where Alfred was the Sinclair Distributor. In 1938 they returned to Shelby permanently, and Alfred established himself as president of Eskridge Oil Company and secretary and treasurer of Eskridge Transport Company.

During his late twenties, he became very active in Shelby community affairs. He served as president of the Jaycees and as an active member of the Rotary Club and Elks Lodge. In his later years he served on the Official Board of Central United Methodist Church and Cleveland Springs Country Club.

Just as Alfred was gaining momentum in his career and community life, he was faced with a serious illness which was to affect the remainder of his life. At the age of thirty-two he lost his left leg after a long battle in New York's Presbyterian Hospital to a rare circulatory disease. Although he was never again a truly well man, his sense of humor and determination to survive was to carry him through many years of illness. Returning home as an amputee, he set his mind to continue to live his life to the fullest. As soon as he had an artificial leg he was dancing and playing golf. He was decidedly noticeable scooting around the golf course or

carrying a load of kids out for ice cream or towing to the beach his "golf cart" — a phenomena of the times. He never considered feeling sorry for himself.

During the next twenty years, Alfred was to survive many illnesses related to circulatory disease. His sensitivity to human suffering and his deep-seated desire to live inspired him to comfort and support many. He challenged and inspired those he knew well and those he knew not at all to conquer whatever illness threatened their lives. If there was a choice between pursuing a new client or ministering to the needs of someone who was ill, there was never a moments doubt which he would choose.

Alfred died June 26, 1970, of his second aneurysm at the age of fifty-six. He was buried in the family plot in Sunset Cemetery. He was loved, respected, and admired by many from every walk of life. Perhaps his greatest admirers were his children, for his gift for gab, his joking nature and love of life. Alfred was well described in the North Carolina Oil Jobbers Publication as "a most pleasing and warm personality — a rare individual."

Children and grandchildren of Alfred and Elsie Eskridge are: Alfred Green Eskridge Jr. (November 8, 1938) was married on June 14, 1958 to Fain LeGrand Combs (June 9, 1938). Their children are: Allison Welborne (May 28, 1960, Chapel Hill, North Carolina) Alfred Green Eskridge III (October 23, 1961, Chapel Hill, North Carolina.) Catherine LeGrand Eskridge (July 8, 1965, Shelby, North Carolina) John Porter Eskridge (January 27, 1969, Spartanburg, South Carolina) Elizabeth Anne Eskridge (January 18, 1942) was married on November 7, 1964 to Jesse Norris Barnes III (June 1, 1942) of Elm City, North Carolina. Their children are: Spencer Kathryn Barnes (October 31, 1966, Virginia Beach, Virginia) John Norris Barnes (April 10, 1970, Austin, Texas) Robert Porter Eskridge (February 4, 1950, Shelby, North Carolina)

— Anne Eskridge Barnes



Charles Lester Eskridge, 1884-1931.

automobile bus transportation company in 1910, entered the retail field as distributor of several makes of automobiles; and for more than twenty (20) years was dealer for Ford and Lincoln automobiles. He was director of the First National Bank and of the Shelby Building and Loan Association, Director of Shelby Chamber of Commerce, and Kiwanis Club.

A Democrat, he had a widespread influence in political movements locally and throughout Cleveland County. He was president of the Cleveland Springs Golf Club, a dominant factor in promotion of the airport in Shelby. He belonged to the First Baptist Church, gave quietly and generously to philanthropic appeals, made a sport of hunting, fishing and golf, was fond of travel and the companionship of men, and took his greatest happiness in the home circle, reading, talking with his wife and children, a gay companion and the friend of everyone, no matter what walk of life was concerned. He did much in association with younger men for the advancement of city and county interests, and will always be remembered for his genial, kindly ways.

Mr. Eskridge was married near Blacksburg,

South Carolina on January 28, 1908 to Lela Ethel Porter (June 7, 1883 — December 6, 1973), daughter of Robert Erwin (December 9, 1830 — February 5, 1912) and Martha Henrietta (Hoyle) Porter (November 29, 1851 — April 20, 1932) who were married August 28, 1872 at Belwood, North Carolina. Robert Erwin Porter was a planter, a teacher and an influential man of the Blacksburg community, and attended the Baptist Church of which he was a member. To Mr. and Mrs. Eskridge were born children as follows:

Charles Robert (November 2, 1909 — March 21, 1970) who was married on July 20, 1931 to Anne Elizabeth Edwards (January 1, 1907 —) of Scotland Neck, North Carolina; Martha Effie (November 22, 1911 — May 25, 1980) who married on August 23, 1944 James Spencer Love (July 6, 1896 — January 20, 1962) of Greensboro, North Carolina; then married on March 2, 1968 Nathan McNeill Ayers (May 11, 1908 —) of Greensboro, North Carolina; Alfred Green (January 2, 1914 — June 26, 1970) who married on June 19, 1935 to Elsie Belle Gidney (February 16, 1914 —) of Shelby, North Carolina; James

Lester (July 26, 1916 —) who married on July 17, 1937 Hazel Muriel West (February 22, 1916 — September 19, 1978) of Marshall, North Carolina. Then married on May 20, 1979 to Mary Baker Holcombe (August 17, 1919 —) of Greensboro, North Carolina; Eugene Webb (March 10, 1922 — July 26, 1930).

Charles Lester Eskridge died in Shelby, North Carolina on June 7, 1931.

— James Lester Eskridge

FORREST ESKRIDGE

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Forrest Eskridge was born July 10, 1880, the son of Mary Judith Blanton Eskridge, born July 22, 1860, and died September 26, 1927, and Abram Richard Eskridge, born November 22, 1852, and died June 20, 1911. He had one sister, Frances Eskridge Roberts.

Most of his life was spent in Shelby on West Marion Street in the Victorian "Eskridge Family" home where he lived with his mother until her death, and thereafter continued to make his home until his death. He loved his home and yard, and took special pride in his flowers. His friends and neighbors often said they were never lacking flowers, for he always shared his seemingly never-ending supply. His home was also always open to his friends, including Hugh Walpole, noted English author whose portrait hangs in the National Gallery in London. Walpole visited in the Eskridge home and there is an autographed picture dated 1927 which he gave to the Eskridges.

He was also generous in the use of his tennis court which was part of the large side yard at 522 West Marion Street, where his great-niece, Adelaide Austell Craver, now lives. His was one of the first privately owned tennis courts in Shelby.

Coming from a family of bankers, he en-



Forrest Eskridge.



L to R: Dovie Suttle McBrayer, Lander McBrayer, unknown, Forrest Eskridge, Ola Suttle Holland, and Laurance Holland.

tered the banking business in early manhood, and as an editorialist wrote at the time of his death, became a diligent member of a banking triumvirate in Shelby which was headed by his uncles, Charles and George Blanton, which served well the banking needs of this area. The writer continued that he was a banker who regarded friendliness an important asset in any balance sheet. He suggested his gentle and friendly nature was subjected to such strains in the reorganization of the banking structure after the depression that it unquestionably contributed to the six year illness preceding his death.

He was Cashier of the First National Bank and Union Trust Company until his retirement, because of poor health. From 1933 to 1934, he was president of the North Carolina Bankers Association.

During the First World War, he served as county chairman of the Liberty Loan Drive. Active in all phases of civic life, he was a member and president of the Kiwanis Club, and was a Mason.

He joined the First Baptist Church in early manhood and was an active member until his illness. He had a leading part in the construction of the major church building renovation, and served as treasurer of the church building fund.

He taught a Sunday school class for many years and a series of newspaper photographs titled "Are These Faces Familiar" gave the hint that the picture shown was taken at First Baptist Church, and the class was the Forrest Eskridge Sunday School class. It included many prominent present day business men.

He never married, but was a loving uncle to his sister's children, Mary Adelaide Roberts Austell and Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter.

He died March 7, 1943, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery beside his mother and father.

Sources: Family Bible, Family History, Newspaper clippings, and personal knowledge.

— Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter

GEORGE WASHINGTON and CLEVELAND COUNTY

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George Washington would perhaps love Cleveland County. Why? Because many of the descendants of his mother's guardian live here and call Cleveland County home. Who was

George Washington's mother? Her name was Mary Ball. Her father, who called her "his little rose of Epping Forest", died when she was very young. When her mother also died she left Mary under the care and tutelage of a guardian.

This guardian was an attorney and owner of Sandy Point Plantation on the Potomac River in the Virginia plantation country, in Westmoreland County, Virginia. His name was George Eskridge.

Many of his descendants live in Cleveland County and many perhaps do not know that their heritage goes from Cleveland County to the plantation society of colonial Virginia when Colonel George Eskridge was neighbor and friend to the Washingtons, Lees, Carters, etc. of Virginia.

At least one of George Eskridge's descendants married a signer of the Declaration of Independence. Some have suggested that George Washington may have been named by his mother after her guardian, George Eskridge, although this is conjecture. Mary Ball married George Washington's father at Sandy Point Plantation on March 17, 1731.

George Eskridge was a vestryman of Yeocomico Episcopal Church in Virginia. He was the first Eskridge to come to America. He went back to England to study law and returned to this country and became a member of Quorum and Kings Attorney in Virginia. He served in the House of Burgesses of Colonial Virginia for ten years. His portrait, together with that of his wife, Rebecca Bonum, hung for several years at Mount Vernon plantation but is now in the Department of Archives of the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond, Virginia. Further reference to George Eskridge is in the Eskridge drawer in the Westmoreland County Museum, Virginia.

But how does this relate to Cleveland County? Well, George Eskridge had a son named Samuel Eskridge. Samuel inherited Sandy Point and married Jane Ashton and they had a son, Richard Eskridge.

Richard Eskridge (I) married Elizabeth Read and went to North Carolina. His will is on record in Caswell County, North Carolina dated March 21, 1809. They had a son whom they also named Richard.

This second Richard married Elizabeth Reynolds, daughter of Hamilton (Hambleton) Reynolds, and settled near Beaver Dam Church, Cleveland County, then a part of Rutherford County, between 1800 and 1810. A

part of the Eskridge log cabin still remains at this location.

Richard Eskridge (II) died in 1831 at the age of sixty-three and was buried in the Richard Eskridge Cemetery nearby, as shown by survey of this cemetery on October 14, 1938 by Bxnum E. Weathers and Anson G. Milton. Elizabeth Eskridge died March 2, 1856 at age eighty-four years.

Richard Eskridge and Elizabeth Reynolds had nine children, one of whom was a son, William L., born December 17, 1795. William L. Eskridge (Squire Billy) may be the William L. Eskridge who was one of the councilmen at the formation of Cleveland County from Rutherford County in 1841, since he was a justice of the peace in 1841. William L. Eskridge married Miss Mary "Polly" Bailey and they had a son, John William Eskridge who married Elizabeth "Betty Ann" Copeland. John William and Elizabeth Copeland are buried in the Double Shoals Baptist Church graveyard.

They had a son, Samuel Bailey Eskridge, many years superintendent of Double Shoals Mill, who married Millie Ida Yelton and they are buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Samuel Eskridge and Ida Yelton had a daughter, Lesta Eskridge who was born June 18, 1896 and still lives on her farm in the Double Shoals community. She married Arthur Lee Spangler and bore five children all of whom reside in Cleveland County. One of these is my father, Arthur Lee Spangler, Jr., who married Irene Costner.

I, Janice Costner Spangler, born in Cleveland County, therefore, am tenth generation descendant of the guardian of George Washington's mother.

I have traced the above through my lineage with the realization and hope that you, the living in Cleveland County will know how you tie into the above lineage since all the above had many children and, therefore, Cleveland County's history has much of the above heritage. Also that you will use the above knowledge as a calling to honesty, to honor, and to service of God, our country, Cleveland County and your fellow man and then I know George Washington would love Cleveland County.

— Janice Costner Spangler

THE CALVIN ESKRIDGE FAMILY

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The earliest record of the first Eskridge in America, was that of George Eskridge in Westmoreland County, VA in 1696. George was an eminent lawyer, served ten years as member of the House of Burgesses and was a member of Quorum & Kings Attorneys. His plantation of many thousand acres (land grants show 12,644 acres) was called "Sandy Point" and was located on the historic Potomac River. George was destined to play an important part in the lives of our first President, George Washington and his mother, Mary Ball Washington. Mary's father died when she was about three years old and her mother died when she was just a few years older. George

Eskridge was made Mary's guardian by her mother's will. She spent her "girlhood" in the Eskridge home and later married a neighbor, Augustine Washington. The marriage took place at "Sandy Point", the Eskridge home. When their first child was born, the son was named for Mary's much-loved guardian, George Eskridge.

George and his first wife, Rebecca Bonum, had six children: William, George, Jr., Samuel, Robert, Sarah and Margaret. He and his second wife, Elizabeth Vault, had one daughter, Elizabeth.

The third child, Samuel, is the forefather of the Eskridge descendants in this area. Samuel and Jane Ashton Eskridge had five children. Their second child was Richard (1743-1804) who married Elizabeth Read in 1764. They and three sons; Thomas, Samuel, and Richard who was about eight years old, came to Caswell County, North Carolina. Ten more children were born to Richard and Elizabeth R. Eskridge. Young Richard married Elizabeth Reynolds and settled in Rutherford County, (now Cleveland County, NC) near Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

They had the following nine children: William L. Eskridge, (b. 1795), married Mary Roxanna (Polly) Bailey; Hamilton Eskridge (b. 1797-d. 1875), married Mary Irvin; Richard Henry Eskridge, (1798-1876) married Rachel Almira Martin; Simeon Eskridge, (b. 1800) married Susannah Martin; Unicy Eskridge (b. 1801) married Moore Martin; John Green Eskridge (b. 1803-d. 1891) married Elizabeth H. Thompson; Sarah (Sally) Eskridge (b. 1805) married Hezekiah Wilkins; Jesse Eskridge (b. 1807) married Rebecca Thompson; and Elijah Eskridge (b. 1809) married first Harriet P. Wilkins, and second to Margaret P. Washburn.

William L. Eskridge, known as "Squire Billy", married Mary Roxanna (Polly) Bailey and they also had nine children: Elizabeth Ann (Betty Ann) Eskridge (b. 1818), married first Squire S. Simmons, who lost his life in the Civil War. Her second marriage was to Chandler London. Simeon Eskridge (1820-1864) married Minerva J. Martin and also lost his life in the Civil War; Samuel Eskridge (b. 1825) married Cynthia McBrayer and moved with his family to Tennessee; Richard Calvin Eskridge (b. 1827), married Margaret N. (Peggy) Hendrick; Margaret (Peggy) Eskridge (1830-1911) married John Jefferson Spurling (1833-1924); Nancy A. Eskridge (b. 1832) died unmarried; Mary Adeline Eskridge (b. 1834) married Joshua Sparks; John William Eskridge (b. 1837) married first to Elizabeth (Betty Ann) Copeland, and second to Etta Green; Ruthy J. Eskridge (b. 1838) married Cam Beam.

Richard Calvin Eskridge married Margaret N. (Peggy) Hendrick in 1857 in Cleveland County, North Carolina. Margaret's parents were William (Bill) Hendrick and Charity Love.

Calvin was a Private in the Confederate States Army, Co. C, 55 Regiment, North Carolina Troops. He entered the CSA on Feb. 23, 1863, age 36 years. During the battle of Gettysburg, he was wounded and lost part of an arm as the result. He was captured on July 4,

1863 as a "Rebel Sick and Wounded Prisoner of War". He was received at DeCamp General Hospital, Davids Island, New York Harbor, sometime between July 17 and 24, 1863. His name appears on a roll of Prisoners of War paroled from the same camp, the record wasn't dated. (Indorsement shows he was among six hundred, eighty five Confederate prisoners of war paroled for exchange; received in City Point, Va., Sept. 8, 1863. National Archives, Washington, D.C.)

Calvin was a small man in stature, with a snow white beard, and rather long hair just as white. He farmed after returning from the war and lived in the Double Shoals community.

Their eight children were: Eliza A. Eskridge (1858-1948) married James Berry Wright (1845-1931); Sarah Jane Eskridge, (b. 1859) married Charlis A. (Doc) Putnam; James Lee Eskridge, (b. 1862) married Isabelle Yelton; John Bailey Eskridge, (b. 1865) married Martha Luvenia McSwain; Roxanna Eskridge, married William Clifton McWhirter; Amelia Eskridge died when three years old; Margaret (Mag) Eskridge, (1874-1947) married Amos Pinkney Shytte (1870-1893); and Zula Bell Eskridge (1876-1964) married Ira Sperling (1876-1921).

The Eskridge descendants are numerous throughout the area and continue to be active in all phases of civic, religious and educational affairs of the community.

Sources: personal knowledge, *Bible* records, birth and death records.

— Mae Cabaniss

BAYARD THURMAN FALLS

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Bayard Thurman Falls, the son of John Zimri Falls, Jr. (1846-1937) and Sara Catherine Falls (1850-1935) was born on January 28th, 1879 in the Knob Creek Community. He was a charter member of Piedmont High School and graduated from Wake Forest University. From 1905-1911 he was Superintendent of Cleveland County Schools. In 1908, Mr. Falls was



Bayard Shurman Falls.

admitted to the Bar and began practicing law in 1911. He served as Judge of Recorder's Court from 1916-1924 and in the North Carolina House of Representatives from 1924-1926. Mr. Falls was one of the original trustees for Boiling Springs Junior College and served for thirty-four years.

Mr. Falls married Selma La Reau Eskridge (February 1, 1883 — October 29, 1945) on June 10, 1909 in Shelby. Mrs. Falls was very active in the United Daughters of the Confederacy and served many years on the Cleveland County Library Board as treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Falls had four children born in Shelby: Bayard Thurman Falls, Jr. (1911-1976 — see another history); Sara Louise Falls (April 8, 1915); Elisabeth Eskridge Falls (August 5, 1921) and Virginia Reid Falls (November 1, 1923).

Sara Falls married John Fleming Lyon (February 25, 1906 — October 9, 1978) from Durham, North Carolina. They had two children, both born in Durham. Ann Falls Lyon (January 31, 1943) and John Fleming Lyon, Jr. (October 12, 1944). Ann Lyon married James B. Weeks from Sampson County on March 3, 1962 and they had two daughters: Elisabeth Ann Weeks was born in Chapel Hill, North Carolina on January 1, 1963. Lori Lynn Weeks was born in Wilmington, North Carolina on August 12, 1965. John Fleming Lyon, Jr. married Carolyn Taylor (March 29, 1948) on December 28, 1973. They had two sons born in Wilson: John Fleming Lyon III, was born March 11, 1976 and James Taylor Lyon was born August 20, 1980.

Elisabeth Falls married William Foster Heisler (August 18, 1918) from Zion, Maryland on October 27, 1945 and they had three daughters: Elisabeth Falls Heisler (September 8, 1950) born in Shelby; Helen Clark Heisler (January 29, 1953) born in Nagoya, Japan; and Christine Foster Heisler (September 20, 1957) born at Patrick AFB, Florida. Elisabeth (Lisa) Heisler married John Albert Carenen (July 23, 1945) and they had two daughters: Caitlin Elisabeth was born September 27, 1976 in Iowa City, Iowa and Danielle Rowena was born December 14, 1979 in Morganton, North Carolina. Helen Heisler married Joseph Adrian Watson (August 3, 1948) and they had a daughter and a son born at Andrews AFB, Maryland. Patricia Lynn Watson was born January 27, 1978 and Stephen Adrian Watson was born April 22, 1981. Christine Heisler married Michael Paul Marzec (November 18, 1957).

Virginia Falls married Lloyd Cleveland Bost (December 25, 1920) on October 20, 1945. They had one daughter and three sons, all born in Shelby: Lloyd Cleveland Bost, Jr. (October 5, 1946); Virginia Ann Bost (May 1, 1949); Bayard Thurman Bost (September 19, 1952); and Harlan Stewart Bost (August 18, 1955). Lloyd Bost, Jr. married Brenda Kathryn Hoyle (December 1, 1946) on June 4, 1972 in Shelby. They had two daughters, both born in Hickory, North Carolina. Melanie Kathryn Bost was born on June 14, 1978 and Virginia Helen Bost was born on June 9, 1981. Virginia (Jan) Bost and Gary Edward Shuford (March 3, 1951) were married on July 25, 1970. They had three sons born in Shelby: Gary Edward

Shuford, II was born October 23, 1974; Daniel David Shuford was born April 29, 1977; and Brian Bost Shuford was born November 9, 1979.

Bayard Thurman Falls practiced law until he was eighty-six years old. He was an active and dedicated leader in the Democratic Party and earned the title "Mr. Democrat", going by ambulance to vote in 1966. He died on August 28, 1966 and is buried beside his wife at Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: *Family Bible Cleveland Times*: March 24, 1961; Sept. 30, 1963; Aug. 30, 1966.

— Virginia Falls Bost

BAYARD THURMAN FALLS, JR. FAMILY

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Bayard Thurman Falls, Jr. was born September 14, 1911 in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina. His parents were Bayard Thurman and Selma LaReau Eskridge Falls, who were both born in Cleveland County. He had three sisters: Sara Louise (Mrs. John F. Lyon), Elizabeth Eskridge (Mrs. William F. Heisler) and Virginia Reid (Mrs. Lloyd C. Bost).

B.T. Falls, Jr. was educated in the Shelby Public Schools, the Citadel and Wake Forest College and Law School where he received his L.L.B. degree in 1940. He married Sara Elizabeth Hines of Oxford, North Carolina in St. Stephens Episcopal Church in Oxford on November 12, 1938.

He returned to Shelby to practice law with his father in 1940. In 1942 he was elected to the 1943 North Carolina General Assembly House of Representatives. He resigned to join the army, but was rejected for military service for physical reasons.

He was elected to the House of Representatives again in 1949 and served each succeeding session through 1957. He served as Chairman of the House Finance Committee in the 1957 General Assembly until Governor Luther

Hodges appointed him Solicitor for the Sixteenth Solicitorial District. He served in that capacity until 1965 when Governor Dan K. Moore appointed him Superior Court Judge for the Twenty-Fifth Judicial District, making him the first resident judge from Cleveland County since Judge E.Y. Webb resigned in 1930.

Bayard and Sara had two daughters: Elizabeth Pearson, born February 5, 1943; and Selma Eskridge, April 6, 1946. Both girls were born in Shelby.

Elizabeth (Betsy) married Benjamin Thomas Ellis, also of Shelby, on August 23, 1963. They had four daughters: Sara Hines, born April 14, 1967 in Chapel Hill, Orange County, North Carolina; Elizabeth Falls, December 10, 1968; Mary Catherine, October 10, 1970; and Carolyn Whitten, July 15, 1972. The last three girls were born in Cleveland County.

Selma married Lehman Rowell Moody of Spartanburg, South Carolina, March 3, 1973. They had three sons, all born in Spartanburg: Lehman Rowell, Jr., March 22, 1975; Bayard Falls, March 23, 1977; and John Taylor, October 24, 1979.

B.T. Falls, Jr. grew up a Baptist, but he joined the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer in Shelby with his wife Sara. He was a devout member and served as Vestryman and Sunday School teacher.

Bayard Thurman Falls, Jr. was known professionally as B.T., but in Cleveland County and the General Assembly he was known as "Buzz", a teller of good jokes. His sense of humor, abundance of anecdotes, his knowledge of human frailties combined to make him a personality apart, and also served him well as Judge.

"Judge", as his grandchildren lovingly called him, died September 10, 1976 at home having suffered a fatal heart attack. He is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

— Sara Hines Falls

CICERO CLEMMIE FALLS

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My daddy, Cicero Clemmie Falls was born in Cleveland County March 24, 1881 and died January 6, 1952. He was the son of John Zemri Falls and Sarah Catherine Cline Falls. On February 14, 1906, he married Hattie Maude Lattimore, who was born December 11, 1887 and died March 29, 1929. She was the daughter of Charles Blanton Lattimore and Martha Jane Jackson Lattimore.

Daddy was a cotton and cattle farmer who started out with 72 acres. He bought the homeplace from his father in 1907, remodeled it in 1927, and added other tracts later leaving an estate close to one thousand acres. He felt that land was the best investment you could make and he wanted to leave each child at least one hundred acres.

His hobbies included the following: training saddle horses, trading mules, coon and 'possum hunting. His favorite dog was a blue tick hound named Old Blue. He also enjoyed entering his hereford cattle at the Cleveland County Fair, and showing off his prize bull Domino,

who weighed close to 2400 pounds.

My mother loved music and could play by ear. She also enjoyed cooking and sewing, but she died at a young age so these chores were left for my daddy and the children.

My parents were members of Carpenter's Grove Baptist Church where they were buried. They had ten children:

Cicero Brevard Falls born October 13, 1907 and died March 29, 1980. He married Adele Nichols and moved to Dalton, Georgia where he was a dentist. They had three children: Sandra Maxine Falls married Patrick Lee Baker, Penny Lee Falls married Robert Lane Nix, and Cydell Brevard Falls married Susan Werle.

Bertha Helen Falls born February 11, 1909, married Joseph Caldwell Miller on January 21, 1938. They had no children. She lives in Maryland but owns the family homeplace.

Ralph Lane Falls born October 3, 1910 married Alice Street, December 31, 1937 and moved to Morganton where he is a dentist. They have two children: Alice Elaine Falls, and Ralph Lane Falls, Jr. married to Mary Harden Cooper.

Martha Catherine Falls born March 10, 1913, married Carl James Miller August 3, 1935, and lives on part of the land that was the Falls Farm property. They had five children: Marion Cicero Miller who married Alice Gay Toney, Frances Carolyn Miller who married Robert Amzi Ely, Rachel Etta Miller who married John Almer Howell, Olan Carle Miller who married Nancy Ann Drinkard, and Roger Kon Miller who married Julia Ann Lowe.

Charles Zemri Falls born January 3, 1915 married Deloma Jane Phillips March 27, 1943. He lives in Shelby and worked at the Veterans Service Office. They had three children: Charles Zemri Falls who married Dea Nebekker, Linda Deloma Falls who married Robert Weber, and Steven Scott Falls who married Mehri Heidi.

Sarah Falls born July 20, 1917 married John Ferdinan Brackett, August 16, 1936 and lives on part of the land that was the Falls Farm property. They had four children: John Kenneth Brackett died January 14, 1978, and was married to Marilyn Manor, Barbara Jane Brackett married to Terrell Archer Strickland, Margaret Maude Brackett married to Donald Ray Morrison, and Jo Anne Brackett married to Cletus Paul Owens, Jr.

Mary Frances Falls born May 17, 1920 married Vanoy B. Miller April 26, 1941 and lives in Morganton. They had two children: Vanoy Bruce Miller who married Susan Edith Cappel, and Frances Faye Miller who married Robert Thomas Stinson, Jr.

Jackson Lattimore Falls born June 22, 1922 married May 10, 1941 to Mary Etta Melton. They live in Glen Alpine where he is a real estate broker and insurance salesman. They had three children: Kaye Falls who died November 22, 1957, Jackson Lattimore Falls Jr. who married Sherry Allen, and Larry Wayne Falls who married Ann Ligon.

Margaret Ruth Falls born May 31, 1925 married William Ralph (Bill) Dixon April 21, 1945 and they live in Belwood. They had two children: Donald William Dixon married to Matilda Ann (Tillie) Barret, and Dale Falls Dix-



Bayard Thurman Falls, Jr.



Cicero Clemmie and Hattie Lattimore Falls.

on married To Sherry Lynn Hamrick.

Alfred Donald Falls was born May 6, 1927 and died on July 19, 1930.

Sources: Family records, grave stones.

— Martha Falls Miller, daughter and Margaret Brackett Morrison, granddaughter

CYRUS THOMPSON FALLS

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Cyrus T. Falls, son of Alvin Price and Elizabeth Patterson Falls, was born February 2, 1896 in Cleveland County two miles northwest of Kings Mountain. He died December 20, 1981 and was buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Cy spent much of his adult life in Florida but continued to maintain a home near Kings Mountain where he spent several weeks each summer.

In 1929, he married Bonnie Ware, also a Cleveland County native. They had two children — C. T. Falls, Jr. of Cranford, New Jersey and Sarah F. McCraney of Dunedin, Florida — and 7 grandchildren.

The following excerpts were taken from Rev. Allen Stuarts remarks given at the memorial service for Cyrus Falls in the United Methodist Church in Dunedin, Florida on December 22, 1981.

"On Sunday, December 20th., Cyrus Falls closed out a worldwide record in Sunday school attendance. He left this world with 67 years, 5 months of perfect attendance in Sunday School!

There's a plaque hanging in our church that attests to this kind of dedication. It was presented to Cyrus at the 1979 session of the Florida Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church in recognition of his (at that time)

65 years of perfect attendance in Sunday School.

On October 27, 1981, he finished reading through the entire Bible for the 28th. time. His wife, Bonnie, said he wore out at least 3 Bibles through constant use.

He enjoyed reading the scriptures, and in 1979 he had the privilege to tour the Holy Land with our friend, Edison Russell. Cy wanted to become better acquainted, not simply with the homeland of Christ, but also he wanted to walk in his footsteps.

Cy gave himself completely to the Lord at an early age. He decided then that he would set aside a time for spiritual growth. He decided he would not only dedicate himself to reading the Bible, but also he would set a goal to attend Sunday School every Sunday he was able. He did it for 67 years and 5 months.

Significantly, Cy was in Sunday School when he felt something go wrong with his body. He was determined to finish out the hour, although what he was feeling was the beginning of a stroke. It was appropriate that he would be in Sunday School when the stroke set in — because it was Sunday — where else would he be?

It was on a Sunday again, and very appropriate, that he went home to that place prepared for him by that same Jesus that Cy had come to know through scripture, through worship, through the Sunday School and through walking in the footsteps of his Lord.

I feel tremendously inadequate this day because I don't have these marks of dedication that Cy had. I've never possessed his sense of worth as an individual, nor his beautiful humility, nor the holiness that characterized his life. He was an inspiration to me, and I hope he was to you, so that we just might want to dedicate the balance of our lives to that holy purpose of growing in grace. Cy did it.

He did it by reading the Bible, a verse at a time, a chapter at a time, a book at a time. His Sunday School record came about one Sunday at a time.

Isn't it strange that Cy arranged never to be sick on Sunday morning, never had friends to come in at the wrong time, never stayed up too late on Saturday night so that he had a headache on Sunday morning — and, for him, it never rained too hard, nor was it too cold for him to be in his place.

One Sunday at a time — he arranged that with his Lord until his final illness, and then when he was able to communicate he wanted folks to bring the Sunday School lesson to him.

The mark of a dedicated person is to give one's self completely to a holy purpose. We're here to celebrate the life of one who did it."

— Hugh Falls

FRED FALLS, M.D.

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Fred Falls was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina, December 29, 1903. He was the son of Alfred Falls and Lula Crowder Falls. His grandfather was John Zimiri Falls, Jr., who served in the Confederate Army as a Second Lieutenant. His grandmother was Catherine Cline Falls. His five sisters were: Mamie Lee Edwards, Mary Lou (Lucy) Williamson, Beulah Ann Harrill, Willie Lillian Sims. His two brothers were Cicero Dixon Falls (deceased), a dentist in Woodruff, South Carolina, and Robert Zimiri Falls who was a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives for sixteen years.

Dr. Falls was married to Anna Lee Elmore, February 25, 1937. They had two sons. Richard Elmore (Dicky) who died at the age of ten years with poliomyelitis in 1948. Fred Eugene married Valerie Linda Lee in 1964. They have three children: Susan Elizabeth, Katherine Anne and Lee Chapman. Fred Eugene graduated from Wake Forest University and received his Master's Degree in Business Administration from Georgia State, Atlanta, Georgia. He now resides in Raleigh, North Carolina, and is an investment counselor.

Dr. Falls attended Boiling Springs High School and upon graduation he enrolled at Wake Forest College and graduated with a B.S. degree in medicine in 1928. He transferred to Tulane University Medical School to complete his medical education and received his M.D. degree in 1930. A two year internship was then served in the Henry Grady Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. He returned to Lawndale, North Carolina and began the general practice of medicine. This practice was interrupted by World War II. In 1942, he began four years of active duty in the United States Army, spending two and one-half years in the Pacific Area with the 108th Station Hospital. After his discharge from the Army in 1946, he moved his family to Shelby where he began the general practice of medicine. He continued his busy practice in Shelby until six months before his death.

Dr. Falls was an active, and later honorary, member of the Cleveland Memorial Hospital



Dr. Fred Falls.

Medical staff, a member of the Cleveland County Medical Society, the North Carolina State Medical Society, and the American Medical Association. At one time, he was a member of the Board of Trustees of Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shelby Rotary Club, Central United Methodist Church, Cleveland Country Club, and North Lake Country Club.

During his busy years of practice, he kept informed of new developments in medicine by attending numerous post-graduate courses including one in traumatic surgery at the University of Pennsylvania and another in cardiology at Duke University Medical School.

Dr. Falls tempered the confinement of his medical career with his interest in farming and raising cattle. During his practice, he rapidly won the respect and admiration of his col-

leagues, was loved by his patients, and by his actions demonstrated the characteristics of a dedicated physician with a noteworthy concern and depth of understanding for those persons entrusted to his care. He was a gentle man who gave kind, soft-spoken words, patience, friendly help, and comfort to the many thousands who sought his capable help and advice.

Dr. Falls died July 8, 1965 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Family records and personal knowledge.

— Anne Elmore Falls



The American line of the Falls family was established by Charles Falls who came from England to Pennsylvania in 1635. From his line three brothers came from Chester County, Pennsylvania, to Rowan County, North Carolina, in the fall of 1753. One was John who brought with him a son also named John.

John Falls, Sr., born in 1710, died January 1776, in Mecklenburg County. His estate was settled by his wife, Martha, and son Gilbreath — who was at this time Sheriff of Rowan County. This Gilbreath Falls was one of the Captains killed at the Battle of Ramsour's Mill, June 20, 1780.

John Falls born in 1744 became the progenitor of the Cleveland County Fallses. His first purchase of land in the area as recorded in Lincoln County Deeds on December 21, 1784 was John Curry's Patent on Kings Creek. He added to this purchase until he eventually owned more than two square miles of land in and around the town presently known as Kings Mountain.

Here the Falls family settled in and became a part of the county with its fertile soil and streams for their grist mills, tanyards, and stills. Their neighbors were the Whites, Dicksons, Gambles, Fergusons, Beatties, Blackwoods, Oates, Quinns, and Wilsons, and their lives became interwoven through marriage.

John married first to a Ferguson by whom he had one son, James. On February 27, 1797, John conveyed to James three tracts of land, part of which is in the town of Kings Mountain where Mountain Rest Cemetery is presently located.

James' son, Robert Falls, was one of six Lincoln County representatives who met with Rutherford County representatives on September 22, 1836 at the home of John Teeter Beam for the purpose of promoting the formation of a new county. This county — Cleveland — was set up in 1841 as a result of their meetings.

John married second in Rowan County, June 2, 1772, to Rachel; daughter of George and Sarah Dodson Clayton. Their children were: George married Ellen White, Sarah married first cousin Andrew; son of Andrew and Sarah McLean Falls, John married Elizabeth; daughter of Thomas and Mary Beatty Ferguson, William married Sarah; daughter of John and Sarah Harmon Dickson, Esther married first cousin William; son of Andrew and Sarah McLean Falls.

George and Ellen lived in the mansion on a plantation near Kings Creek — which John had conveyed to his son, George, in March 1802. On October 14, 1814 William received from his father two tracts of land on Kings Creek. This land was sold by William, May 6, 1818, to John Dickson, Jr., his brother-in-law.

After selling his land in 1818, William moved to the Sugar Hill area of Cleveland County, and his family later acquired land which became the town of Fallston to which his son John Zimri gave the family name.

John Zimri Falls built the first corn mill, the first saw mill, and operated the first store in

Fallston. He also donated the land and mostly built the Friendship Methodist Church in which the Fallston Academy was organized in 1886.

In 1903, his son Thomas Dickson Falls became chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Education. This Falls was also remembered for carrying the Confederate banner into battle at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863.

John Falls' third marriage was to Mrs. Rebecca Shields Gamble — who brought her young son, John Gamble, to live with them. Their children were: Isabella married first cousin George; son of Andrew and Sarah McLean Falls, Andrew never married, Rebecca married William; son of James and Mary Ferguson Falls, and soldier of the War of 1812 — this James was a son of Andrew and Sarah McLean Falls, Mary married Isaac White, Agness, called Nancy married John Dickson, Jr.; son of John and Sarah Harmon Dickson, Rachel married Robert Wilson.

John Falls left by will a tract of land to his son Andrew. Here is where gold was found in August 1829, in the gravels along a branch at the site where the Kings Mountain Waterworks was later located. In March 1836, Andrew acquired the two adjoining tracts of land, originally owned by his father, from John Dickson, Jr. Then on November 5, 1836, a company of ten was formed to mine the gold. It was called The Kings Mountain Gold Mine.

John Falls died April 23, 1828 and was buried in the rock wall enclosed cemetery at old Pisgah Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church — the church of which he and his son, James, were trustees in its earliest years and where many Fallses have markers.

— Mrs. Ola Falls Pruette

THE JOHN ZIMRI FALLS SR. FAMILY

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John Zimri Falls Sr. was born on September 7, 1811, in the Kings Creek section of Lincoln County, North Carolina. His grandfather, John Falls, settled on Kings Creek around 1790. His father, William Falls, born around 1773 in North Carolina, moved with his father to Kings Creek. Around the turn of the century, William Falls married Sarah Dickson, daughter of the Revolutionary War veteran, John Dickson, Sr.

After the War of 1812, William Falls sold the land he received from his father and moved to the Buffalo Creek section of Lincoln County. John grew to manhood in this area of Lincoln County and was available to help with the formation of the new county to be called 'Cleveland'. He was a company captain for the 1840 tax survey which created the tax base for the new county. He later served as the second sheriff of Cleveland County.

On August 10, 1830, John married Eleanor G. Wilson, daughter of William and Isabella Graham Wilson. To them were born the following children:

Martha Love, born May 5, 1831, died February 10, 1901, who married Jacob Cline Lackey; Dickson, born July, 1832, died October 19, 1922, who married Eliza J. Lowe on April 28, 1858; William J., born in 1834, died



John Zimri Falls, Sr.

in February, 1849; Robert Wilson, born on November 15, 1836, died on May 18, 1880, who married Rebecca Baxter; Mathilda, born in 1838, who married Alexander Cobb; and Sarah E., born in 1840, who married Isaac R. Oats (Oates) on January 1, 1861. Eleanor G. Wilson Falls died on October 23, 1840, and was buried at Bethlehem M.E. Church.

The Falls family had been always active in their church. John Zimri Falls, Sr. followed the tradition set by his grandfather John, who donated land for the old Pisgah A.R.P. Church near Kings Mountain, North Carolina. In 1836, he donated land for Bethlehem Methodist Episcopal Church in Lincoln County, and in February, 1893, he donated a parcel of land for Fallston M.E. Church in Cleveland County. He also donated land beside the church in Fallston for the Fallston Academy, which later became Fallston High School.

In 1850, John traded his land along Buffalo Creek to Wilke Wellmon, his former brother-in-law, for Wellmon's land near a crossroads along the Lincoln-Rutherfordton road. This crossroads became known as 'Fallston' in honor of John Zimri Falls, Sr.

On February 15, 1842, John married his second wife, Elizabeth C. Bigham, daughter of Samuel and Barbara Carpenter Bigham. Their family consisted of five sons:

Thomas Dixon, born on January 13, 1843, who married Annie P. Gardner, and died on July 5, 1905; George Lewis, born on November 1, 1844, who married Sarah Louisa Elliott on December 11, 1864, and died on February 14, 1886; John Zimri, Jr., born On September 30, 1846, who married Sarah Catherine Cline on October 21, 1867, and died on October 22, 1937; Fletcher, born on November 5, 1849, who married Alice Williamson on September 15, 1875, and died on January 27, 1933; and Benjamin Franklin, born on April 17, 1855, who married Sue Curtiss, and died on February 2, 1926. All but the two youngest sons of

John Zimri Falls Sr. served in the Confederate Army in the War Between the States.

John Zimri Falls Sr. died on April 26, 1895, and was buried in the cemetery at Fallston M.E. Church. His wife, Elizabeth, survived him until November 23, 1901, when she died and was buried beside her husband. After the Fallston M.E. Church moved to its present site, the old cemetery became overgrown, and in the 1960s the graves of John Zimri and Elizabeth Falls were moved to Rose Hill Cemetery.

Sources: Materials from Mrs. Esther Wilson Bigham of Vista, California; Mrs. Virginia Walden of La Place, Louisiana, great-granddaughter of George Lewis Falls; John T. Falls, Sr., of Columbia, S.C., great-great-grandson of John Falls of Kings Creek, N.C.; Marriage Records and Deed Books of Cleveland County, N.C.; Death Certificates of Cleveland County, N.C.; *Proof of Heirship of Fletcher Falls*, File No. 6370, State of Texas, County of Eastland, sent by Mrs. Joan Roseborough of Grand Prairie, Texas; Wills of John Zimri Falls, Sr. and Thomas Dixon Falls, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

— Patricia DePriest King

JOHN ZIMRI FALLS JR. and FAMILY

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John Zimri Falls Jr. was born September 30, 1846, in Cleveland County, the third son of John Zimri Falls Sr. and his wife, Elizabeth C. Bigham. Before his eighteenth birthday, Zimri joined Company C of the 71st Regiment of North Carolina troops in the Confederate States Army. He was commissioned a second lieutenant on May 27, 1864. He fought with his company in eastern North Carolina and Virginia. Zimri and Company C were present at the Battle of Bentonville where General Johnston's army of less than 20,000 men held back the Union forces under General Sherman for three days. Sherman's army numbered over 70,000 men.

After Lee's surrender at Appomattox Court-house, Zimri returned home to Cleveland County where he married Sarah Catherine Cline on October 21, 1867. The daughter of David and Rachel Charlotte Lattimore Cline, Catherine was the calming influence Zimri needed to offset his fiery disposition.

Zimri became an active political, religious and civic leader in upper Cleveland County. He was a Justice of the Peace in No. 10 township for 32 years. One of the leading farmers of that township, he was an avid convert to the Baptist church, and faithfully attended New Bethel Church until the formation of Carpenter's Grove Baptist Church. He became a charter member of the new church which was closer to his home. In his later years, he moved from No. 10 township to Shelby, where he placed his membership with the First Baptist Church.

Married for 68 years, Zimri and Catherine produced a family of eleven children, ten of whom lived to adulthood in Cleveland County and whose numerous descendants still reside in the county. Their children were Mittie Ella, born October 29, 1868, who married Abram Decatur Warlick on December 22, 1887, and died On May 15, 1954; Alfred, born on April 19, 1870, who married Mattie Tulula Crowder on October 18, 1894, and died on March 14, 1953; John F., born on August 24, 1872, who married on November 2, 1895 Hattie Irene

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Costner and on August 10, 1950, Mrs. June Bradshaw Wright, and died on March 18, 1964; Louisa, born on November 5, 1875, and died on March 5, 1876; David Tilden, born on January 24, 1877, who married Kimmie Etta Grigg on January 1, 1900, and died on July 21, 1900; Bayard Thurman, Sr., born on January 28, 1879, who married Selma La Reau Eskridge on July 10, 1909, and died on August 28, 1966; Cicero Clemmie, born on March 24, 1881, who married Hattie Maude Lattimore on February 4, 1906, and Annie Hull on July 10, 1929, and died on January 6, 1952; Margaret Belzora, born on July 4, 1883, who married Clarence C. Warlick on December 31, 1902, and died on January 9, 1975; Docia Louada, born on November 26, 1886, who married Clyde Eaker on August 26, 1908, and died on June 23, 1953; Charlotte Catherine, born on December 25, 1888, who married George McClure Edwards on December 21, 1915, and died on April 1, 1977; and Laura Novella, born on October 2, 1893, who married W. Herbert Borders on July 29, 1919.

Sarah Catherine Cline Falls died on July 8, 1935, and was buried at New Bethel Baptist Church near Lawndale, North Carolina, beside the graves of her two children who predeceased her. Zimri died of a heart attack on October 22, 1937, and was buried beside his wife of so many years.

The children of John Zimri Falls Jr. and Sarah Catherine Cline were very prolific. Their children number over seventy who lived to adulthood. The annual Falls reunion in upper Cleveland County, held on the second Sunday in July, brings together all these descendants, many of whom still reside in Cleveland County.

Sources: Obituary of John Zimri Falls Jr. from the *Shelby Daily Star*, dated October 25, 1937; *Cleveland and Rutherford Counties, N.C., Confederate Soldiers 1861-1865*, foreword by Virginia Greene DePriest; Marriage Records, Death Certificates, and Will Books of Cleveland County, North Carolina; Cemetery Records from various churches in Cleveland County, North Carolina; Personal Remembrances by Sue Kathryn DePriest and Tilden B. Falls

— Patricia DePriest King

Mary Catherine Harmon was born April 26, 1868. She was the daughter of John Jake and Elizabeth Jane Thornburg Harmon. Mary was a short woman with light brown hair when she married Joseph Anderson Falls. He was a tall man about six feet with dark hair and a large nose. They were married at her father's house in Cleveland County on December 17, 1885 by Adderson Oates, Esq. It was witnessed by Andrew McGill and James Randall. Joseph was the son of James Henry and Kathryn Huffstickler Falls and was born October 3, 1862.

Joseph Falls, became a prosperous brick manufacturer in Kings Mountain. He made the bricks and built his family a home on East King Street, around 1910. The walls are six inches thick. Six of his nine children grew up there. The home was sold in the early 1940's to a Mr. Frank Sisk of Bessemer City and became the Sisk Funeral Home.

Joe also made the bricks for the old Central Methodist Church that stood on the corners of Piedmont and Mountain Streets. It was built in 1905 and was torn down in 1966. The United Methodist Church stands in its place. Joe made the bricks for many of the early brick buildings of Kings Mountain.

Mary Falls was a religious woman who saw that her children went to church every Sunday and any other religious activities during the week. She hummed hymns as she went about her household chores. Mary was a thrifty woman and tight with money, maybe a little stingy sometimes. Her husband, Joe, on the other hand would give you the shirt off his back. He was very outgoing and work silk suits in his heyday. Joe also liked music and paid a Mr. Gardner to teach singing lessons once a week to Bessie, Roland, Ellen, and Marvin. These were the oldest children. Ollie and Oliver would sit and watch, they were too young to participate.

Marvin was killed in February 1933 in an automobile accident on his way to his brother-in-law's funeral, Capt. James Dickey.

Leola Falls, is the eldest child of Joe and Mary Falls. She was born August 5, 1887. She married Winston Whitworth November 4, 1908. She and her husband moved to Lowell, N.C. Leola was a tall woman with dark hair and Winston had two daughters.

Another daughter of Joe and Mary Falls was named Ida Lillian Falls born December 17, 1888. She married Thomas Van Buren Styers December 18, 1905. They had nine children, but one died in infancy. Two of their daughters went to Greensboro to work and the family eventually moved there. Ida died July 1952.

Thomas Edgar Falls was born July 19, 1890. He married Annie Cain and they had two children. Annie died and Edgar married Neely Tatum and they had two sons. The family lived in Elizabeth City, N.C. Edgar died March 24, 1944.

A fourth child, Pearlie Bright, born June 4, 1893 only lived a short time. She died March 1896.

Minnie Bessie born July 14, 1896 was a tall slim woman like her father and she had red hair. She married Capt. James Robert Dickey in 1921. They had four children. One of their daughters died at the age of 13 in 1938. Bessie died in December 1979, after several strokes. She had spent her last years in a rest home.

Ellen Birtie Falls (SEE RICHARD PATRICK CROKER) was a short woman like her mother, Mary, and she also had red hair. Ellen quit school in the eighth grade and went to work in the old Phenix Mill. In 1923 she was working as a telephone operator along with her sister, Bessie. Ollie Mae Falls, another sister, was working at the telegraph office, but was later transferred to Greensboro. Later several other members of the family followed. Ollie was born February 12, 1907. She married Jesse Whitmore and remained in Greensboro. Ellen retired from the Neisco Mills (old Margrace), after 37 years. She had been the telephone receptionist since 1955.

Roland Page Falls born September 28, 1901, married Eunice Hord. They had four children, but one died in childhood. Roland and Eunice also lived in Greensboro. Roland died February 19, 1956.

Oliver Fells (Red) born November 21, 1909 was the last child born to Joe and Mary Falls. He was a short man like his mother and he too had red hair. He married Lois Cloninger in August 1933. They had one child. When the war was over Oliver came back to Kings Mountain and opened a venetian blind shop on York Road. Venetian blinds were very popular at that time in many homes. He had written on the back of his shop truck "Blind Man Driving". And that used to cause quite a stir on the highway with other motorists. Oliver and Lois had moved to Charlotte in the middle 1960's. They were preparing to move back to Kings Mountain when Oliver died in May 1978 of a heart attack. Only three daughters, of Joe and Mary Falls remain.

Leola is 94 years old and living in a rest home in Charleston, S.C. near a daughter. Ellen is 82 and living in a rest home in Cherry-



John Zimri, Jr. and Catherine Cline Falls.

ville, N.C. And Ollie is 75, still active and working part time at Cass Jewelers where she has worked full time for many years. She still lives in the little white house she and Jesse built in the early 1950's.

— Mrs. Charles Edwards

SARAH ELIZABETH PATTERSON FALLS

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Sarah Elizabeth, oldest daughter of Ira H. and Angeline Whitesides Patterson, was born in Cleveland County November 25, 1873. On August 26, 1891 she was married to Alvin Price Falls who was also born in Cleveland County (1861-1942). To this union ten children were born, six of whom are still living.

S. Elizabeth, my mother, was an industrious homemaker and active in her church and community. She was a charter member of the Patterson Grove Baptist Church, choir leader in her early years and instrumental in organizing the Womans' Missionary Union to which she was elected first president.

For more than forty years she was an enthusiastic member of the Patterson Grove Home Demonstration Club. She held the offices of president, vice president and treasurer for a total of twenty-four years. She helped start the Cleveland County Fair as head of the canning department. Canning was a hobby of hers and she perfected that hobby. She won many blue ribbons for attractive exhibits of canned fruits and vegetable at both the county and state fairs. One year she was awarded a silver-plated loving cup for winning the most blue ribbons in her department.

Perhaps the most complimentary phase of her canning experiences came from the Kerr Fruit Jar Company which requested she can some fruits to be used by the company for display purposes. This she did and with pride.

In 1933 some of her canned fruits were exhibited at the World's Fair in Chicago. Ribbons were not awarded, but she received a Certificate of Excellence.

Mother left a legacy — not of material wealth but of intangibles — quiet patience, kindness, pleasant disposition, unselfishness, boundless energy and Christian fortitude.

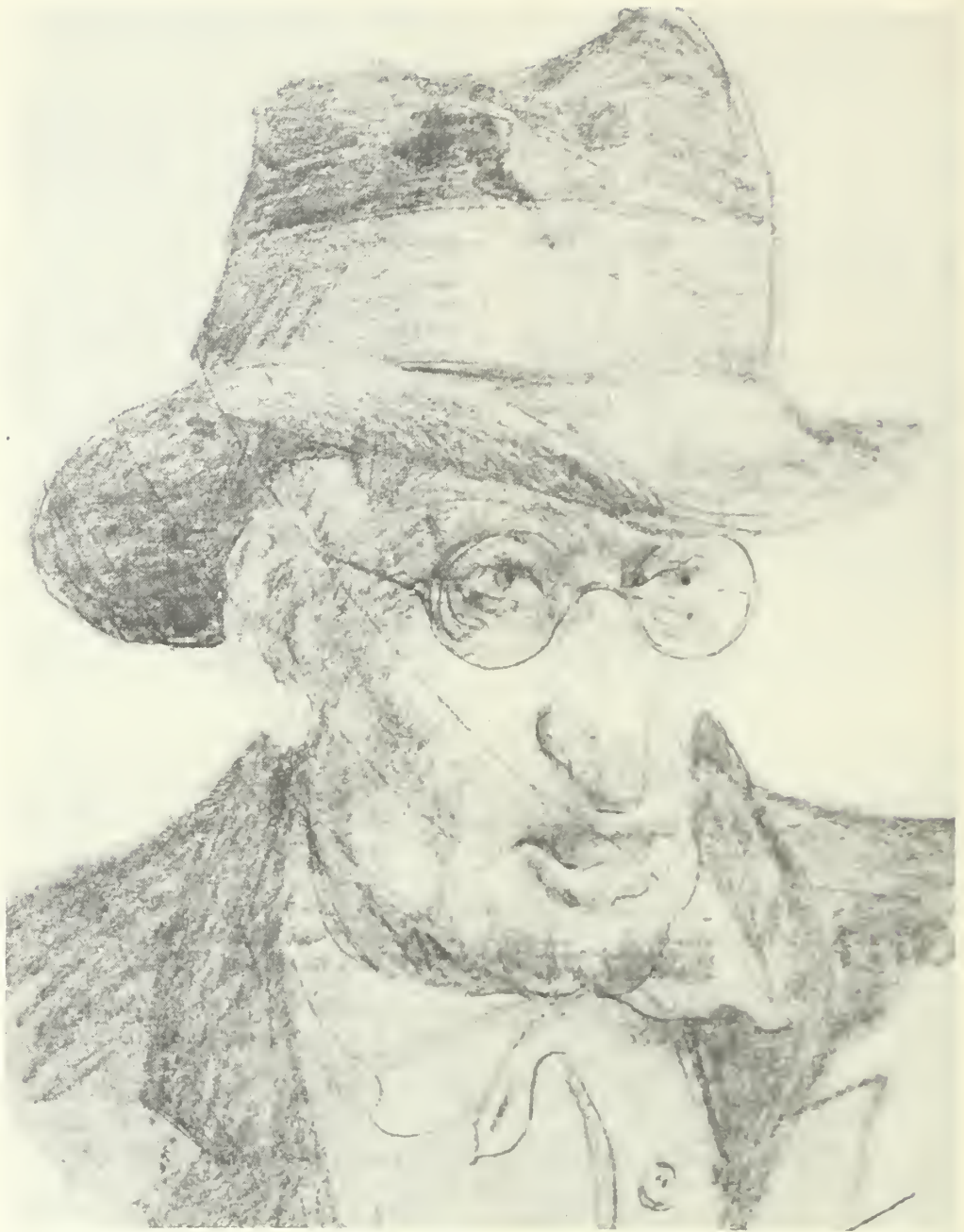
Her friends and neighbors summed up her services very fittingly by saying:

"She was a Christian and hard working home builder who made valuable contributions during her ninety-one years". Martin Harmon, Editor of the Kings Mountain *Herald*.

"Mrs. Falls was one of the sweetest persons I have ever known. Her characteristics are found throughout the Bible. She was a great inspiration to me and encouraged me more than any other person in the Patterson Grove Church. Her words of encouragement are invaluable to me". Rev. J.J. Thornburg, Pastor.

"I don't know anyone who lived a fuller life and contributed more to the happiness of others than she did. I think the congeniality of her family was due to her influence". James Patterson, Nephew.

"Only words of kindness are spoken about



Joseph Anderson Falls, 1862-1947.



Home of Joseph Anderson Falls, built around 1910.



Sarah Elizabeth Patterson Falls

the silver-haired Mrs. Falls whose work has been her pleasure, whose unselfishness has been her gain and whose disposition has won her a wealth of friends". Mrs. Rush Hamrick, Reporter for the *Cleveland Times*.

"Mrs. Falls cultivated the principal art of life — that of growing old successfully, creatively and happily. She has always been interested in something outside herself — some interest, some cause, some affection. Those who knew her well realize the secret of her art. She has cultivated through the years an 'understanding heart' and an interest in others and their needs. You never see her when she is not pleasant. Her smile is contagious and her laugh is a real index to her character". Miss La Una Brashears, Home Demonstration Agent.

"Mrs. Falls was a dedicated Christian, a devoted mother and a wonderful neighbor who has been an inspiration to her church and community. It can truly be said of her, 'She hath done what she could'. Her life should be an inspiration and pattern for this generation". Mrs. R.F. Elam, neighbor for more than fifty years.

Sources: *Bible*, church minutes, newspapers, letters and personal knowledge

— L. Janet Falls

RUTH AUDREY BROWN FARGASON

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Ruth Audrey Brown, daughter of William Thomas Brown and Fannie Jane Casey was born July 15, 1915 in Tuccapaw, South Carolina. She married in 1939, Wade Harper Fargason of Atlanta, Georgia, son of William Fargason and Mattie Harper (a descendent of Wade Hampton).

Ruth attended Shelby schools, sang in the choir and taught Sunday School at Shelby Second Baptist Church. She was the community hair stylist, boiling flax seed to make the setting lotion. She completed her education at

Oglethorpe University (1954), Henry University, and taught school at South Mountain Institute, Nebo, North Carolina and in Georgia until her death August 4, 1959. She and Wade are buried in Mellwood Cemetery, Clarkton, Georgia. Wade died May 9, 1974.

Ruth and Wade's children are:

Josephine Annette born June 19, 1940 in Chattanooga, Tennessee; married Ronnie Sealey and they have three children. Wade Harper Fargason, Jr. born April 19, 1944, Cheverly, Maryland; married March 1, 1975 Virginia Mae Beasley; son Jason Wade born May 29, 1977.

— Mrs. John S. Blanton Jr.

EDWARD FLOYD FARRIS FAMILY

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Edward Floyd Farris was born Jan. 9, 1903 at Bethany in York County South Carolina. He was the third child of Sylvanis Hampton and Mary Foster Farris. At the age of three years his parents moved to Cleveland County. Several years later they moved to Gaston County where he attended and was graduated from Tryon High School in March of 1923. Floyd attended Kings College where he graduated in business and accounting. After graduating from Kings College he was employed by the Bell Telephone System in Gastonia as collection supervisor. He worked in that capacity until 1928, at which time he was transferred to Charlotte, N.C. as cashier of the company there. In 1930 he returned to Gastonia where he took the position of Office Manager of the Bell System.

On December 30th, 1935 Floyd was married to Athleen Brown Whisnant whom he met while she was teaching in the public schools of Gastonia, N.C. Floyd and Athleen have one daughter, Mary Camille, who was born in Gastonia, N.C. on April 24, 1946. She graduated from Shelby, N.C. high school and was later graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, N.C. While in school she spent one year, her junior year, at Heidelberg University in Germany. After finishing school she taught German at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, N.C. On April 4, 1970 Camille was married to William Allen Suttle of Greensboro, N.C. They have three boys, William Allen, Samuel Brown, and Allen Edward.

Floyd was transferred on September 1, 1952 to Shelby, N.C. as Southern Bell Telephone Co.'s group manager for Cleveland County, a position he held until his retirement on July 1, 1967. Lifestyle for Floyd and Athleen changed considerably after his retirement from Southern Bell and her retirement from teaching fifth grade at Marion School. For the first few years they visited forty-six of the fifty states, four continents, Mexico, and Canada. Other hobbies for each of them has been reading and gardening.

Floyd was active in civic affairs such as Chamber of Commerce work, having served as president in 1962. He was later made an honorary lifetime member of that body.

He served on the board of directors of the United Way for twenty-six years and on the

state board for three years. He was the Executive director for five years. Upon retiring as director on April 30th, 1975, he was made an honorary lifetime member of the board. Floyd served as a member of the board of directors of the Children's Homes of North Carolina for a term of three years.

During his sixteen years as a Rotarian he served as bulletin editor for several terms and was on the board of directors for eight years. Floyd served on the board of directors of the T.B. Association for eight years. He was president of the Telephone Pioneers of America for two one year terms.

He also served for two years as president of the Alumni Association of Tryon High School. At present he is serving as publicity director of the American Association of Retired Persons for Cleveland County.

Floyd was county chairman of the Cerebral Palsy drive for one year.

Athleen (Mrs. Farris) during WWII permitted a watch tower to be built on their property. She contacted and arranged for volunteers to man this station 24 hours a day, reporting any planes in flying in the area to headquarters in Charlotte. She also worked with Mrs. Kay Dixon in collecting information on each person in Service to compile an "honor roll" book covering Gaston County. Floyd maintained a record of all aliens in the county, reporting this information to the Charlotte FBI once a week as to their movements. Telephone calls were monitored by Floyd and any unusual occurrences were reported to the FBI.

Some of his church activities consist of: The board of deacons at the First Baptist Church for many years and serving as chairman in 1962; secretary of this board for two years; a Sunday school teacher in the intermediate department of First church in Gastonia for eight years; serving for four years as a trustee of the Baptist Homes for the Aging at Winston-Salem, N.C. Albemarle, N.C. Hamilton, N.C. and Yanceyville, N.C.

Athleen Whisnant Farris was born in York County. She was the eighth child of a family of nine children. After graduating from Belmont High School and the University at Greensboro, N.C., she did graduate work at Peabody Teacher's College at Nashville, Tenn. and Appalachian State College at Boone, N.C. She taught in the Gastonia, N.C. City Schools and in Shelby City Schools for many years.

Athleen was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia until after her marriage at which time she became an active member of the Baptist Church. She was a member of the North Carolina Poetry Society, American Association of University Women, Ex Libris Book Club, Shelby Garden Club, Long Range Planning Committee of Cleveland County, Chairman of the March of Dimes for Gaston County. She was a member of the Retired Teachers Association, American Association of Retired Persons, and Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution. She was Regent of this group for two years.

— Floyd Farris



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In 1949 *The Cleveland Times* published an article: "Neglected Graveyard at City Park Holds Remains of William Forbis." Many questions arose about the Forbes family. Further research has clarified some of the unanswered questions.

On January 19, 1820 Joseph Forbes and John Forbes bought two tracts of land from John Patterson of Rutherford County. One tract had 260 acres and the other tract had 220 acres. Each parcel cost \$1,000.00. This Joseph Forbes was the father and John Forbes was his son, both from York District, South Carolina.

Joseph Forbes married Mary Spence, daughter of John and Elizabeth Spence also of York District, South Carolina. Four children were born to this union: John S. (b. -d. ca 1842); William (b. ca 1799-d. 1851); Mary and Elizabeth.

Joseph in his will left the plantation where he lived in North Carolina to his son William, except 100 acres to be divided between his daughters Elizabeth and Mary. The daughters were also to have possession of the house as long as they remained single. No further data on the daughters is known. Joseph left a note dated January 14, 1822 for \$59.00 to his son John against himself and a cross-cut saw. This would indicate that Joseph may have given his son John the parcel of land purchased in 1820 or made a loan of funds for its purchase. It is quite obvious that John S. owned one of the tracts mentioned here as the reference point of original deed "beginning at a white oak Wilson's corner" is also contained in later deeds of interest in lands of John S. Forbes, deceased.

Just when the son William got full possession of the plantation is unknown. William was married before 1839 to Margaret Ann Wilson, daughter of John and Jane (Jenet) Wilson. Their son Joseph T. was listed as age 11 in the 1850 U.S. Census. A daughter Margaret Ann was born January 3, 1841, the same day her mother Margaret Ann Wilson Forbes died. The baby Margaret Ann was reared by her grandparents John and Jane Wilson.

It appears William married a second time between January 3, 1841 and June 18, 1841 to Elizabeth (Jane E.) as given in the Register of Deeds, Cleveland Courthouse by William and Elizabeth Forbes for forty acres deeded to the town for founding of a county seat in Cleveland County.

It seems John Wilson's wife was a Walker and some members of the Walker, Wilson and Forbes families are buried in the Wilson cemetery.

John S. Forbes, according to a Bible record, had several children: Mary N. (b. 1811); Eleanor A.L. (b. 1813); Margaret P.M. (b. 1815); Joseph D. (b. 1818); Salaannes (Sarah) (b. 1820); Dorcas Dulceana (b. 1822); and William (b. 1824). John's will dated September 5, 1842 mentions Ellender (Eleanor) who married Joseph B. McKinney; Sarah who married Daniel McKinney and a daughter Nuri-sissy. He mentions his two sons Joseph D.

and William and also his son-in-law William B. McEntire. His son William died November 17, 1843. His two daughters, Sarah and Ellender, were single when the will was written. No mention is made of the other children.

This writer descended from Joseph Forbes (b. 1755-d. 1833) and Mary Spence Forbes (b. 1765-d. 1829), through their son John S. Forbes. John's daughter Sarah married Daniel McKinney. They had one daughter Narcisa Jane (b. 1846-d. 1902), who married Francis Newman Gardner in 1870 and they are my grandparents. Francis Newman and Narcisa Jane Gardner had two sons: William Hoyle (b. 1875-d. 1941); James Monroe (b. 1877-d. 1944) married Ollie Hester Hamrick (b. 1880-d. 1963), daughter of Enoch Avery Hamrick and Susan L. Owens Hamrick. James M. and wife Ollie had four children: Virgil Guy (b. 1897-d. 1921); Hattie Ozelle (b. 1900-d. 1964); Marvin Ralph (b. 1906-d. 1968); Mattie Lee (b. 1908-).

Joseph Forbes was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1755 and moved to York District, South Carolina before the Revolutionary War. He was drafted into the South Carolina Militia for three months in the fall of 1778. He continued to serve as a draftee or a volunteer in three-month intervals until his final discharge in March of 1781.

He was in the battle of Sumter's defeat in South Carolina in August of 1780. He served in activities in Guilford, Hillsboro, and New Bern, North Carolina and in Henry County, Virginia.

Joseph Forbes lived in York District, South Carolina until 1820 when he bought land from John Patterson in Rutherford County, North Carolina in that portion which became Cleveland County in 1841. He lived on his plantation in North Carolina until his death on November 22, 1833.

Sources: U.S. Census of Rutherford County North Carolina 1790-1840; U.S. Census of Cleveland County North Carolina 1850-1900; U.S. Archives — Pension record of Joseph Forbes; N.C. Archives — wills of Joseph and John S. Forbes — Grace Turner, Researcher; N.C. Archives, deed and some estate papers of Daniel McKinney, Grace Turner, Researcher; N.C. Archives, petitions, guardian papers of Wilson and Forbes — from Elizabeth H. Magness, McKinney, Texas — Grace Turner, Researcher; Miscellaneous McKinney, Forbes and related families from research of Mildred McKinney Gee, Researcher; Cleveland County Historical Association Cemetery Index; Cleveland Times 1949 article; Bible record from Bible of Fannie A. McKinney, researched by William R. McKinney, Littleton, Colorado; Register of Deeds, York, South Carolina, will of John Spence — J.E. Hart, Jr. Researcher; Family Bible and personal knowledge of this writer

— Mattie Lee Gardner Forbes

ORVILLE EMBERRY FORD

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Orville Emberry Ford was born in 1857 to Andrew and Mary Kiser Ford at the Andrew Ford homestead near Lawndale in #9 Township, Cleveland County. He was the third of thirteen children.

As a young man, he worked on his father's farm and taught school in Belwood until he came to Shelby in 1888 to enter the fertilizer business. Later he was associated with Orlando Elam, a nephew, in the furniture business, until 1896. He continued to sell fertilizer and run a wholesale grocery store near the Seaboard Depot, along with H.S. Nix and Augus-

tus Beam as partners.

After this business was sold, he began operating one of the largest stores for farmers in this area, erecting in 1915 the brick building and warehouses that are still identified as the O.E. Ford Company. Earl Honeycutt, his wife's brother, assisted him. They sold buggies, wagons, power and lighting plants for farms, kerosene engines, fertilizer, guano and tankage. For thirteen years after 1905, he was the owner of Gantt Harness Company in Belwood. This firm tanned and manufactured leather goods which were sold all over the state. O.E. Ford Company bought the Gantt Harness Company in 1918, at which time Mr. Ford's foster son, Thad C. Ford, joined the O.E. Ford Company.

O.E. Ford was a member of the Shelby School Board, Chairman of the County Commissioners, alderman from his ward, and a director of the First National Bank from 1903 until his death. He was a steward of the Methodist Church in Shelby, chairman of the Trustees of the church for many years, and he was a director of the Shelby Insurance and Realty Company.

In temperament, he was kind, generous and full of good humor. He took great pride in the progress made in Cleveland County during his service as county commissioner. When courting his third wife, he would drive her all over the county in a buggy to point out various bridges and improvements which had been made.

Family memories include stories of his going down to the store after supper on a cold winter night to open up the coal bin behind the building, in case someone less fortunate came by looking for coal. Horseback riding was his hobby, and he kept and rode horses most of his life.

He was married three times: first, to Maggie McMurry; second in 1890 to Sallie Jones (1857-1910), and third, in 1914, to Gertrude Honeycutt (1888-1949), who had come to Shelby to teach the fifth grade. He had a daughter by each of these marriages: Mary Ola (1886-1931), Georgia Sue (1891-1891), and Ellen Montgomery (1918-). Sometime during the last five years of the last century, he brought Thad and Hazel Crocker, orphaned brother and sister, from Barium Springs Orphanage, to live in his home. Later they both took the Ford name.

He died August 5, 1922, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Sources: Family Bible; Oct. 1916 *Star*.

— Ellen Montgomery Ford

THAD CROCKER FORD

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Thad Crocker Ford (September 10, 1889-October 9, 1948) was born Thaddeus Hendricks Crocker in Johnston County, North Carolina, one of five children of John and Elizabeth Clark Crocker. When the children were quite small, the father died and the family moved to Greensboro, where the mother soon died. The children were sent to the Presbyterian Orphanage at Barium Springs.



O.E. Ford, 1857-1918.

Thad was born with a club foot, and the officials at Barium Springs decided to see if something could be done to correct the deformity. At that time Johns-Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore was the only place where this surgery was done. The matron at the orphanage dressed Thad in his best clothes. He was about eight years old and his clothes came in a barrel sent to the orphanage by concerned Presbyterians. The matron pinned a tag on him and put him on a train to Baltimore in the care of the conductor.

The doctors decided to operate on the foot and Thad stayed in the hospital for about six weeks recovering from the surgery and becoming the pet of the hospital. He returned to the orphanage on crutches, to become the center of attention there. He often spoke of a matron named Miss Celeste Boyd who massaged his foot at night when the pain was worst.

Thad had a limp the rest of his life, but he was always grateful to the people at the orphanage and at the hospital who cared enough to help a small orphan boy.

Thad's brother, Milton, came to Shelby to

the home of Dr. R.C. Ellis, who was interested in helping the children from this orphanage, and had them for week-end visits. Thad came with him at times. O.E. Ford, a Shelby merchant, met Thad, and took a great interest in him. He eventually brought Thad to live with him permanently, along with Thad's sister, Hazel. Both children took the Ford name, though they were never adopted legally.

O.E. Ford operated a store in the same location as the present O.E. Ford Company. Thad ran the Gantt Harness Company in Belwood, in which Mr. Ford had an interest.

Thad married Tommie Brooks Baber, an English teacher from Cherryville, on June 9, 1915, at Central Methodist Church in Shelby. They lived in Belwood, where Thad continued to run Gantt Harness Company and was also the postmaster. In 1918, he joined O.E. Ford Company in Shelby. He and O.E. Ford's brother-in-law, Earl Honeycutt, continued to run the business after Mr. Ford's death.

Thad was vitally interested in his adopted city. He was a City Alderman and a member of the School Board for many years. He was an ardent supporter of public education.

During the Depression when the banks closed, he was a trustee at the First National Bank in the re-organization process. For many years he was a director of the Shelby Savings and Loan Association. He was a member of the Shelby Kiwanis Club.

Central Methodist Church was dear to his heart. He and his wife were always present when the doors opened. He served the church in countless capacities locally, on the district, and at the conference level. He was a trustee of Davenport College, a Methodist junior college for women at Lenoir.

His days were long and full. He always arose at four in the morning and did a day's work before other people at the business arrived. He always had time for his family, and he never turned away anyone in trouble. In spite of adversities which could have defeated him, he never lost his sense of humor or his zest for living, and he never forgot to smile.

Though he died at an early age, he left a lasting mark on a community he loved. He is remembered by those who knew him as a kind man, devoted to his family and the Methodist Church, a hard working and successful business man who believed in free enterprise, a humble and generous man who was thoughtful of others, an advocate and leader in public education, and a man who was possessed with an inner glow, even in the face of personal tragedy.

The Ford children are Margaret Toms married to Harold Lee Bettis, and Edwin Clark Ford married to Esther Ann Quinn.

— Mrs. Harold Bettis

CHARLES DANIEL FORNEY, SR.

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The youngest son of Daniel J. Forney, Charles Daniel Forney, was born May 12, 1882. He attended school in Burke County and at old Piedmont in Cleveland County. He lived for this time with his sister, Mamie Forney Elam at Cleveland Mills. Later he attended Davidson College.

Members of his family were Presbyterian and attended Quaker Meadows Church in Burke County.

During his stay in Cleveland County he met his bride-to-be, Frances Schenck Ramsaur. She was born March 5, 1883 to Thomas Johnson Ramsaur and Minnie Schenck. Her mother was the daughter of Major H.F. Schenck and Leucetia Lattimore. On May 16, 1906 Charles and Frances were married.

After college, C.D. Forney owned and operated Forney and Company on West Union Street in Morganton. He became a member and elder in the Morganton Presbyterian Church.

In 1913 they moved to Lawndale, Cleveland County, after the birth of three sons: Charles Daniel Forney, Jr., Thomas Jacob Forney, and Robert Ramsaur Forney. Mr. Forney was connected with Cleveland Mill and Power Company (later Cleveland Mills Company). After moving to Lawndale two daughters were born: Mamie Lou Forney and Minnie Anna Forney.

C.D. Forney, Sr. later became Secretary and member of the Board of Directors of Cleveland Mills Company. He was active in all the affairs of the community. He and his wife joined the Lawndale Baptist Church. He was active in establishing a Boy Scout troupe in Lawndale and served on the local Scout Committee.

Charles Forney, Sr. served for 28 years on the Cleveland County Board of Education. He was extremely interested in the education of the children of Cleveland County.

Charles Daniel Forney, Jr. was graduated from North Carolina State University. For over 48 years he was associated with Cleveland Mills Company in Lawndale as textile supervisor, then secretary, and later as vice-president. He is now retired.

He is on the Executive and Advisory Board of the Boy Scouts and received the Silver Beaver award in 1964. He served 17 years on the Cleveland County Board of Education. He is active in community services.

Charles, Jr. married Frances Elizabeth Walker, October 15, 1938. They have three children. Charles Daniel Forney III married Betty Jo White of Burlington and they have three children: Jason Daniel, Elizabeth Jo, and Anna White. They reside in Greensboro.

The second child of Charles, Jr. and Frances W. is Michael Walker Forney who married Sharon Goodyear of Canada. They live in Shelby. Michael is Director of Quality Control at Cleveland Mills Company in Lawndale and Sharon is a teacher at Shelby High School. They have two children, Meagan Ryan and Shannon Elizabeth.

The third child of Charles, Jr. is Frances Carol Forney. She is married to George Murray Temple of Virginia. They have three children: George Murray Temple, Jr., Charles Benjamin Temple, and Robert Forney Temple. They live in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

The second son of Charles, Sr. is Thomas Jacob Forney, a graduate of The University of North Carolina. He has been connected with Cleveland Mills Company for 46 years and is now Chemical Engineer. He has been active in Boy Scout Committee work for many years. He was a charter member of the Lawndale Lions Club and active in community and church work. His wife is a teacher.

Thomas married Martha Lane Forlines of Durham March 26, 1949 and they now reside in Shelby. They have two children. Alice Ruth is married to Robert Alan Connolly of Mount Airy where they live. They have one child Julie Anne. The other child of Thomas is Thomas Jacob Forney, Jr. who lives with his parents in Shelby.

The third son, Robert Ramsaur Forney, graduated from Wake Forest University and since has served several terms on its Board of Trustees. He was associated with Lily Mills Company, later Belding Lily, for over 40 years. He served as President and Chairman of the Board before retiring at the end of 1977. He married Jessie Irvin of Cleveland County October 16, 1948 and they reside in Shelby. He is active in church, civic, and community affairs.

Mamie Lou Forney graduated from Meredith College and was a teacher at Shelby High School before her retirement in 1973 after 36

years of teaching. She married Burwell Thompson Bridges February 19, 1950 and they live in Shelby.

Minnie Anna Forney received her undergraduate degree at Meredith College, and her Medical Technology degree at Duke University. After being in charge of the Blood Chemistry Laboratory at Duke Hospital, she became a teacher. She received her Masters Degree from the University of North Carolina. She retired from teaching at Shelby High School in 1981. She lives in Lawndale and is active in the church and community.

Charles D. Forney, Sr. died July 11, 1952 and Mrs. Forney on June 21, 1973. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby.

Sources: Family Records

— Minnie Anna Forney

JACOB FORNEY, SR.

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The ancestry of the present Forney family of Cleveland County dates back to France. Jacob Forney was born in 1721 in Alsace (then Germany). His father had fled from France after the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685 preferring to leave his native land rather than renounce his religious belief as a French Huguenot.

There are many spellings of the name recorded. Jacob's father was from the Huguenot family of Pierre Chevalier de Ferney, Ain Province, France. Jacob's father changed his name to Forney in Alsace.

When Jacob was four years old his father died. At the age of 14 he left Alsace and went to Amsterdam. In 1735 he sailed to America and settled in Pennsylvania. He remained there and was employed until he became a mature man. He returned to Germany to obtain a small legacy.

He returned to America and aboard the ship were many Swiss emigrants. Among those was an attractive girl, Mariah Bergner, from Bern. Soon after arriving in Pennsylvania Jacob and Mariah were married. A few years after their wedding, they left Pennsylvania and moved to North Carolina about 1754. They settled in Tryon County which is now Lincoln County.

When the Revolutionary War was declared Jacob was too old to enlist, but his three sons became officers in the fight for freedom. The oldest, Jacob, Jr. was a Major, Peter became a General, and Abram a Major.

Cornwallis marched his troops through Lincoln County in 1781 and took over Jacob's home and land for three days. He depleted the Forney farm of cattle, hogs, and other livestock. His Lordship had been informed that Forney had money hidden on the plantation. The British made a complete search and found Forney's gold, silver, and jewelry buried on the place. Much of this wealth had been brought from Alsace.

Cornwallis had occupied the upper story of the home, but he had allowed the Forneys to occupy the basement. As soon as Jacob heard that the British had found his valuables, he seized his gun and rushed up the stairs to kill Cornwallis. His wife prevented tragic consequen-

ces from occurring by stopping Jacob.

Jacob's son Peter married Nancy Abernathy. The youngest son married Rachel Gabriel. The four daughters and their husbands were as follows: Catherine married Abram Earnhardt, Elizabeth married John Young, Christina married David Abernathy, and Susan married John D. Abernathy.

The Cleveland County Forneys descended from the oldest son, Jacob, Jr.

Jacob, Sr. died in 1806 and his wife survived for several years. Both were members of the Lutheran Church and are buried in the "Old Dutch Meeting House" graveyard near Macpehlah Church.

Jacob, Jr. was born November 6, 1754 and married Mary Corpening of Burke County. They moved to a valuable tract of land in Burke County purchased earlier by Jacob Forney, Sr. The move occurred soon after the Revolutionary War ended. This property was located on Upper Creek, five miles northwest of Morganton. He and his wife settled here and reared a large family at the home called Cedar Grove. Jacob, Jr. died in 1840 at the age of 86 and is buried in the family cemetery located on the land.

The eleven children of Jacob, Jr. and Mary Forney were: Elizabeth, died young; Thomas J. Forney married S.C. Harris of Montgomery County; Isaac Newton Forney married M.L. Corpening of Burke County; Marcus L. Forney married S. Connelly of Burke County, Albert G. Forney married Eglantine Logan of Rutherford County; Fatima E. Forney married H. Alexander Tate of Burke County; Peter Bergner Forney married H.S. Connelly of Caldwell County; James Harvey Forney married Emily Logan of Rutherford County; Daniel J. Forney married Sally Ramsaur of Lincoln County; Mary L. Forney married W.P. Reinhardt of Catawba County; Catherine S. Forney married A.T. Bost of Catawba County.

The Cleveland County descendants are from Daniel J. Forney and Sally Ramsaur. Their oldest child was Mamie Sue Forney, born 1861, married Thompson Peeler who died in 1888 and then Carme Elam of Cleveland County in 1891. After her marriage to Mr. Elam they resided in Cleveland County. The second child was Anna Marie born in 1863 who first was married to Richard Corpening and after his death to George Shuford Ramsaur. Their daughter, Mary Ramsaur, married Walter Lee of Cleveland County and they had three children Carme Lee, Sarah Lee Spangler, and Julia Lee O'Reilly. The first two reside in Shelby.

The other children of Daniel were: Willie Forney, Pinkney Forney married Mattie Whitener, Robert Forney married Emmie Perkins, Walter Forney, Henry Forney and Julia Forney married M.M. Bost. Daniel's youngest child was Charles Daniel Forney born in 1882.

Daniel died June 5, 1887 and Sally in 1908. Both are buried in the family cemetery in Burke County.

Sources: Wheeler's, *Historical Sketches*; Crawford, Lee Forney, *Forney Forever*; Personal records of the Forney Family

— Minnie Anna Forney



MARVIN FORTENBERRY'S FAMILY

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On September 15, 1903, Marvin Arthur Fortenberry was born to William Clayton and Amanda Eaker Fortenberry near Casar, North Carolina. He was the sixth child of eight children. His parents were farmers and his father also worked at a sawmill. William Clayton loved to sing and Marvin inherited his father's bass voice and also enjoyed singing.

At an early age, Marvin started working for a Power Line Company. On December 23, 1923, he married Minnie Pearl Wallace who was born in Cleveland County on March 20, 1905, to David Lee and Dora Belle Turner Wallace. She was the fifth child of nine children. Her parents were farmers also, and her father, David Lee Wallace, donated the land and built Wallace Grove Baptist Church.

On December 17, 1924, a daughter, Mildred, was born to Marvin and Pearl Fortenberry. She graduated from Pfeiffer Jr. College, married William Parham Beam and they live on New Prospect Church Road. They have one son, William Parham Beam, Jr. who is married to Susan Spangler.

After Mildred's birth, Marvin moved his family to Hickory to work with a Power Company there. Later, he became a foreman and he had his crew built lines in various parts of the Carolinas and Virginia.

On February 9, 1927, a son, William Victor (Bill), was born. He is married to Irene Allen and they have two children, a daughter Ellen and a son, Billy. They live at 1414 Lackey Street, Shelby, N.C. Bill served in the Navy in the South Pacific during World War II for approximately two years. He graduated from National Business College.

On October 10, 1928, a daughter Dorothy was born. She attended Gardner-Webb Jr. College and is married to Charles D. Robertson. They have a daughter, Carol, and live at 800 Lowery Street, Shelby, N.C.

On July 18, 1930, another daughter, Josephine (JO), was born. She took nursing at Cleveland Memorial Hospital and is a Registered Nurse. She is married to Gene Montpetit and they have three daughters, Gina who is married to Robbie Crews, Denise and Delores. Jo and Gene, also, have a grandson, Christopher Crews. They live in Lake City, Florida.

After Jo's birth, Marvin moved his family back to Cleveland County and a daughter, Frances, was born December 2, 1932. Frances graduated from Pfeiffer Jr. College. She married Hubert Lindsey and they have two children — a boy, Bert, and a daughter, Beth. Their home is in Morganton, N.C.

On June 23, 1938, a son, Marvin Arthur Fortenberry, Jr., was born. He went to Gardner Webb a short time before entering the Army. He was stationed in Iceland. He is married to Martha Laughlin and they have a daughter, Cindy, who is married to Allen Hoyle. They live in Fallston. M.A., Jr. went to Cleveland Tech and majored in Industrial Management.

Another son, Wallace Lee Fortenberry, was born October 2, 1940. He graduated from Bre-

vard Jr. College and Western Carolina University. He is married to Judy Gore and they have three sons, Lee, Michael and Jeffrey and they live in Columbus, Georgia.

On Christmas Day, 1943, a daughter, Carolyn, was born. She graduated from Pfeiffer College and is married to Dennis Hagler. They are living in Jacksonville, Florida. Carolyn went to the University of Jacksonville and received her Masters Degree.

On February 12, 1957, at the age of 51, Pearl Wallace Fortenberry died with cancer. She is buried at Clover Hill Methodist Church where Marvin's parents and other members of his family are buried.

On January 30, 1960, Marvin married another fine lady, Josephine Beam, born to Marcus and Willie Beam on January 22, 1911. They are residing at 814 Zion Church Road and are active in the New Prospect Baptist Church and Senior Citizens.

— Mrs. Mildred F. Beam

FULTON-HERNDON-LEDFORD FAMILIES

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In October of 1856, my Great-great-grandmother Elizabeth Blalock Fulton (January 2, 1810 — April 12, 1885), widow of Daniel Asbury Fulton (August 5, 1804 — September 30, 1843), bought a tract of land along the old Yorkville Road in Cleveland County, midway between Shelby and Kings Mountain, from James M. Weir.

She and her children, Lucy Ann, Eleaiah Pratt, James Preston, Horatio Dekalb, Jeremiah, Mary Rachael, and Stacy Amanda, moved from South Carolina into a log cabin. The cabin burned in the 1930's. She lived there until all her children were married.

She remarried October, 1859, to Thomas Porter McGill, Sr. Incidentally, her new groom was the father-in-law of her daughter, Stacy Amanda. She had sold most of the land to my great grandfather H.D. Fulton (October 31, 1837 — December 28, 1907), in 1858.

Great Grandfather had married Sarah Beatty Dickson (November 25, 1839 — February, 1913) October 2, 1856. Sarah was a great granddaughter of Preston Goforth, Sr. who was killed at the Battle of Kings Mountain.

My great grandparents and their children lived on the farm. Their children Alice, Rachael Ann, Angeline Pratt, Mary Amanda, Charlie Lee, and H. Thomas. They later moved to Kings Mountain where they lived on West Mountain Street.

In 1916, after their deaths, when the estate was settled, my grandfather Walter Anthony Herndon (October 5, 1855 — January 25, 1923) bought the tract of land. He had married on September 1, 1885, Angeline Pratt Fulton (December 13, 1869 — July 19, 1957). Their children were Floyd, Ava, Lizzie Lee, Mae, Theodore, Vela, Enola, Emmett, George, and Frank.

My grandfather gave part of the Fulton land he had purchased to his daughter Mae, who married Ralph Dover, and part to my father, Walter Theodore Herndon (June 16, 1895 —

December 13, 1959). My father married Minnie Eliza Randall (October 17, 1891 — September 23, 1968) September 20, 1916. Their children are May Sue, Flora, Deane, Betty, Charles, and David.

September 9, 1939, I (Flora Herndon, b. September 15, 1920) married William Theodore Ledford (b. September 2, 1919). We lived with his parents, Clarence Theodore and Eula Hayes Ledford, on a farm that was the old Hallman Plantation in the early 1800s.

Our son, Michael Theodore, was born in the old house on December 18, 1940. In the fall of 1941, we purchased from my Aunt Mae and Uncle Ralph Dover the former Fulton property. We moved into a house they had built in 1928. This house is located about three hundred feet from where the Fulton cabin stood. In July, 1943, our daughter, Margaret Ann, was born.

We farmed the land and raised chickens until 1953, at which time Ted started a feed route and then opened a business in Kings Mountain, January 1, 1954. August 18, 1963, our son, Michael Theodore, married Sue Jean Wright, daughter of Mildred Thornburg Wright and the late Hubert Wright. Since that time the business had grown and Kings Mountain Farm Center moved into a new building April, 1980. Less than a year later, Mike suffered a heart attack and died March 20, 1981.

We still operate the business and live on the farm which has been in the Fulton, Herndon, and Ledford families for 126 years.

— Flora Herndon Ledford

JOHN FRANKLIN GAFFNEY

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Several suppositions have been advanced for the reason a twenty-two year old Irish Catholic priest left his home and family, in Granard, County Longford, Ireland, to come to America. The SNOW PALACE sailed from Dublin, July 31st, 1797, and arrived in New York harbor, in October, three months later. New York was a city of 70,000 at that time.

Typhus, typhoid, and yellow fever had reached epidemic proportions, and was subsiding. However, Michael Gaffney was one of the later victims but recovered rapidly.

Political unrest may have been a factor that precipitated Michael's emigration, but, in truth, he had a much more deep-seated and personal reason for this journey. This is substantiated by letters he received from his mother, and from sisters. All appealed to him to refrain from "saying such things about Father So & So. He is a good man, Michael." Besides these letters, a grandson, John Franklin Gaffney, affirmed this fact. Frank's father, Dr. Joseph Gustavous Gaffney, (son of Michael and Polly Gaffney, said the only comment Michael ever made was, "Just a difference of opinion." He was no longer a Catholic communicant. He was a graduate of Trinity College, Dublin, a Catholic school.

Three cold winters in New York were enough, and Michael booked passage on the sailing ship Marion, which sailed January 22, 1800 for Charleston, S.C. After a stormy twelve days at sea, they arrived, in what was then the busiest port in the South. In his jour-

nal he says the six men of board, passed the time pleasantly enough, "singing, laughing, joking, telling lies, drinking whiskey; in fact, doing everything but saying their prayers." No one ever accused Michael of being a teetotaler!

In a short time Michael became disenchanted with this swamp malaria-infested area, and its hot, humid climate. On December 11, 1800, he says he "departed without giving it one backward look."

Enroute to the northern part of South Carolina, Michael stopped at Smith's Ford, on Broad River, Union County. He remained there perhaps a year, still looking for the right place. While there he met and fell in love with Mary (POLLY) Smith, and they were married July 21, 1803, at her parents' home, Smith's Ford, S.C.

Michael established a business about eight miles from Smith's Ford. He built a substantial log cabin for his home, also, a log structure for his tavern and store. The roads by his tavern — five in all — were Indian trails. At this cross-roads Gaffney's Old Field became the shopping area for what is now the city of Gaffney. Gaffney was named in his honor as Michael had given all the land for a town.

It was to this log cabin Michael took his bride. The first Gaffney family was now begun in the United States. The Gaffneys were blessed with a family of three girls, and six boys. Nancy Reilly, Lucindia Reilly, and Melinda Reilly. They were given the name of Reilly (middle name) in honor of Michael's mother who was a Reilly before her marriage to William Gaffney. The boys were James Madison Smith, Joseph Gustavous, Henry Green, William Godolphin, Cornelius John, and Thomas Westhaven.

Michael Gaffney was born September 29, 1775, died September 6, 1854. Mary (Polly) Smith Gaffney, born July 1, 1783, died August 11, 1874. Both are buried in the Gaffney family Cemetery in Gaffney, South Carolina.

John Franklin (Frank) Gaffney, a grandson of Michael Gaffney, was the first Gaffney to come to Cleveland County, North Carolina. He moved his wife and children to Double Shoals, North Carolina about 1890. His wife Sarah Agnes (Sallie) Morgan Gaffney had a brother, Elias Morgan, (Frank's brother-in-law), who was operating a twine mill at Double Shoals. After Elias offered him stock in the mill they decided it was an encouraging prospect, and he joined the business.

Elias Morgan and his partner had purchased the mill from Mr. Albert Homesley. It was the oldest mill in Cleveland County. Ownership had changed hands frequently since its beginning and operation had been halted on a number of occasions. Elias was anxious to expand the business by adding a company store, for the convenience of the employees.

It took much courage, and persuasion for the Gaffneys to leave their beloved South Carolina home and settle in a little country town, such as Double Shoals. But, looking straight ahead, with honest confidence, Frank became an active partner in the Double Shoals Mill Company.

The expansion was completed, and the Company was running smoothly. The owners

made a good team and all went well. Success was smiling on the business.

Several years had passed when a younger member of the family of Elias began pressing to join the firm. This became a reality. This young, inexperienced acquisition was for launching forth into untried ideas and plans. Tensions arose, and difficulties increased. As the owners had agreed in the beginning, if, for any reason, a partner became dissatisfied, the others would purchase his interest. To resolve the dilemma, Frank offered to sell his considerable stock. This was purchased, as previously agreed, and the relationship was dissolved.

Since Shelby offered better schooling for the Gaffney children, Sallie and Frank decided to establish themselves there. The first order of business was to find a suitable home for their family. They moved to Shelby and rented an apartment in the large building, the College Inn; previously The Shelby Female College. The Gaffneys resided here until a small residence was found for sale. Two blocks from the County Courthouse a lot, owned by William P. Love and George Frick became available. It measured two hundred feet along West Warren Street and one hundred and thirty feet north to an existing alley, with a permanent alley on the east side, and one on the west. For this, Frank and Sallie Gaffney paid the handsome sum of \$400.00, January 1896. It was necessary to make many additions to accommodate ten people. After they occupied the house, two more girls were born. Sallie and Frank spent the remainder of their years at 214 West Warren St.

Frank invested in a number of pieces of property. One was a small farm on the southwest edge of Shelby; another was a place for manufacturing brick. These he operated for some years. In addition to these, he purchased several pieces of rental property, and attended to its up-keep.

As he grew older, it seemed that he developed a real big "sweet tooth." Much to the

delight of the two youngest daughters, they were the excited beneficiaries. There was always a bag of "sweetmeats" in his pocket, to share with them.

Only two members of this family survive at this time, Mrs. J.R. (Lucille) Thomas, formerly of Orangeburg, South Carolina, and Mrs. D.Z. (Elma) Newton, of Shelby. Those who are deceased are: Annie Leila m. Joseph Henry Carroll, Ethel Eugenia m. Bloomfield Horton Kendall, William Oland m. 1st Nettie Williams — 2nd Corinne Martin, Elias Gustavous m. Mattie Caldwell Johnston, Clyde Monroe m. Mary Montague Wright, and Lucy Marie d. age 6 yrs. Earl Franklin m. Elizabeth Livingston — living in 1981, Joseph Lawrence m. Ethel May Almond — living in 1981

October 23, 1933, John Franklin Gaffney passed away at his home, and his wife Sarah Agnes Morgan Gaffney, died March 22, 1945. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

— Lucille Gaffney Thomas

THE BENJAMIN TYRA GANTT FAMILY

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Benjamin Tyra Gantt was born August 4, 1876, and died June 16, 1960. He was the son of John Columbus Gantt and Eliza Adeline Gantt, (see Genealogy of Peter Gantt). He married Lou Vica Jane Lutz, born September 23, 1881 and died January 15, 1956. She was the daughter of John Franklin Lutz and Zora Octavia Weathers Lutz.

The children of Benjamin Tyra Gantt were: Marcus Simmons Gantt, born October 21, 1902. He married Maude Amelia Dixon (see Family of Marcus Simmons Gantt); John Tyra Gantt, born July 4, 1904. He married Maude Elaine Canipe, born December 11, 1905 (see Family of John Tyra Gantt); Robert Stacy Gantt, born October 1, 1905 and died July 7, 1974. He married Hallie Milton Grigg, born



Benjamin Tyra and Lou Lutz Gantt Family.



Benjamin Tyra Gantt children. L to R: John Tyra, Martha Simmons and Robert Stacy. Back row L to R: Benjamin and Lou Lutz Gantt.

March 7, 1903. She was the daughter of T.O. Grigg, D.D.S. and Margaret Wilhelms Grigg. Robert and Hallie had one daughter, Margaret Lou Gantt, born November 9, 1926. She married Donald Buchanan, a Baptist Minister, who was born May 20, 1925. Their children were: Margaret Ann Buchanan, born 1951; Donald Buchanan, a Missionary to Egypt; and Andy Buchanan, born about 1957.

Another child of Benjamin Tyra Gantt was Evans Weathers Gantt, born January 20, 1907 and died May 22, 1965. He married Thelma Spangler, born April 29, 1911 and died April 13, 1969. She was the daughter of Will Spangler and Essie Cline Spangler. Their children were: Patsy Lee Gantt, born October 9, 1935. She married Paul Richard Shull. Their children

were Victor Allen Shull, born April 9, 1955, Gary Douglas Shull, born September 30, 1966, Bradley Warren Shull, born May 15, 1965, and Andrew Evans Shull, born July 6, 1960.

Jack Evans Gantt was born April 27, 1937 and died May 22, 1958. He married Judy Howell. They had a daughter, Jackie Gantt, born October 4, 1958. Jack died while serving in the United States Air Force.

Jane Gantt was born June 4, 1938. She married N.F. Costner Jr., born March 9, 1937. Their child was Vickie Lynn Howell, born June 8, 1956. She married Cecil Cobb, born February 3, 1950.

James Wesley Gantt was born September 3, 1911 and died May 7, 1977. He married Vir-

ginia Frances Pierce, daughter of Dr. Pierce and Lula Wilson Pierce. They had one child, James Michael Gantt, born September 21, 1937. Michael married Hazel Elizabeth Edwards. Their children were Dawn Elizabeth Gantt, born October 3, 1959. Dawn is a Law School graduate and married Kenneth Rogers Benson; Jill Suzanne Gantt, born June 24, 1966.

James Wesley Gantt was an Educator. After his graduation from Brevard College, and Appalachian State University, he was Principal of Public schools for six years, August 1943 until June 1949. He was the Superintendent of Polk County Schools for ten years, 1949 until 1959. He was also with the North Carolina Employment Commission in Morganton, North Carolina for fifteen years and an Employment Counselor. James then retired in 1976. His wife Virginia, was a music teacher for twenty years, and a teacher of the mentally retarded children for seventeen years.

Ella Adeline Gantt, born July 24, 1916 was married to Thomas Hacket Fetzer, born June 7, 1916. He was the son of Thomas Johnson Fetzer and Pansy Blanton Fetzer, who was born October 16, 1890. Pansy was the daughter of William Hacket Blanton and Della Hamrick Blanton. Ella and Tom's children were: Charles Hacket Fetzer, born January 24, 1938. He married Ellen Kraus, who was born September 3, 1937. They had one child, Christopher Wolfe Fetzer, born August 27, 1978; Margaret Ann Fetzer, born November 27, 1939. She married Richard Pipes, born March 27, 1940. Their children were: William Thomas Pipes, born January 29, 1960, Margaret Elizabeth Pipes, born February 8, 1964 and Catherine Diane Pipes, born February 17, 1965; Thomas Hacket Fetzer Jr., born August 21, 1942 was married to Linda Phillips. Their child is Thomas Hacket Fetzer III, born January 4, 1970; Daniel Johnson Fetzer, born January 2, 1944, married Kathy Hinshaw, born August 24, 1953. Their child was Bradley Christopher Fetzer, born July 15, 1981.

Ben Tyra Gantt Jr., born September 12, 1920, married Lourene Walker, born April 9, 1921. Their children were: James Larry Gantt, born May 9, 1945, unmarried; Constance Hope Gantt, born March 3, 1950, married to Ronald Eugene Lail. Their children were Rachel Leah Lail, born March 1, 1971, James Matthews Lail, born March 2, 1975. Ben Tyra Gantt Jr. was a Sergeant during World War II in the United States Air Corps from 1946 until 1949. He received a B.S. Degree from the



The Homeplace of Benjamin Tyra Gantt, early 1800's.

Western Carolina Teachers College and a M.A. Degree from Duke University. He taught high school mathematics for three years and was principal of Polk County Schools for eighteen years. Ben entered the ministry in the United Methodist Church in 1970.

Annie May Gantt, born September 22, 1922, married A.R. McNeely. Their child, David McNeely was born May 23, 1942. He married Lynda Tucker, born March 24, 1945. Their children were: David Andrew McNeely, born November 13, 1963; James Phillip McNeely born April 7, 1967; and Margo Annette McNeely born June 19, 1969. Annie May Gantt McNeely later married Ben T. McAbee August 18, 1947. He died December 17, 1979. Children of this marriage are: Carolyn Ann McAbee, born August 18, 1948. She married Kenneth Rodney Hicks, born August 29, 1945. Their children are: Andy Scott Hicks born September 30, 1977; Allison Leigh Hicks born August 23, 1980; Lynda Jane McAbee, born August 13, 1950, was married to Vernon Donald Ross, born May 8, 1932; Mary Sue McAbee, born January 23, 1955, married Roger D. Fowler, born December 1945.

Ned Lutz Gantt, born November 30, 1924, was married to Mabel Huss, born December 11, 1923 and died April 24, 1952. Their child is Eric Gantt Greene, born December 28, 1949.

— John Tyra Gantt

THE JOHN TYRA GANTT FAMILY

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John Tyra Gantt was born July 4, 1904, son of Benjamin Tyra Gantt and Lou Vica Jane Lutz, daughter of John Franklin Lutz, (See family of Benjamin Tyra Gantt), who was married to Maude Elain Canipe, born December 11, 1905; daughter of Amos E. Canipe and Lenora Olivine Lindsey Canipe. They have nine children.

Audrey Hope Gantt, born January 29, 1925, married Clint Rayford McNeely, born April 2, 1925. Her children are James Kenneth McNeely, born October 24, 1944, married Brenda Webb; Judith Hope McNeely, born May 10, 1946, married Larry Causby; Milton Gantt McNeely, born August 29, 1948.

Carol Milton Gantt, born March 27, 1927, married William Homer Pheagin, Jr., born July 7, 1926. Carol is a talented musician. She is certified as an organ instructor. Her husband, Bill, is a United Methodist Minister. Their children are Robert Edward Pheagin, born November 29, 1945, served four years in the United States Air Force, married Betty Cash, born March 3, 1934; Joseph William Pheagin, born March 7, 1951, married Ila Peters; John Daniel Pheagin born September 7, 1952, married Cindy Spencer; Timothy Lindsey Pheagin, born July 7, 1956, married April Meadows. Tim is a Methodist minister.

John Benny Gantt was born June 16, 1929, married Betty Sue Callahan, born January 26, 1931. Benny is retired from the United States Air Force. He served from 1947 until 1968, then retiring with the rank Master Sergeant. His children are Cathy Maria Gantt, married Thomas Larry Robert. He served a term in the

United States Air Force; Wesley Tyra Gantt, born August 11, 1952, married Sandy James. Tyra served a term in the United States Air Force; Phillip Dean Gantt, born May 1, 1958. He also served a term in the United States Air Force.

Joann Elaine Gantt, born September 3, 1931, married Thomas Philbeck. Her children are Tommy Edwin Philbeck, born May 31, 1949. Tommy is serving in the United States Air Force. He married Ermind Maniaul; Elizabeth Marie Philbeck, born March 23rd, married John Ziegler; David Allen Philbeck, born October 30, 1952, married Martha Herbert; Dennis Dale Philbeck, a twin to David, born October 30, 1952, married Star Jolley.

Lowell Thomas Gantt, born June 9, 1933, married Barbara Lee Genoble, born August 12, 1936. Lowell retired as Tech Sergeant in the United States Air Force. He served from 1951 until 1971. His children are Sharon Gale Gantt, born January 3, 1956, married Wayne Connely; Dianne Gantt, born August 5, 1958, married Tommy Grigg; Jerry Gantt, born November 9, 1962; Lisa Gantt, born March 24, 1964, married Richard Lemons.

Hal Shuford Gantt, born June 15, 1937, married Lillian Peters, born 1947. Hal served four years in the United States Air Force and four years in the United States Navy. He has one child, John T. Gantt Jr., born December 26, 1966.

Rachel Adeline Gantt, born July 24, 1935, married Thomas Kilpatric, born March 3, 1933. Her children are Danny Michael Hutchins, born September 15, 1957; Kelly Sloane Kilpatric, born October 31, 1963; Jeanette Elizabeth Kilpatrick, born April 29, 1965; Karen Michelle Kilpatric, born December 20, 1969.

Charles Steven Gantt, born June 2, 1940, married Joann McNeely, born July 20, 1943. His children are Stephanie Denise Gantt, born May 2, 1967; and Susan Elizabeth Gantt, born March 23, 1970.

Johnny Scott Gantt, born April 21, 1944 and died March 17, 1979. He was married to Bar-

bara Jane Painter, born October 29, 1947. His children are Christi Gantt, born September 19, 1966; and Bradford Daniel Gantt, born April 9, 1970.

John Tyra Gantt in his early adult life was a cabinet maker and later a Methodist Minister in the Western North Carolina Conference. He retired from the ministry in June 1980. John's father, Benjamin Tyra Gantt was a faithful church man. He served several places in the Methodist Church. He taught Sunday School for many years and served on the Board of Stewards in Kadesh Methodist Church. He was a hard working man, farming in the season and doing carpenter work in the slack seasons. Our farm of one hundred acres was rough and rocky. We never accumulated very much outside of a living.

Our farm was somewhat isolated. I remember Louis Blanton, the community joker, telling my father that he thought he should draw a pension for living in a place like that. What we boys didn't have, we didn't miss. We had a lot of fun. We could always find a muscadine vine, an apple tree or a peach tree and even a honey locust tree. My brother Stacy and I were always dramatizing the farm animals; Tex the mare, Carb the cow, and Bruce the bulldog. In fantasy, we would get them in trying situations. We had our dreams and air castles. We had a chicken rooster to die and we could see no reason why we couldn't cut his wings off and fly with them. We were a bit apprehensive about whether or not it worked, so we persuaded our smaller brother to take the first flight. We told him not to be gone long because we wanted our turn to fly. We took him to an apple tree that stood in a soft plowed ground. He mounted the tree top and spread his wings and when he hit the ground and looked around and saw my brothers and I laughing — that little boy came out with an oath only a seasoned sailor could match. Those were the good times!

Sources: Cemeteries; Hoyle Book; Family.

— John Tyra Gantt



John Tyra and Maude Gantt with their children on 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1973

THE MELVIN PUCKETT GANTT FAMILY

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Melvin Puckett Gantt was born October 15, 1845 and died September 25, 1904. He was the son of Tyra Gantt born July 19, 1805 and Rhoda Hoyle Gantt born in 1812. Tyra Gantt came with his brother Henry Gantt II to Cleveland County from Catawba County about 1825. He lived in the Belwood community. Rhoda Hoyle Gantt later died April 14, 1891. Melvin married Lizzie Weber who died in 1887. He married again to Georgiana Jones, born January 27, 1850 and died February 10, 1925.

Melvins' children by Lizzie Weber were Abel Truman Gantt born January 1869. Abel married Brice Hill. They had an adopted daughter, Katherine, born 1915; Clarence Wellington Gantt was born March 21, 1870 and died October 9, 1898. He married Terissa Julia Ann Hoyle born April 11, 1871 and died March 4, 1901. Their children were Dorman Gantt born July 24, 1893; Clara Terissa Gantt born March 21, 1895. Clara married Buford Spurlin, who was born September 2, 1886; Mary Elizabeth Gantt, born November 12, 1896. Mary married George Martin, born August 10, 1895.

Another child born to Melvin and Lizzie was Emma Mahala Gantt born October 13, 1872. She married Joseph Benjamin Ivey on February 2, 1893. Mr. Ivey was born June 8, 1864. The Ivey family can trace their ancestral name back to the Norman name to "St. Ivo" in France. They went to England with William the Conqueror in the year 1066. Afterwards known as Iveys, Ives, and Iverson. (See the book "Men of the Burning Heart"). Joseph Benjamin Ivey founded the Ivey Stores in Charlotte, North Carolina. He was often called the "Merchant Prince." Their children were George Melvin Ivey, born August 14, 1896; Emma Virginia Ivey, born September 23, 1897; Ella Marie Ivey, born May 10, 1900; and Katherine Neal Ivey, born August 20, 1904.

The last child born to Melvin and Lizzie was Ella Alice Gantt, born April 8, 1876. She married John Nelson Ledford on February 13, 1901. Mr. Ledford was born October 24, 1873. Their children were Louis Ledford, born January 25, 1902; Emma Ledford, born November 9, 1904; Jamie Ledford, born May 28, 1908; John Nelson Ledford, born May 28, 1908 (a twin to Jamie); Mary Sue Ledford, born August 15, 1910; Charles Ivey Ledford, born October 23, 1915; Margaret Gantt Ledford, born June 9, 1917.

Melvin's children by Georgia Jones Gantt were Robert Melvin Gantt, born February 10, 1886. He married Kathleen Claywell on December 16, 1914. Kathleen was born March 11, 1890. Robert was a prominent Attorney in Durham, North Carolina. Their children were Kathryn Clayton Gantt, born March 10, 1920; Samuel Fox Gantt, born October 9, 1923; and Robert Melvin Gantt Jr., born June 21, 1922. Robert Jr. was a star football player for Duke Blue Devils in the 1960's.

Samuel Jones Gantt was born July 6, 1889. He married Mabel Isely, who was born August 26, 1892. Their children were Samuel Jones Gantt Jr., born October 16, 1916; Hugh

Robert Gantt, born November 16, 1920; and Joseph Isely Gantt, born June 29, 1934.

Lucy Vashti Gantt was born September 11, 1891. Lucy married Clayton Plato Peeler, born September 5, 1885. Clayton owned an Automobile Agency in Shelby, North Carolina in the 1920's. He later moved to Staunton, Virginia and operated an oil distributing business. Lucy and Clayton's children were Melvin Able Peeler, born June 13, 1908; Clayton Samuel Peeler, born July 12, 1915.

— John Tyra Gantt

THE MARCUS SIMMONS GANTT FAMILY

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Marcus (Marc) Simmons Gantt was the eldest of eight children born to Benjamin Tyra and Lou Vica Lutz Gantt. Marc was born October 20, 1902, near Rockdale, in upper Cleveland County, NC. He spent most of his working life as a salesman. His hobbies were hunting and riding horses.

Marc married Maude Amelia Nellie Dixon, daughter of William Warlick Dixon and Sarah Elizabeth Self. She was born near Kadesh Methodist Church at Belwood, NC. Maude worked for many years as a nurse at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby, NC. Both Marc and Maude Gantt are buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, NC, along with two of their children, Hilda Rebecca Gantt, born April 4, 1939 and died November 23, 1939, and Derrell Benjamin Gantt, born April 9, 1926 and died June 8, 1945. Derrell was killed while serving with the First Marine Division on Okinawa during World War II.

Their four children who still live in Cleveland County are Elizabeth Elmo Gantt, who is the eldest, born December 20, 1923. She married Roy Billy Scruggs, born June 20, 1924, on February 1, 1948 and lives near Cliffside, NC, in Cleveland County where he owns a country store. They have two children, Roy Billy Scruggs, Jr., born August 15, 1948. He married Nora Ann Taylor on December 20, 1973; Mary Elizabeth Scruggs, born May 7, 1950. Elizabeth Gantt Scruggs is retired from the Cleveland County Health Department in Shelby where she worked for 32 years. They belong to Cliffside Baptist Church.

Ronald Marcus Gantt was born November 28, 1933. He married the former Jerry Ann Goforth, born July 13, 1936, on December 20, 1953. They have three children. Rhonda Lynn Gantt, born October 12, 1954, married Jack S. Moore; Gerald Marcus Gantt, born November 26, 1955; and Rebecca Ann Gantt, born February 14, 1957, married Drury Lacy Kessler Jr. Ronald served four years in the United States Navy during the Korean conflict. He is past Master of Cleveland Masonic Lodge #202. He owns an insurance agency in Shelby, NC. He and Jerry attend Aldersgate Methodist Church. They live on Moss Lake in the Woodbridge sub-division.

Sarah Adeline Gantt was born May 16, 1937. She married John Berry Blanton, born September 13, 1932, on May 26, 1956. They live in Polkville, NC. Their children are John

Perry Blanton Jr., born July 24, 1958; Kimberly Dawn Blanton, born November 26, 1960. Kim married Johnny A. Swink Jr. on August 5, 1979; twins, Derrell Keith Blanton and Denene Helen Blanton, born July 11, 1965; and Holly Jane Blanton, born December 16, 1975 and died January 18, 1978. Holly Jane was a little Angel who was loved by all that knew her. Sarah and her family attend Polkville Baptist Church. J.B. is a department head at Dover Mill and Sarah will graduate in May of 1982 with a degree in Nursing.

The youngest child is William ("Bill") Dixon Gantt, was born October 1, 1940. Bill married first to Barbara Dee Roberts and second to Peggy Grayson Padgett. Bill has one child by his first marriage, Sandra Dee Gantt, born March 27, 1963. She married Jeffery Lee Mode and they have one child, Matthew Dixon Mode, born October 18, 1980, who is the only great-grandchild of Marc and Maude Gantt.

Bill also owns an insurance agency and is Chief of the Cleveland County Sheriff's Reserve. Bill and Peggy live in Shelby, N.C. and attend Bethel Baptist Church where they are very active and both sing in the choir. Bill and Peggy also have two daughters who are now married. Kathy Padgett Biggerstaff who married Michael G. Biggerstaff; and Mary Cynthia Padgett Jordon, who married Jon Ross Jordon. They have a daughter, Jennifer Lynn Jordon, born July 21, 1980.

All the descendants of the Marc Gantt family have fond memories of their parents and share the love they had for all of their relatives and friends in Cleveland County.

Sources: Personal memory.

— Ronald M. Gantt

THE GENEALOGY OF PETER GAUNT (GANTT)

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The name Gantt originated from the name Ghent. The following is an article from the book "The Genealogy of Peter Hoyle," article 1531, page 406. It is an exact quote from this book. Quote: "King Edward III, King of England, was fighting the French. He took his wife, Philippa, with him. She resided in Ghent, Belgium where a son was born and was called John of Ghent. When taken back to England, his name became John of Gaunt. He was never the King of England, but was content with being the power behind the throne. He made and unmade Kings. Later he became John Gaunt. The Gaunt coat of arms is an exact replica of that of King Edward III, King of England. He was King of England from 1327 to 1377. Peter came to America from Lincolnshire, England in the year A.D. 1600. His wife was Hannah. They had two sons Hannaniah and Israel. Peter lived in Sandwich, Massachusetts. Both sons moved to Long Island in 1620 and later to Shrewsbury, New Jersey. No further record can be found of Israel. Hannaniah Gaunt took up 500 acres of land in Burlington County in New Jersey. This land was owned by the Gaunts for 236 years. Hannaniah had married Dorothy Butler. They had a son, Zebulon Gaunt who married Sophia

Rhoads. They had a son Zebulon Gaunt II. He married Esther Woolman. Zebulon II had a brother Israel Gaunt. Zebulon Gaunt II and Israel Gaunt and Sophia Gaunt went to the Carolina's where their descendants became owners of plantations and slaves." End of Quote.

No correct dates are known of these great events. According to generations this could have been about 1780 to 1800. The next record that can be found of the Gaunts, were living in Catawba County in the Ball's Creek Camp Grounds community. By this time the name had been changed to Gantt. Henry Gantt I was born about 1780. He married Sarah Bass, born about 1780. They had two sons, Tyra Gantt, born August 19, 1805 and died April 11, 1891. He was married to Rhoda Hoyle, born 1812. When they both died they were buried in Kadesh Cemetery, Belwood, N.C. (See family of Melvin P. Gantt).

Henry Gantt I had another son, Henry Gantt II, born about 1800. He was married to Ruth Martin, an orphan, raised by a Keever family. Henry II came with his brother Tyra to Cleveland County from Catawba County about 1825. Very little is known of Henry Gantt II. My grandmother, Eliza Hoyle Gantt, said he was a shiftless sort of person and worked as a hired hand on a farm. He was apparently not as prosperous as his brother Tyra Gantt.

My father, Benjamin Tyra Gantt, said Henry II and his wife were buried in Kadesh Cemetery in unmarked graves. Henry II and his wife, Ruth Martin Gantt, had three sons. They were: Joe Gantt, Jordan Gantt, and John Columbus Gantt. Each were Confederate Soldiers of America. Jordan Gantt was killed in the war. John Columbus Gantt was born August 6, 1844 and died February 22, 1914. He was married to Eliza Adeline Hoyle, born April 23, 1848 and died February 14, 1914. John and Eliza were both buried in Kadesh Church Cemetery. Eliza Hoyle Gantt was the daughter of Noah Hoyle, born February 18, 1804 and died June 2, 1876 and Elizabeth Shuford



Colonel Junius T. Gardner, 1860-1925.

Hoyle, born January 11, 1813 and died May 18, 1887. They were both buried in Kadesh Church Cemetery. Eliza Hoyle was the fifth generation of Peter Heil (Hoyle), the Pioneer who came to America in September 11, 1738 from Germany and settled near Dallas, North Carolina. (See family of Hoyles).

John Columbus Gantt owned and operated a blacksmith shop and was also a farmer. He lived and raised his family in Rockdale community in Upper Cleveland County. John and his wife had twelve children. They are: Maxwell North Gantt, born June 21, 1869; William Alonzo Gantt, born November 9, 1870; Joseph Robinson Gantt, born December 2, 1872; Alfie Gantt Sain, born May 6, 1875; Benjamin Tyra Gantt, born August 6, 1876. (See family of Benjamin Tyra Gantt); Florence Gantt Hord, born February 8, 1880; Mary Ruth Gantt Dellinger, born March 18, 1874; Susan Gantt Tillman, born July 26, 1881; Summy Osgood Gantt, born November 25, 1882; Hettie Gantt Dixon, born August 4, 1884; Edgar John Gantt, born May 26, 1886 and died January 9, 1887; and Connie Gantt Dellinger, born July 9, 1888.

— John Tyra Gantt

COLONEL JUNIUS T. GARDNER and DESCENDANTS 466

Colonel Junius Tazwell Gardner was born July 6, 1860, in Cleveland County. He was the eldest son of Dr. Oliver Perry and Margaret Young Gardner, who moved to Shelby when he was twelve years old.

Thomas Gardner, great grandfather of Junius T., came from England and married Olivine Martin about 1792. They settled on a farm between Double Shoals and Lawndale and reared twelve children, the fifth child being William Gardner. William married Rebecca Beam, having ten children, with Oliver P. Gardner their first child.

Junius T. Gardner had a half brother, Jasper, and a half sister, Hessie, who married Jesse J. McMurry. His brothers and sisters were the following: Cleo, who married Tom Robertson, Ollie, who married John Austin Anthony, William, who married Maggie Wray, Addie, who married Robert Farthing, Bessie, who married former Governor Clyde Roark Hoey, Bate, who married Mary Warren, and Oliver Maxwell, former governor of North Carolina, who married Fay Webb.

Educated in Shelby, Junius Gardner studied to be a pharmacist, received his license, and operated a drug store in Shelby for several years.

Being a man of marked patriotism, Colonel Gardner loved military service. For forty-one years he was identified with military life, answering every call that came from state or nation. Having natural talent for leadership, he rose rank by rank from lieutenant to colonel of the First North Carolina Regiment. When trouble with Spain came in 1898, he captained a troop of soldiers from Cleveland County. Later he went to the Mexican border in 1916 with his North Carolina regiment to settle the dispute there. As World War I began Colonel Gardner

again answered his country's call and entered his regiment for training at Camp Sevier, Greenville, South Carolina.

While training in Florida in 1898 for the Spanish-American War, one of Captain Gardner's young soldiers, Andrew Lattimore, developed an illness which was considered fatal and he was sent to the "death house." Learning of this, Captain Gardner went to Andrew and found him still alive. He attended the young soldier personally, and saw that he received the best attention available. Lattimore recovered and lived until 1955.

A life long member of the Baptist Church, Junius Gardner was a devoted church man and gave freely of his service.

For twenty-four years Colonel Gardner was mayor of Shelby and this long service was interrupted only a few times by military obligations. Under Mayor Gardner's 1911-1913 term of office, Shelby bought the Shelby Electric Company for \$15,000, insuring municipal ownership of electric power. During his 1921-1923 term, the city bought the rock quarry in southeast Shelby, to provide for further street and sidewalk paving, which had begun five years earlier. Also, the water and light systems were extended.

Colonel Gardner was married to Julia Jexanna Nooe on December 17, 1884 at Rutherford College, North Carolina. She had come to Cleveland County as a teacher at Belwood School. There were five children born in Shelby to this union. They were: Junius Talmadge Gardner, born November 29, 1886, who married Eunice Roberts of Shelby, and became superintendent at the Shelby post office, Margaret Pearl Gardner, born October 19, 1889, who married Joseph Graham Morrison, county agent of Lincoln County, Louis Williams Gardner born September 13, 1892, who married Annie Maude Wilkins of Rutherford County, and established Gardner Electric Company, John Nooe Gardner, born October 12, 1896, who married Martha Jwyman of and Helen Gardner, born November 11, 1898, who married Thomas Bright Carrick of High Point, a bridge engineer.

A leading citizen of Shelby, Colonel Gardner always had great hopes and plans for its growth and development. He was always friendly, courteous and loyal, which made him many lifelong friends. Early in life, he learned what being dependable and responsible meant, as his duty was to hitch the horse to the buggy when his father called to attend a patient, many times occurring during the night.

Junius Tazwell Gardner passed away October 9, 1925, while visiting relatives in Forest City. Funeral services were conducted on October 11 at his home on West Marion Street and he was buried with full military and Masonic honors at Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: Helen Gardner Carrick; *Cleveland Star and The Living Past of Cleveland County*.

— Carolyn Carrick Willis



THOMAS W. GARDNER and SOME DESCENDANTS

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Thomas W. Gardner married Olive Martin on November 25, 1792 in Rutherford County, North Carolina, and settled in the First Broad River and Magness Creek area in that part of Rutherford County that became Cleveland County in 1841. There they resided and both are buried in the Gardner family cemetery.

The Gardner name had variant spellings and was sometimes listed as Gardner, Garner, Gardener, and Gardiner, but the current spelling has been Gardner for many generations.

Thomas W. and Olive Gardner are known to have reared twelve children; and, some family legends say thirteen children, but only twelve have been officially documented. Their children: Jeremiah (b. 1793 — d. 1833), and Martin (b. 1793 — d. 1824) were twins; Leanna (b. 1795 — d. 1881); Lewis (b. 1800 — d. 1880); William Hoyle (b. 1801 — d. 1847); Rebecca (b. 1805 — d. ca18_____); Esther (b. 1807 — _____); Catherine (b. _____); Jane (b. 1812 — d. 1890); David (b. 1814 — d. ca1865); Elizabeth (b. 1815 — d. 1906); James Lafayette (b. 1816-1862); and possibly Wilson.

It is interesting to note that twins seem to run in the family. One researcher has found approximately twenty-six or more sets of twins and one set of triplets in the Thomas W. Gardner lineage.

Perhaps the most well known in this Gardner family is O. Max Gardner. His father was Oliver Perry Gardner, a physician, who was the son of William Hoyle Gardner, fourth son of Thomas W. and Olive Gardner.

It is generally known that O. Max Gardner was a lawyer, senator, governor of North Carolina, advisor to President Roosevelt, and was appointed ambassador to the Court of St. James in Britain, but died on his way to London to begin his service. O. Max Gardner married Faye Lamar Webb, daughter of Judge James L. Webb, of Shelby, North Carolina.

This writer's lineage is through Jeremiah Gardner, twin brother to Martin Gardner, Thomas W.'s first sons. Jeremiah Gardner married Jane Huston Alexander on October 20, 1812 in Rutherford County. Born to this union were: Martin (b. 1814 — d. 1877); Jonathan Newman (b. 1815 — d. 1849); Jennie Emeline (b. 1816 — d. _____); Caroline (b. 1817 — d. _____).

Martin Gardner, son of Jeremiah, married Lydia Horn and settled in the Gaffney area of South Carolina. They had twelve children and most of them and their descendants remained in South Carolina, though some settled in Alabama. Jennie Emeline married Jesse Hord and settled in Cleveland County in the Waco area. Caroline married William Yarborough and is believed to have settled first in McDowell County and later in Cleveland County.

Jonathan Newman Gardner, my great grandfather, married Mary Ann McCombs, daughter of Major McCombs, October 18, 1835. Jonathan Newman died in 1849 leaving his wife with eight children. Their children; Jefferson Marion (b. 1836 — d. Civil War);

Major McCombs (b. 1838 — d. 1904); Jeremiah Alexander (b. 1840 — d. 1862); Mary Ann (1842 — d. 1929); Francis Newman (b. 1844 — d. 1931); Caroline (b. 1844 — d. 1888) twin to Francis N.; William Hoyle (b. 1847 — d. 1923); Lucy Tomora Ann (b. 1849 — d. 1903).

Francis Newman Gardner, my grandfather, married first, Narcissa Jane McKinney, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Forbes McKinney, and second, to Clementine Hamrick. His only children are from first marriage: William Hoyle (b. 1875 — d. 1941); James Monroe, my father, (b. 1877-1944); married Ollie Hester Hamrick on December 19, 1894. Their children: Virgil Guy (b. 1897 — d. 1921); Hattie Ozelle (b. 1900 — d. 1964); Marvin Ralph (b. 1906 — d. 1968); Mattie Lee (b. 1908 — _____).

Thomas W. Gardner's youngest son, James L. served in the Civil War and died of wounds in 1862. Six of Thomas W's grandsons are known to have served in the Civil War. Four of those were killed or died from war causes.

Six great grandsons of Thomas W. Gardner, and grandsons of my ancestor, Jeremiah (twin), also served. Of these six, two were killed and one was missing in action. One rode a horse to Alabama and settled there, one went out west and my grandfather, Francis Newman, was a musician in the war and was discharged for disability, having lost a lung from severe pneumonia. He lived to reach the age of 87 years.

The Gardner family has been a strong and stable family and is represented in many states in America. This family has contributed a great deal to the historical, cultural, political, financial, legal, industrial, agricultural, business, medical, educational and miscellaneous occupational activities wherever they have resided.

Sources: 1790-1850 United States Census of Rutherford County, North Carolina; 1850-1900 United States Census of Cleveland County, North Carolina; Family Bible records; Cemetery records; L.D.S. Library (Mormon Church Records), Charlottesville, Virginia; Personal knowledge.

— Mattie Lee Gardner Fornes

MARTIN and MARY E. HORD GETTYS

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Mary Elizabeth Hord was born November 21, 1858 in Cleveland County, North Carolina, daughter of Richard Thomas Hord and wife, Margaret Harmon Thompson. She married Martin Gettys, son of Alexander Gettys, and wife, Elizabeth Chitwood of the same general area.

In December of 1890 the Martin Gettys family, including six children, moved to Texas. They purchased a farm north of Decatur, where four more children were born.

The irrigated garden of this family provided not only food for their table but an excess which they marketed to residents in Decatur. Mrs. Gettys was an energetic woman whose courage and good humor made her an asset to her community where she was often called upon to help nurse the sick.

Their children were:

Orrie Ella, eldest, never married but re-

mained at home, a much appreciated and supportive element in the rearing of a large family.

Cicero Thomas, eldest son, set an example of diligence and determination to excel, which he encouraged his brothers to follow. He became a lawyer, practicing in Decatur where he reared his family.

Jesse, never married, was a successful lawyer and real estate investor in Gainesville, Texas.

Richard Alexander never married, moved to Gainesville where he helped his younger brother in the furniture business and was a devoted Sunday School teacher in the Baptist Church.

Dr. Albert C. was a Baptist preacher and taught Bible at Mary Hardin Baylor College in Belton, Texas for many years.

Marion farmed the family's farm for some years then moved to Fort Worth, Texas where he was employed at General Dynamics.

Dr. Embry Martin, scholar and teacher of history and government at Decatur Baptist College, served as that school's Dean for many years.

Dr. Plato Lee was an attorney, then college professor, teaching at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. and Texas A.&M.

Clarence Clifton, youngest son, was proprietor of a furniture store in Gainesville, Texas.

A daughter, Eliza Elizabeth, was born in 1901 but died a few months later.

The older of the children who remembered Rutherford and Cleveland Counties, North Carolina, often praised the quality of the area, its products, and its people, and assured their younger generations that not all good things originated in Texas.

Martin Gettys died in 1921, and Mary Elizabeth, in 1928. They are now survived by six grandchildren, seventeen great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren.

— Mary Louise (Gettys) Woodruff

THE GEDNEY (GIDNEY) FAMILY ORIGIN

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In the ancient method of spelling the word Geddane it was a derivative of the old Norse, "Gedda," — a pike or fish, plus "ney" — an island. Hence, Geddane simply distinguished or identified "the people from Pike Island." Southern England seems to have developed into a Gedney stronghold in the 17th Century as farming, shipping, and shipbuilding became a way of life for the British Isles. So, for all intent and purpose, the Gedney family might be considered English.

The founder of the Gedney (Gidney) family in America was John Gedney, who came to Salem, Massachusetts in May 1637. In 1666 one of his sons built a home near his father's dwelling, using timbers from the farm and shipyard. Today this house stands as one of the historic houses in Salem, unusual in design and materials, but typical of the area in which it was built.

Eleazer Gedney, a grandson of "Pioneer John," went to Westchester County, New

York. From here the third Eleazer migrated up the Hudson River towards Albany, and there on the West Bank of the Hudson River he continued the ancestral shipping trade and acquired considerable land known as Gidneytown. The settlement grew to form the City of Newburgh. One son bought a farm several miles north of Newburgh on the East Bank of the Hudson. This farm was later called Hyde Park during the Roosevelt Administration.

After the Revolution, West Point Military Academy was established south of Newburgh to train military officers. Several members of the Gidney family received appointments to this Academy.

The name Gedney was spelled both Gedney and Gidney in Newburgh about the time of the American Revolution. Brothers buried in the same cemetery spelled the same name differently, and it was once assumed that some were Whigs and some Tories and that the difference in the spelling resulted. This explanation fades due to research into English records which reveals the same variation in spelling centuries earlier.

Samuel Sands Gidney (1791-1848), son of Eleazer Gidney of Newburgh, was a merchant in early life, but having studied surveying, he was hired by "Speculation Land Company." This company, a northern based firm, had acquired thousands of acres in Rutherford County, North Carolina and other Western counties of this state. More gold was being mined in this section than in any other area at this time, about twenty-five years before the California Gold Rush. Gidney arrived in 1825 in the Polkville vicinity journeying by stagecoach to the sparsely settled area on the East bank of the First Broad River. He stopped for room and board at the home of Robert Wells near Garner's Ford, (also called Gardner's Ford), near the river's intersection with Duncan's Creek. Records, surveys, and letters in Rutherford County tell the story of the "Speculation Lands."

Several years after his arrival in North Carolina Samuel S. Gidney married the innkeeper's daughter, Cynthia Sharpe Wells. In 1841 when Cleveland County was created Gidney was appointed by the Court to survey the western boundary of the new county. He was also designated by the Court as surveyor for the county seat, Shelby, where preparation was being made to lay off streets and lots for dwellings, and businesses, a public square, churches, and schools. Shelby at the time had been by a committee from Rutherford and Lincoln Counties, but the town itself was merely a crossroads settlement, and the town was not finally chartered by an act of the General Assembly for several years.

Sources: Deeds, Wills; Family Bibles; Census Records; Cemetery Records; and visit to Salem, Massachusetts and Newburgh, New York.

— Robert Sarratt Gidney



Dr. R.M. Gidney, 1869-1933.



Hattie Leonora Sarrate Gidney, 1879-1961.

DR. ROBERT MANY GIDNEY and DESCENDANTS

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Dr. Robert Many Gidney (1869-1933) was the third child of John Wells and Mary McFarland Gidney of Shelby, North Carolina. Robert had an early start in farming which gave him the experience to become manager of his father's plantation at the age of 14.

As a young man, he also taught school in Cleveland and Rutherford counties; purchased cotton, cord-wood and lumber for a merchant in Shelby; and clerked for the Miller Mercantile business on Warren Street. After surveying veterinary medicine, Dr. Gidney practiced successfully until he was appointed to serve as Cleveland County's first official farm agent in 1914, a position he held until 1921 when ill health prompted his resignation.

Using his early farming experience and knowledge of veterinary, Dr. Gidney guided Cleveland County to progress along many lines of agriculture. Cleveland County had the honor being known as a terrace county largely due to Gidney's expertise as a terracer. He helped farmers establish orchards on their farms. He organized teenage farm youths into clubs according to their agricultural interests: corn clubs, cotton clubs, pigs clubs, and rat irradiation campaigns. The first poultry exhibition in downtown Shelby was held by Farm Agent Gidney.

A proud moment in his life was his marriage in Cleveland County in 1900 to Hattie Leonora Sarratt (1879-1961), daughter of Obediah Camillus and Leonora Ramseur Sarratt. Robert and Hattie raised five children: Mary Leonora Gidney, born July 25, 1901, married Charles Aycock Hoey of Shelby. It was on Mary's wedding invitations that her father first added an "e" to his middle name to clarify its pronunciation. Thus, Many became Maney. Harriet Myrtle Gidney, born May 30, 1907, married Eddie Grover Parris of Shelby; Robert Sarratt Gidney (1910-1982), married

Nettie Rachel Rayle of Greensboro, North Carolina; Elizabeth Lamar Gidney, born February 16, 1913, married John Cline Webb of Shelby; Elsie Belle Gidney, born February 16, 1913, married Alfred Greene Eskridge of Shelby. Elizabeth and Elsie are twins. As of April 1, 1982, all of the daughters are living in Shelby.

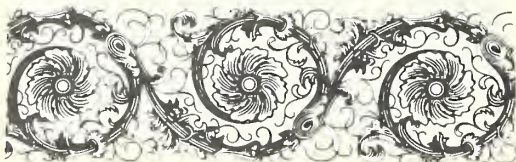
It was in August, 1910, that Dr. Gidney, his wife Hattie, and two daughters Mary and Harriet, moved from a house located off Highway, 150 about three miles northeast of downtown Shelby, into a new two-story frame house in the city on East Marion Street at Brookhill Road. Soon after this move, on November 2, 1910, a son, Robert Sarratt Gidney was born.

As a boy Robert enjoyed playing in downtown Shelby, particularly around the Courthouse (the present Historical Museum) where his father had an upstairs office while serving as county farm agent. Once while playing with a friend, the Courthouse bell used to call court to order was rung, immediately, the sheriff appeared and good naturedly advised two frightened little boys not to play with the bell or the judge might think they needed him. Thereafter, the boys played on the square, content to leave the bell untouched.

Robert was attending the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill when his father died in 1933, and he had to return to Shelby to help his family through the remaining depression years.

After several years of family farming and gaining experience as a bookkeeper, real estate and insurance salesman for Charles A. Hoey, Inc., Robert served as game protector in Cleveland County from 1942-1945. Rather than accept a promotion and leave Shelby, Robert became county tax collector in 1945. He was appointed Cleveland County Tax Supervisor in 1966 and served until ill health prompted his retirement in 1973.

Throughout his life in Shelby, Robert was active in community service, serving on various city commissions and boards, the county chapter of the Red Cross, the county Heart



Association, and the Federal Land Bank Association of Shelby.

A 40-year member of the Shelby Lions Club with perfect attendance, Robert was the Lions "Citizen of the Year" in 1956.

Robert always had a keen appetite for being outdoors whether farming, hunting and fishing, or in later years, gardening. He was a charter member of the Cleveland County Wildlife Club.

After his retirement, Robert's interest focused largely on local history. He was appointed official Cleveland County Historian. He was a charter member and past president of the Cleveland County Historical Association.

Robert was a lifelong member of Central United Methodist Church in Shelby. Over the years he served on many of its boards and committees. His service as scoutmaster for Central's troop of boy scouts led to subsequent work with the Piedmont Council of Boy Scouts. Robert received the Silver Beaver Award in 1965.

It was in 1934 that the new minister of music at Central Church first caught Robert's attention. In 1937 Robert married Nettie Rachel Rayle, born November 24, 1909, the daughter of Charles R. and Sophronia Newman Rayle of Greensboro, North Carolina. Nettie continued her duties at Central Church. She directed the chancel choir, the men's chorus, and several children's choirs which regularly performed at church services. Nettie's solos created a special reverence at weddings, funerals, and regular church services for she was recognized in the Southeast as a concert artist and oratorio singer with the voice of a nightingale. More than one person has commented that they received much of their Sunday morning message from her singing. Nettie stepped down from this position in 1961 after 27 years of dedicated service. Through the years Central Church with its many activities was always an anchor point in the lives of Robert and Nettie.

Nettie was not selfish with her talent and readily performed on many occasions at other churches and locations throughout Cleveland County and the Carolinas.

Nettie was on the faculty at Gardner-Webb College in Boiling Springs, North Carolina for the school years 1945-46 and 1946-47. After time off due to the birth of her daughter, Rachel, she resumed teaching at the college in January, 1953 as an Instructor in Voice. She retired from the faculty in 1975 as an Assistant Professor of Voice.

Robert and Nettie had three children: Robert Sarratt Gidney, Jr., born December 25, 1938, and married to Carolyn Jean Raffield of Raleigh, North Carolina. Their three children are Lynda Carol, Susan Elizabeth, and Mary Catherine. Dr. Charles William Gidney, born April 9, 1943, and married to Sandra Ellen Wallace of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Their child is Martha Wallace. Rachel Elizabeth Gidney, born October 4, 1947, and married to Larry Neal Briggs of Leasburg, North Carolina. Their child is Larry Neal, Jr.

Robert Sarratt Gidney died February 27, 1982 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. (At the time of his death, he was a valued



R.M. Gidney Home on E. Marion St., Shelby, NC

advisor to this book, *The Heritage of Cleveland County* — Editors).

Sources: Records and information compiled by R.S. Gidney, Sr.; personal knowledge and memories.

— Robert Sarratt Gidney, Jr.

SAMUEL SANDS GIDNEY 471

Samuel Sands Gidney (1791-1848) came to Rutherford County in 1825 and married Cynthia Sharpe Wells. To this union were born three sons and two daughters:

(1) Robert Eleazer Gidney (1828-1854), who upon reaching the age of twenty-one came to Shelby as a clerk. He purchased several vacant lots and lived with his uncle, Thomas Price Wells, thus becoming the first Gidney to reside in Shelby. He was chosen to serve as County Treasurer (County Trustee) and died at age 26 while serving in this position.

(2) Jonathan Chauncey Gidney (1835-1889) married Martha Ellen (Matt) Roark. He studied medicine and operated a drugstore "on the square" in Shelby, after his service in the war.

(3) John Wells Gidney (August 3, 1837 — 1898) went to Texas but returned to join the Cleveland Guards at Shelby in 1861. This military unit was formed in April of 1861, was ordered to Garysburg, North Carolina, and was designated later as Company E, 12th Regiment of North Carolina Troops. Gidney was promoted from Lieutenant to Captain of company E May 19, 1862, and served in Virginia until October 27, 1864, when he resigned to go to Raleigh, North Carolina to serve in the House of Commons. He married Mary Evaline McFarland, and after receiving his law degree from U.N.C. at Chapel Hill he returned to Shelby, purchasing a home and acreage in the Eastern section of the rural town. He returned to the Legislature for several terms and was an attorney in Shelby until his death in 1898. During his residency in Shelby he was an ac-

tive member of The Methodist Church and The Masonic Lodge. He also served as alderman and mayor of Shelby.

(4) Mary Levina Gidney, born in 1839, married Samuel Lattimore and lived in South Carolina.

(5) Roxanna Caroline Gidney, born in 1847, lived in Shelby briefly and married Sidney Vail Many of Newburgh, New York where the Gidneys and the Manys of Newburgh had been neighbors in the previous generation. Roxanna and Sidney went to Newburgh to make their home.

In addition to Samuel Sands Gidney, who moved to North Carolina in 1825, Cornelius Gidney, a cousin, came from Newburgh and married in Rutherford County about five years later. Cornelius' son, William A. Gidney, became a Baptist minister. He served in South Carolina and went to Transylvania County, North Carolina where he established the State Line Baptist Church. His descendants live in Western North Carolina in Clyde, Canton, and Asheville.

Another son of Cornelius Gidney and his wife Phebe Baily was Jeremiah Gidney who married in Rutherford County, where he built a log cabin and farmed. In 1874 he sold his farm and moved with his family to Texas. His descendants live in Texas and other western states. This family held a reunion in Texas in the Fall of 1981.

To my knowledge the Shelby residents of the family are descendants of John Wells Gidney since Jonathan Chauncey Gidney had no heirs, and the Gidneys in the Asheville area descended from Rev. William A. Gidney.

The children of John Wells Gidney and Mary Evalina McFarland were born and reared in Shelby. Six boys and two girls reached maturity:

Samuel Eleazer Gidney (1865-1940) married Susan Stevens and moved to Oklahoma, after graduating from Shelby's Military Academy in 1888 and receiving a law degree from U.N.C. at Chapel Hill.

Dr. Charles Chauncey Gidney (1867-1934), was a surgeon, physician, banker, and farmer in Plainview, Texas.

Dr. Robert Many Gidney (1869-1933), was a veterinarian, farmer, and county agent in Shelby.

Dr. John William Gidney (1871-1933), was a doctor in West Texas.

Daisie Gidney (1873-1909), single, was buried at Shelby.

Dr. Lauriston Irvin Gidney (1875-1911), single, was a dentist in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Leona Gidney (1879-1929), single, lived with her mother until 1918 in Shelby. She lived several years in Oklahoma and Texas with brothers (Doctors Charles and John) but was living in Shelby at the time of her death in 1929, and she is buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Lamar Carson/Gidney (1883-1925), an engineer, bought the old home in Shelby on East Marion Street, and is buried at Sunset Cemetery here.

Sources: Family Bibles; Portraits; County records, wills, and deeds; Death and marriage records; Memory.

— Robert Sarratt Gidney

THE CECIL LEE GILLIATT FAMILY

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Cecil Gilliatt distinguished himself as a successful and highly respected businessman who received national recognition for his achievements in the florist industry. Simultaneously he contributed greatly to Shelby community affairs, and for twenty-three years, made even greater contributions to American public education.

Born in Neosho County, Kansas (January 6, 1905), the youngest child of Theodore Robert and Della Johnson Gilliatt, Cecil received a bachelor's degree from Kansas State Teacher's College (Pittsburg) and did graduate work at Duke University while teaching at Durham High School. Shortly after his marriage to Rosalynd Nix of Shelby — see Rosalynd Nix Gilliatt report — (August 12, 1932) they moved to Shelby where he established his florist business. As a businessman, he served as president of the North Carolina State Florist Association, president of the Southern Retail Florist Association, and district representative of the Florist Transworld Delivery. Mr. Gilliatt's avocation as an educational statesman began in 1953 when he was elected to the Shelby City School Board. From this beginning he became president of the National School Boards Association in 1975, attaining the highest achievement that a layman can receive in public education.

In 1955 Mr. Gilliatt was chosen chairman of the Shelby School Board, a position he held for 16 years, while helping develop the local schools into a model system that attracted state-wide attention. Under his direction, the city schools emerged with some of the best facilities in the state. Also during this time the system expanded its academic programs and became a shining example of new and innova-



John Wells Gidney Family, July 8, 1895. Front: Lamar. Second row: Capt. John Wells, Mary McFarland Gidney. Third row: Charles, Daisy, Lauriston, Leona, Samuel. Fourth row: William and Robert.

tive programs among public school systems. An honest and sincere diplomat, Mr. Gilliatt was largely instrumental in guiding the school system through the period of desegregation while generating the full support of the community.

While serving on the Shelby School Board he became active in the North Carolina State School Boards Association, serving first as a member of the board of directors and later two terms as president. Through this association he was instrumental in developing the statewide kindergarten program. In 1971 Mr. Gilliatt was elected secretary-treasurer of the National School Boards Association. He served as second vice-president in 1974 and was elected president of the national association the following year.

During his 24 years of service to education, Cecil was a spokesman for local school board control of public education, a philosophy he defended before congressional members and federal education agencies. His primary concern was for the welfare of the student. His basic approach was "Will it be best for the children?" A frequent statement of his pertained to the growth of children: "Just as we can't scatter seeds on ill-prepared soil, neither can school boards deviate from their aim to make children grow." A most unassuming and unimposing leader, Mr. Gilliatt was the catalytic agent that caused decisions of major importance to be made for education. At his death, friends and family established the Gilliatt Scholarship Award which gives an outstanding student \$1000.00 toward a college education next year.

He was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church in Shelby. He was chairman of the board of trustees for Cleveland Technical Institute, president of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce, and the Shelby Merchants Association, the Cleveland County United Fund, the Cleveland County American Red Cross, Shelby Lions Club, Salvation Army, Cleveland Association of Government Agencies, Boy's Club,

and Boy's Scouts of America. He was a sergeant in the N.C. State Guards in 1944-45.

Among his awards and recognitions received were Distinguished Service Award, N.C. Florist Association; Gold Medal Award, Outstanding Achievement, Floral Industry, 1971; Certificate of Appreciation for the support of the Distributive Clubs of America; Citizenship Award, Cleveland County Mental Health Association; Commended for his interest in and contribution to the Total Development of N.C. by Governor Dan Moore; Cleveland County Bicentennial Certificate of Merit; named "Citizen of the Year" 1953; received Human Service Award, posthumously.

Gardner-Webb College conferred an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters upon him.

The Gilliatts had three children: Lee, Jr. (May 10, 1937) — graduate Shelby High School, Dartmouth College, Harvard Medical School — interned at Duke University Hospital, is now a pediatrician in Shelby. He was chairman of the Mental Health Board, member of Chamber of Commerce Board, is now a member of the Shelby Board of Education; member of Committee for Perinatal Care, Cleveland County and N.C. Pediatric Society, American Academy of Pediatrics, and American Medical Association. He is a member and deacon of First Baptist Church and active worker in Young Life. On June 2, 1962 he married Helen French Grondal who is a graduate of Barrington College and has a master's degree from U.N.C.-Chapel Hill. She is not only an accomplished musician, but is most accommodating in sharing it. They have two children, Nathan Bror (September 6, 1965) who is also a musician (guitar, piano, and trumpet), and Sandra Rosalynd (October 7, 1968) who is an accomplished violinist.

Their second child Benjamin Robert (July 2, 1942) is a graduate of Western Carolina University and received a law degree from Tulane University, and a Master of Business Administration degree from Columbia University, New York. He is a member of the North Carolina Bar



Rosalynd and Cecil Gilliatt. Picture taken 1975.

Association. He now lives in Chicago and is Assistant Treasurer and Director of Corporate Finance of Consolidated Foods Corporation. He was married to Ann Foley (1970-1980).

Their third child was Hattie Nix (August 29, 1947 — May 28, 1957).

As busy as Cecil was he had time to be an exemplary family man. His hobbies were fishing, gardening, and keeping his home surroundings in top shape.

He died September 15, 1978, and is buried at Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: Presentation of his honorary degree; Newspapers; Minutes and letters.

— Rosalynd N. Gilliatt

ROSALYND NIX GILLIATT

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Rosalynd Nix Gilliatt was born on May 28, 1904, in Shelby, North Carolina. Her parents were William Benjamin Nix and Hattie Lattimore Nix (See account of William Benjamin Nix).

Rosalynd grew up in the local schools after which she earned an A.B. degree at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Even there, she played a major leadership role in student government, receiving an award for the greatest service to the college. She also studied at the University of California at Berkeley.

Following her formal schooling, Rosalynd became a teacher of social studies, French, and dramatic arts in Raleigh, Durham, and Shelby. She has worked with youth in many ways through the years covering the gamut from drama productions to serving as counselor in a Vermont summer camp to youth correctional work. First appointed by Governor Luther Hodges in 1955, she served on the Juvenile Corrections Board for eighteen years — the first woman to serve on this board.

In 1932 Rosalynd was married to Cecil L. Gilliatt, a native of Kansas (See account of Cecil L. Gilliatt). They moved to Shelby and started Gilliatt Florist which they ran successfully for many years. Rosalynd worked in the business alongside Cecil, serving as consul-

tant to many brides through the years.

Rosalynd's love of flowers may be evidenced in various ways. Even when she was a teacher in Raleigh, her students were aware of this. A little girl would daily pick a flower from the garden at the governor's mansion on her way to school, and daily the little girl would present the flower to her favorite teacher — Rosalynd Nix. Thus, whether it be sampling a sprig of moss at Duke Forest, accepting a pinon pine from a friend in Arizona, making the floral arrangements for a special banquet, or hooking a flower into a rug, Rosalynd has concerned herself with flowers. This has led her to active beautification work of all sorts. In 1966 she was appointed to the Governor's Committee on Beautification. Locally she has done extensive work with the Shelby Chamber of Commerce's Beautification Committee, and she has led campaigns for downtown Shelby plantings and beautification award programs. In 1970 the county commissioners gave the committee a nest egg to start a campaign for clear lights for the Court Square at Christmas. Rosalynd worked with the help of the appearance commission to light as many of the small trees on the approaching streets as possible. Currently, all of the trees of sufficient size on the downtown streets and on the square are lit each Christmas.

Rosalynd has worked extensively in the American Association of University Women. She was a charter member of the Shelby Branch and has served as local president. She has been state chairman for many committees. She served as North Carolina Division President, 1960-63; South Atlantic Regional Vice-President, 1967-71; and National Association Recording Secretary, 1971-75. In appreciation of this leadership, the North Carolina State Division established the Rosalynd Nix Gilliatt Endowment for International Fellowships in 1973. This endowment, contributed to by women from all over the United States, has exceeded one hundred thousand dollars and is now producing a stipend each year for a woman to study at the doctorate level.

When Rosalynd was elected regional

vice president of AAUW at its Miami Convention, an incident occurred which illustrates her typical determination to make the best of everything that happens. After a visit to the beauty parlor, Ros decided to spray her hair well to preserve the beautician's work. With her roommate frantically admonishing her to stop, she sprayed all the harder. The spray was foot powder and had suddenly transformed her hair to total whiteness. Rather than lose the hairdo, she appeared the next morning — powder and all — and told her predecessor that the prospect of following her in office had turned her hair white overnight.

Among the many activities and awards of this busy woman are the following: P.T.A. Work, City Council President, 1948-50; member First Baptist Church; President Woman's Missionary Union of First Baptist, Shelby, 1942-52; Assistant Sunday School Teacher; recipient of Shelby Woman of the Year Award, 1951; Gray Lady for American Red Cross, 1943-45; member Shelby Appearance Commission; Chairman of Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee, 1965-67; Woman Doer Award from Cleveland County Democratic Woman; Member of North Carolina Board of Juvenile Correction, 1956-73; member of Executive Board of North Carolina Family Life Council, 1956-58; member Board of Directors Merchants Association; member Dogwood Festival Committee; member of North Carolina Literary and Historical Society; member of Governor's Committee to Study Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency and Youth Crime, 1963-65; member of Governor's Advisory Beautification Committee, 1968-72; Chairman of N.C. Family Heritage Committee; first recipient of the First Lady of the Year Award of Beta Sigma Phi; listed in the Book of Golden Deeds of the Shelby Exchange Club, 1977; and recipient of the Award of Merit for Exemplary Effort in the All-America City Campaign.

In speaking of herself, Rosalynd has said, "I'm a very plain, ordinary person." That is her down-to-earth approach to living and sharing her sincere and honest perspective that have helped make her one of Shelby's most gracious and lovely ladies. Her house abounds with beautiful braided and hooked rugs, needlepoint, crewel embroidery, and crochet — products of her busy hands. She holds open house for a small group of women who enjoy handwork with her. No gossip and no eating are the order of the day at these sessions — pure enjoyment of handwork and fellowship.

Cecil and Rosalynd had three children: Lee, a physician in Shelby; Ben, an attorney in Chicago; and Hattie Nix, deceased. (See account of Cecil L. Gilliatt). Awards and honors have been given to her, buildings have been named for her, but she is prouder of the accomplishments of her family — husband, children, and grandchildren — than any other part of her life.

Always, Rosalynd Nix Gilliatt has been a wonderful representative of Shelby — a true dyed-in-the-wool native of Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Newspapers; Awards; Interviews of friends.

— Rebecca H. Hamrick

Albert Lee Glenn (Nov. 3, 1922) was born near Styce Power Plant in the Number Three Township. He was the first of four children born to Allen Glenn (Dec. 25, 1896) and Cora Smith Glenn (Oct. 4, 1896 — Oct. 22, 1978). (For Albert's brother, sisters, and paternal grandparents see "Allen Glenn"). His maternal grandparents were Boney Hampton Smith (June 2, 1869 — May 4, 1952) and Mollie McSwain Smith (June 13, 1864 — Feb. 13, 1945). Mollie's parents, Albert's great grandparents, were Rev. A.A. (Asa) McSwain (March 10, 1832 — Nov. 11, 1885) and Elizabeth Cornwell McSwain (Oct. 24, 1883 — Aug. 9, 1904). They are buried in the Beaver Dam Baptist Church Cemetery. Asa preached at the Boiling Springs Baptist Church (1869-1875) for twenty-five dollars and a pair of leather boots yearly. There are no pictures of him because he never allowed his picture to be made. It is said that Union soldiers stopped him and were going to take his horse, buggy, and gold watch, but he talked them out of it, explaining that he was a preacher and needed all three in order to preach.

Albert attended McBrayer, a two-room school about a mile from his home, part of his first school year. There were no buses. He attended elementary and high school at Earl. In 1939-1940, he attended Diesel School in Richmond, Virginia. In 1942-1943, he worked in the Ship Yard at Charleston, South Carolina and was inducted in the Navy in November, 1943. He received a medical discharge in January, 1944 because of a foot injury. This is when he came to live in Boiling Springs. He operated a garage for six years, beginning in a rented building while building his own. He and one employee made the concrete blocks for the new structure. His Uncles Jack, Ben, and "Bud" Glenn built it, completing it in the summer of 1945. We moved into the house where we now live, beside the shop, in August, 1945. This house is known as the "Preacher Pinkney Hamrick House" and was built about 1880 or 1890. Mr. Jim Lovelace said he ate his first home-made ice cream in this house "about the turn of the century." In 1950, Albert closed the garage and began operating a sawmill, which he still operates. We have also produced commercial eggs since 1972.

Albert became a Christian when he was a young boy attending New Hope Baptist Church at Earl and was baptized there by the Rev. J.L. Jenkins. I, Miriam Hamrick Glenn, (April 9, 1926) attended Boiling Springs Baptist Church, also pastored by Rev. Jenkins; and I, too, was baptized by him. On September 17, 1944, he married us in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church. Albert moved his membership to Boiling Springs and the church has been at the center of our lives from the beginning of our marriage. Albert served as a church trustee for many years; he is a deacon and has taught Sunday School for twenty-five years. I also taught in Sunday School, Training Union and Bible School. Both of us have served on various committees, including the Building Committee and the Building Finance Commit-

tee for the new building which was completed in 1969.

The following are some of Albert's civic responsibilities and pleasures. He was the first chief for the Boiling Springs Volunteer Fire Department, organized in 1945; a member of the Men's Progressive Club, organized and disbanded in the late 1940's; a charter member (with a perfect attendance record) of the Boiling Springs Lion's Club, sponsored by the Shelby Club in November, 1950. He is on the board of trustees for Crawley Memorial Hospital; and he has been a Town Commissioner for fifteen years, first being appointed to fill the unexpired term of O.P. Hamrick when he died in 1967.

Our four children and six grandchildren are as follows. Albert Lee Glenn, Jr., D.V.M. (May 26, 1948), a veterinarian in Pickens, South Carolina, who married Sandra Lee Jackson of Jackson County, Georgia. Their children are Jonathan Ryan (Feb. 11, 1978) and Stephanie Lauren (Nov. 30, 1981), both born in Greenville, South Carolina.

Marjorie Ann Glenn (Nov. 29, 1950), a Registered Dietitian and Consulting Nutritionist, who married Walker Hall Busby, Ph.D., neurobiologist, from Charlotte, North Carolina. Their children are Katherine Ann (Aug. 29, 1980) and Emily Sarah (Dec. 28, 1981), both born in Chapel Hill.

Mary Jane Glenn (Feb. 28, 1953) married Gerald Adrian Lipscomb from the Trinity Community. They live in Boiling Springs. Jane taught school for five years and is now assisting Gerald in his business, Lipscomb Signs in Forest City, North Carolina. Their children are Gerald Adrian, II (Nov. 15, 1979) and Patrick Alexander (Sept. 25, 1981). Both boys were born in Cleveland County, as were Gerald and our four children.

John Charles Glenn (July 24, 1958) lives in Boiling Springs. He is a partner in his father's business — Glenn Lumber Co., Inc. While operating a portable sawmill, the two were building an automatic mill which took five years to complete. It has been in operation since July, 1980. John is also a partner in the chicken business.

Sources: Gravestones at Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and Beaver Dam Baptist Church; Boiling Springs Baptist Church history, "Our Dream for Tomorrow" by Mrs. M. A. Jolley; Conversation with family members; Conversation with the late Mr. Jim Lovelace many years ago.

— Miriam Hamrick Glenn
(Mrs. Albert L. Glenn)

ALLEN GLENN

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Allen Glenn (Dec. 25, 1896) was born in Union County, South Carolina. He was the seventh of Eleven children born to John Thomas Beauregard Glenn (May 20, 1862 — Mar. 7, 1940) and Sarah "Sally" Gibson Glenn (Jan. 29, 1863 — May 18, 1923). They are buried in the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery. He is thought to have been born in Gaston County and she at Earl. Allen's parents moved back to Cleveland County before he was three years old. He lived in Cleveland County about forty-five years before moving just across the line in South Carolina, where he still lives.

Brothers and sisters of Allen and their spouses (if married) are: Sarah "Sally" Lily (Feb. 9, 1883 — Mar. 21, 1949) who married Noah Crotts; Willie Searless "Dick" (Mar. 10, 1885 — June 30, 1910) who married Minnie Grigg; Robert Franklin "Bud" (Apr. 20, 1887 — Apr. 16, 1976); Jess (Mar. 2, 1890 — Mars. 18, 1929) who married Pearl Moore; Minnie Dec. 12, 1892 — Sept. 3, 1974); John Oscar "Jack" (July 16, 1894 — Nov. 29, 1967) who married Linda Lookadoo; Oveda (July 5, 1899 — July 8, 1963) who married Charlie C. Melton; Lula (Dec. 10, 1901 — Oct. 6, 1976) who married Tommy Blanton; Ben (Feb. 22, 1904 — Dec. 13, 1977) who married Estelle Gladden; and Bonnie (Aug. 2, 1907 — Nov. 22, 1967) who married Harry Hopper.

When Allen was twenty-four years old he met Cora Smith (Oct. 4, 1896 — Oct. 22, 1978), also twenty-four, who was teaching in a one-room school located near Styce Shoals. They were married May 1, 1920 in Gaffney, South Carolina. She was born in the Swainsville Community in the house where her mother was born and is buried in the Buffalo Baptist Church Cemetery, Route one, Blacksburg, South Carolina.

Allen farmed and operated a cotton gin in his younger years. He was a good farmer, getting up early and working late in farming season and expecting all "hands" to do the same. He kept all tools and equipment in good repair and saw to it that the soil was properly prepared and that the crops were kept clean. He continued to farm, growing cotton, corn, and wheat until 1954 when he had a complete crop failure because of the boll weevil. He began logging and sawmilling which he continued until his retirement in 1962.

He believed strongly in people being honest and paying their debts. This he instilled in his children. He seldom attended church, but had good principles.

Cora's life revolved around her church and her home, which was always clean. At "Buffalo", she taught a class of Intermediate girls for many years. She attended Sunday School for fourteen years without missing a Sunday. When she did miss, it was because of Allen's illness. She worked hard on the farm and always had a garden (even the year she died at age eighty-two). Her cow, which she milked herself, and her chickens provided for the family and enough extra that she sold butter and eggs weekly. Her desire on Sundays was to have as many of her children and grandchildren as could come for dinner. She always got up at five o'clock and prepared most of the food before going to Sunday School. We all have happy memories of Sundays at "MaMa and PaPa's". In her orderly life, she never missed a day reading in her Bible, reading "The Shelby Daily Star", and writing in her diary, which she kept the last thirty-three years of her life.

Allen and Cora's children (all born in Cleveland County, the sons living here), grandchildren, and great grandchildren are: Albert Lee (see "Albert Lee Glenn"); Horace Hampton (May 3, 1924) who married Elsie Mae Webber of the Zoar Community on June 3, 1951. Their four children are: Ford Hampton (Jan. 10,

1953) who married Elizabeth Jane "Libby" Bridges; their daughter, Kiley Marie was born Dec. 6, 1978; Ralph Allen (June 13, 1954) married Pamela Brazell Parker; their son Ralph Allen, Jr. was born July, 1978; Ralph's second marriage was to Jennifer Lorentz; Lisa Ann (Aug. 18, 1959); and Lori Ann (Oct. 23, 1963). Cora and Allen's first daughter was Dorothy Evelyn (Oct. 18, 1928) who married Datis Eugene Cole from Finley, Hancock County, Ohio, on April 9, 1949 in Greenville, South Carolina. Their three children are: Kathleen Dianne (Dec. 1, 1950) who married William Harwell Thrasher from Decatur Georgia, in Greenville, South Carolina; their son Christopher Cole Thrasher was born Aug. 6, 1981; Datis Eugene Cole, Jr. (Mar. 25, 1953) who married Billie Kay Brown from Goldsboro, North Carolina, in Melbourne, Florida; Robert Glenn Cole (Sept. 18, 1957). Mary Nell (Mar. 30, 1932) who married Harry Lee Martin from Blacksburg, South Carolina, in Greer, South Carolina, May 12, 1951. Their two children are: Michael Leroy (Dec. 14, 1962) who married Susan Fowler of Shelby; their son Brian Jay was born March 24, 1981; Terry Diane (Dec. 31, 1856) who married Randy Ellis Bedford of Blacksburg, South Carolina; their daughter, Erica Nicole was born February 3, 1978.

Sources: Conversation with children of Allen Glenn; Conversation with Mary Glenn Lynn; My own knowledge.

— Miriam Hamrick Glenn
(Mrs. Albert L. Glenn)

SAMUEL PANNELL and KATHERINE GOODE GOFORTH

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Samuel Pannell Goforth was the fifth child born to Elizabeth Pannell Goforth and George Edward Goforth on May 10, 1921. He had one sister, Zella, and five brothers, John, Charles, George, Joe and Coleman. The family resided in the Stoney Point Community, northeast of Shelby, where they worked on the family farm and operated the only general store in the area.

Sam graduated from Waco High School in 1939 and attended Brevard College in Brevard, North Carolina. After college he developed his trade as a welder at the Detroit Welding Academy in Detroit, Michigan. In 1941 and 1942 he was employed as a welder in the shipyards in Wilmington, North Carolina and Savannah, Georgia.

On February 28, 1942, Sam married his life long neighbor and childhood sweetheart, Katherine Goode, the third daughter of Fred and Rittie Goode. In 1943, Sam began his service to his country in the United States Navy as a First Class Petty Officer. He served his naval tour throughout the world, which ended in 1946.

In the spring of 1946, Sam and Katherine returned to Cleveland County and purchased 120 acres in Grover, North Carolina where they built their first home. Along with their modest wood frame house, they built a small welding shop so Sam could continue his trade as a welder for local industrialists and farmers in the area.

As Katherine managed the motherly and household duties, Sam worked to develop and expand his welding business. In 1952 Sam and his brothers Joe and Coleman joined together in the welding and steel fabrication business. When the brothers united, they built a new facility in Shelby, which was called Goforth Brothers, Inc. Sam and Katherine also moved their family of five children to Shelby and bought a 40 acre farm that same year. The original Goforth Brothers, Inc. was located on Highway 74 one block west of the present Goforth Industries location on Highway 74 By Pass. Coleman Goforth remained employed with Goforth Brothers until the late 1950's, at which time he went back to the Stoney Point Farm and Sam and brother Joe went on with Goforth Brothers. Goforth Brothers changed its name to Goforth Industries in 1974 under the leadership of Sam and Joe and Sam's three sons Steve, Dennis, and Richard. The business grew into a prominent leader in the steel fabrication industry, diversifying its interest into the manufacturing of textile equipment, forestry equipment, material handling equipment, and machine shop work. In 1975, the company's direction became managed by Sam and his three sons, where it continued to prosper.

On September 22, 1978 after a short but full life, Sam Goforth died due to complications resulting from a stroke at the age of 57. He is survived by his wife Katherine, who is very active in Aldersgate Methodist Church, Cleveland Springs Garden Club, and many service and social functions.

Sam and Katherine are the parents of five children and ten grandchildren who are as follows:

Sammie Katherine who married Richard Wells Lowery. Their children are Richelle, Laura Kaye and Matthew. Kaye is a housewife now but taught school several years at Crest High School. Richard is a sales representative for South-Western Publishing Company, a textbook company, located in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Lowery's live in Shelby.

Joe Steven who married Carolyn Buchanan. Their children are Sam, Scott, and Craig. Steve has been employed by Goforth Industries for eighteen (18) years and became President of the company in 1978. Carolyn is a housewife.

Dennis Goode, married Peggy Lou Cline. Their children are Jessica and Dennis, Jr. Dennis is a Vietnam Veteran and has been employed by Goforth Industries sixteen (16) years. He became Vice President and Secretary of the company in 1978. Peggy has been employed by First National Bank, but is now a housewife.

Richard Pannell married Linda Elmore. They have one daughter Lu. Richard has been employed by Goforth Industries for nine (9) years and became Vice President and Treasurer in 1978. Linda taught school in the Cleveland County System for six (6) years, but is now a mother and housewife.

Susan Carol married John Williams Porter. They have one daughter Katherine. Susan taught school in the Charlotte/Mecklenburg school system for several years. She now is a

housewife and a mother. Bill is an attorney in Charlotte. Susan and Bill reside in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Sam and Katherine Goforth are both Cleveland County natives. Their children were all born and raised in Cleveland County and their children married only Cleveland County natives.

Sources: Personal Knowledge, family records, and memories.

— Richard Goforth
and Kaye G. Lowery

THE WALTER GRAHAM FAMILY

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Walter Gilchrist Graham (March 18, 1882 — November 6, 1967), son of Rebecca and James Knox Graham, of Maxton, North Carolina, graduated from Carolina Military Institute in Red Springs, North Carolina, and came to Shelby in 1902 to work for Belmont Mill Store. He married Carrie Leola Austell (March 19, 1882 — August 21, 1959) on July 12, 1905. She was a daughter of William Quitman and Maggie Turner Austell.

Carrie taught at Bethlehem School in Cleveland County. After their marriage, they started to Shelby in a two-horse surrey but had to change their route and go by the old county home (now Cleveland Tech) because the water was up at Still House Creek and could not be forded. Two members of their wedding party (Sanky Mauney and Alex White) were in the buggy with them. When they arrived in Shelby, they boarded the Seaboard train for Maxton where Walter was to be employed by the J.W. Carter Company.

Two sons were born — Winford and Austell. Due to Mrs. Graham's health, the doctor advised them to move to a higher altitude. Returning to Earl, they built a home joining her parents' farm. Three more children were born — Frances, Helen, and Max. Walter went into general merchandise business in Earl where hats, hardware, furniture, groceries and even funeral supplies were sold. One of his clerks once asked a black boy to go home and wash his feet so he could get in a casket to check its size. The boy never returned to Graham's store! Along with farming interests, Walter served three terms on the school board and served as Justice of the Peace for forty-six years. Carrie and Walter are buried in New Hope Church cemetery.

Winford Gilchrist graduated from Shelby High School and was accepted at Davidson College for the fall enrollment; however, when he arrived there, they were not able to house all students. He returned home and went into business for himself as a live stock dealer. He served as a military police at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, for three years during World War II. He died September 29, 1967, and was buried in New Hope cemetery.

James Austell graduated from Shelby High School in 1926. In the fall, he enrolled at UNC, Chapel Hill. He was employed by Kendall Medicine Company, served in the US Army during World War II, and was a representative for



Walter G. Graham Family. Kneeling: Max, Jr., Carolyn Lee, & Graham. Seated L to R: Max, Sr., Ruth, (holding Ruthie), Carrie & Walter, Whitfield Lee, Jr. Standing L to R: John T. Moore, Helen, Whitfield Lee, Sr., Frances, Austell, Winford.

Strietman Biscuit Company covering the western parts of North and South Carolina. He retired in 1976 and is enjoying touring the world.

Frances McGirt attended Shelby High School and graduated from Flora McDonald Conservatory, Red Springs, North Carolina. She taught music at Lattimore and the Rocky Mount City Schools. She married Jasper Whitfield Lee, owner of Lee Grocery Stores in Rocky Mount where they lived. Later, they moved to Wilson, North Carolina, and had three children — Whitfield, Jr., Graham, and Carolyn. Whitfield, Jr., graduated from North Carolina State University and became vice-president of Fixed Income with Merrill Lynch. He resigned to become a joint owner of Carolina Securities in Raleigh. He married Ann Roberts of Wilson. Their children are Justin and Elizabeth Ann. Graham finished Campbell University and is employed at Gysinger Hospital in Danville, Pennsylvania. He married Brenda Hutchings and has one daughter, Rebecca. Carolyn Elizabeth Lee finished the University of North Carolina, Greensboro and taught school in Raleigh. She married Mike Edwards, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, who works for the North Carolina News Network in Raleigh.

Helen Carolyn attended Number Three High School, Appalachian State University in Boone, and graduated from Wake Forest College. She did graduate work at Julliard School of Music. She was director of music for the High Point City Schools until her retirement. She was married to John Thomas Moore, Jr., of Mount Airy, who was associated with R.E.A. Express Company. He passed away September 18, 1979, in High Point where they lived. He is buried in Earl.

Max Lindsay Graham graduated from Number Three High School. In WWII he served 4 years in Quartermaster, U.S. Army. He was employed by A&P Food Stores for forty-three years. Most of those years he served as manager. He married Ruth Cattingham of Dillon, SC, a teacher in Gastonia. They had three children — Max, Jr., Ruthie, and John Walter. Max, Jr., graduated from Hunter Huss High School and North Carolina State University. He is now the personnel director for A.M.P. in Gastonia and Charlotte. Ruthie was born September 15, 1957, and died December 5, 1962, with pneumonia. While in high school, John Walter served as an intern for Governor Hunt and Speaker of the House Carl Stewart. John is now a junior at Wake Forest University.

Source: Family history.

— Austell Graham

HISTORY OF ABNER GREEN

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Abner Green, the son of "Major" William Green, great grandfather, and direct ancestor of Charles Abner Green, was born in 1786 in Rutherford County, and died in 1878 at the age of ninety-two. Abner Green is buried in Concord Baptist Church Cemetery, near Bostic, N.C. He was married to Matilda Christmas April 5, 1836. To this union were born three boys and three girls: Sanders Donehew Green, born Oct. 22, 1840, grandfather of Charles Abner Green, the recorder of this article; Andrew Green, born in 1837; C.P. Green, born 1850; Mary Margaret Green, born 1843, married Rubin Harris Martin of Rutherford County; Menervie Green, married a Padgett, born 1839. Aquilla Green, born in 1849.

ANCESTORS OF PERMELIA ANN ESTHER GREEN

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Joseph Green married Mary EcEntire. Major William Green, son of Joseph and Mary Green, was born in 1753 and died in 1832. He married Drucilla Green.

Henry Green, son of Major William Green and Drucilla Green, was born on Buffalo Creek in 1775 and died about 1827 or 1828. (I do not know his wife's name.) After Henry married, he built a home on what is now North Main Street in Boiling Springs in 1797.

Elias Green, son of Henry Green, was born April 5, 1807 and died September 16, 1893. His wife Rebecca Hamrick, daughter of Reuben Hamrick and Hannah McSwain Hamrick was born December 18, 1809 and died September 16, 1893.

Reuben Hamrick Green was born December 18, 1840 and died June 27, 1923. He was the son of Elias Green and Rebecca Hamrick Green. His wife was Elizabeth Jane Scruggs, daughter of Richard Scruggs and Selena Hawkins Scruggs. She was born August 8, 1846, died March 29, 1921.

Permelia Ann Esther Green, daughter of Reuben Hamrick Green and Elizabeth Jane Scruggs Green, was born August 16, 1864 and died January 2, 1951. Her husband Andrew Jackson Green, son of Joseph Green and Sarah Hamrick Green, was born August 24, 1860 and died August 1, 1943.

To this union were born six girls and one boy.

Bertha Jane Green was born June 19, 1884 and died June 27, 1967. She married Clarence Edgar Bridges at her home on February 23, 1911. He was born August 26, 1890 and died November 2, 1971.

Mary Jemimah Green was born January 14, 1886 and died July 27, 1974, not married.

Sarah Vernan Green was born October 31, 1890 and she died December 23, 1974. She married Joseph Manly Devenny December 20, 1911, in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church. He was born Sept. 11, 1887 and he died January 7, 1945.

Lottie Catherine Green was born May 31, 1895 and died May 23, 1980, not married.

Ollie Connie Greene was born June 29, 1900, not married.

Stanley Everette Green was born March 27, 1905, not married.

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Sources: S.C. Jones Book, Family Records.

— Ollie Connie Green

ANDREW JACKSON GREEN

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Andrew Jackson Green was born August 24, 1860 in the Boiling Springs area. His father, Joseph Green, died in service while on his way home on a furlough. He was serving in

the Confederate Army during the Civil War. In Charlotte, he died of a heart attack. His body was brought home for burial in Boiling Springs cemetery.

Andrew's mother had a hard time making a living for three small children. Andrew was my father. He and his brother, Solon, helped their mother farm and did all they could to help her as soon as they were big enough. Father and his brother, Solon, went with the threshers in the springtime and helped thrash wheat, oats, and rye for other people.

In the fall they moved their cane mill and molasses pan to other people's homes where they had cane and made molasses for them.

After Father married Permelia Ann Esther Green, he continued to farm and live in Boiling Springs area.

Father served as postmaster in Boiling Springs in the late eighteen hundreds for awhile. Then Shelby got a rural route through here and killed the Boiling Springs postoffice.

After clerking in a grocery store for awhile, he operated a cotton gin that stood about where Boiling Springs Post Office now stands. The gin burned to the ground one night. Later he operated a saw mill, a planer and Roller Mill. It was a three story building and stood just below where the Boiling Springs washerette now stands. The planer and saw mill were just behind Roller Mill, a mill for grinding wheat and corn. He operated them as long as he was able.

My father, Mr. Jim Green, and Mr. Asbury Webb dug more graves than any other three men in Boiling Springs. They worked willingly without pay and seldom received thanks.

Father used to go to neighbor's homes when someone was sick. He would sit up all night and help wait on them without pay.

My father, J.Y. Hamrick, Sr., and R.L. Davis Green were the first committee appointed by the Boiling Springs Church to see about getting a Baptist High School in Boiling Springs. The school opened Oct. 1, 1907.

Father and D.P. Hamrick were two of the first alderman elected for Boiling Springs which was incorporated in 1911.

Father, C.E. Bridges, and Steward Tailor dug the first deep wells in Boiling Springs in 1912 or 1913. They also dug wells in neighboring communities.

Father believed in attending church service and prayer service. He attended prayer service for five years without missing a single prayer service.

He was a member of the masonic lodge for more than fifty years. He was honored with a masonic burial when he died August 1, 1943.

Father did not have the opportunity to get much education but he read and studied his Bible. He was not rich in money and worldly possessions, but he had an insight and knowledge and vision of necessary improvements and growth of our church, schools, and community.

Sources: family records.

— Ollie Connie Green

A.J. GREEN'S HAMRICK ANCESTORS

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First Generation

George Hamrick Sr. came from Germany in 1731 and married Nancy Cook.

Second Generation

George Hamrick Jr. son of George Hamrick Sr. and Nancy Cook Hamrick married Susanna Blanton.

Third Generation

Samuel Hamrick son of George Hamrick Jr. and Susanna Blanton Hamrick married Mary Hamrick.

Fourth Generation

Elijah Hamrick Sr. son of Samuel Hamrick and Susanna Blanton married Mary McSwain, daughter of William McSwain Jr. and Judith Moore McSwain.

Fifth Generation

Elijah Hamrick Jr. son of Elijah Hamrick Sr. and Mary McSwain Hamrick was born December 4, 1815 and he died September 13, 1862. His wife Hannah Hamrick, daughter of David Hamrick and Sarah McSwain Hamrick was born May 11, 1817 and she died December 1, 1883.

Sixth Generation

Sarah Hamrick, daughter of Elijah Hamrick Jr. and Hannah Hamrick was born November 3, 1836 and she died June 25, 1896. Her husband Joseph Green son of John Green Sr. and Judith McSwain Green was born December 30, 1833 and he died August 19, 1864 in service.

Seventh Generation

Andrew Jackson Green son of Joseph Green and Sarah Hamrick Green was born August 24, 1860 and he died August 1, 1943. His wife Permelia Ann Esther Green daughter of Reuben Hamrick Green and Elizabeth Jane Scruggs Green was born August 16, 1864 and she died January 2, 1951. They were the parents of six girls and one boy.

Bertha Jane Green was born June 19, 1884 and she died June 27, 1967. She married Clarence Edgar Bridges at her home February 23, 1911. Their ceremony was performed by Rev. Gordon Washburn. Edgar was the son of Cicero Miller Bridges and Jane Harrill Bridges. He was born August 26, 1880 and died November 2, 1971.

Mary Jemimah Green was born January 14, 1886 and she died July 27, 1974. Not married.

Sarah Vernan Green was born October 31, 1890 and she died December 23, 1974. She married Joseph Manly Devenny December 20, 1911 in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church. Rev. J.V. Devenny his father performed the ceremony. His mother was Eliza Bradshaw Devenny. He was born September 11, 1887 and he died January 7, 1945.

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John Green Sr. married Judith McSwain daughter of William McSwain Jr. and Judith Moore McSwain.

Joseph Green was the son of John Green Sr. and Judith McSwain Green. He was born December 30, 1833 and died August 19, 1864 in service in the Civil War. His wife, Sarah Hamrick, daughter of Elijah Hamrick Jr. and Hannah Hamrick was born November 3, 1836 and died June 25, 1896.

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— Ollie Connie Green

HISTORY OF CHARLEY ABNER GREEN, and MARGARET LOUISE VIRGINIA (JENNIE) HARTON GREEN

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Charley Abner Green, the father of the recorder of this article (born Sept. 11, 1871, died

Feb. 13, 1948). He was born near Piney Mt., Ellenboro, N.C., Rutherford Co.

He was a farmer by trade. He was married to Margaret Louise Virginia (Jennie) Harton, on 5-8, 1906, whose date of birth is Feb. 14, 1880 and date of death Nov. 16, 1944. They first made their home in Cliffside, N.C. and later settled in upper Rutherford County, about three miles north of Sunshine, on the Golden Valley Road, at Cooper Springs. He served as assistant rural mail carrier for over twenty five years, on Bostic Route Four, during the horse and buggy days. A carrier from Bostic, N.C. would bring the mail to near Mt. Harmony Church. He would then sort the mail, and begin his route by horse and buggy. He might be ten or eleven o'clock at night when he would get home.

Charley Abner Green and Margaret Louise Virginia Harton Green, are buried in the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church Cemetery near Sunshine, N.C., Rutherford Co.

Charley Abner and Margaret Louise Virginia Harton Green, had six children.

(1) Sarah Ellis Green, born Sept. 15, 1907, married Clyde Panel Horton, born Jan. 21, 1898 — died Jan. 21, 1969. He is buried in Cedar Grove Me. Church Cemetery, Sunshine, N.C. They had eight children. (a) Margaret Lucille Horton Upton, born Aug. 27, 1926; (b) Clyde Panel Horton Jr., Oct. 9, 1928 — died 2-27, 1978; (c) Charles Dove Horton, born June 2, 1930; (d) Howard Houston Horton, Feb. 14, 1932; (e) Grace Ellis Horton Newton, Oct. 2, 1933; (f) Carl Richard Horton, Aug. 6, 1935; (g) Robert William Horton, April 26, 1941; (h) Martha Jane Horton Buchanan, May 27, 1944.

(2) Agnes Mae Green; born May 10, 1909, married Paul Durham Murray, born April 6, 1903. They had six children. (a) Louise Hazel Murray Gettys, Sept. 5, 1932; (b) Lester Wayne Murray, Nov. 8, 1933. (c) Walter Flay Murray, Aug. 25, 1938; (d) Eunice Marie Murray, Jan. 30, 1949; (e) Ruth Mae Murray Arrowwood, Sept. 10, 1951; (f) Betty Jean Murray, Oct. 28, 1954.

(3) Annie Sue Green; April 15, 1911, married Charles Edward Bridges, born Nov. 28, 1898 — died July 26, 1966. They had three children. (a) Virginia Lorene Bridges, Nov. 24, 1935. (b) Minnie Florence Bridges Fairbanks, March 19, 1938. (c) Mary Frances Bridges, born Jan. 12, 1944.

(4) Lois Naomi Green, Feb. 24, 1913, married Fred Toney, born Jan. 20, 1908. They had six children. (a) Lewis Charley Toney, Oct. 1, 1934; (b) Carl Wilburn Toney, Dec. 27, 1935 — July 26, 1979; (c) Fred Toney Jr., Aug. 12, 1937; (d) James Robert Toney, June 23, 1940; (e) Harold Hicks Toney, Dec. 6, 1943; (f) Jeanie Elizabeth Toney Ashe, Oct. 23, 1947.

(5) Charles Abner Green, Mary 14, 1915, married Louise Frances Callahan, born Dec. 3, 1922; children: (a) David Marion Green, born March 31, 1944, died May 30, 1971. (b) Mary Frances Green Mode, born Dec. 21, 1953; (c) John Charles Green, born July 20, 1956.

(6) William Woodrow Green, May 3, 1917, married Ardeth Lee Whitstine, born 3-26, 1932; children, (a) William Clyde Green, Feb.



Gun owned by Major Wm. Green.

20, 1960; (b) Martha LaUna Green, Jan. 31, 1963.

William Woodrow Green, great-great grandson of Major William Green, owns the gun that Major William Green used in the Revolutionary War.

It was given to him by his grandfather, Sanders Donehue Green, which was given to Sanders Donehue Green, by his grandfather, "Major" William Green. This gun was stolen at one time, recovered and is now locked in a hand vault.

Margaret Louise Virginia (Jennie) Harton Green, wife of Charley Abner Green, and the mother of the writer of this article, was born in Rutherford County, N.C. near Forest City, N.C., on the Smith Grove Road. Her father was William Alonzo Harton, (born May 29, 1852, died July, 1901), the son of Robert H. Harton, and Jane B. Goode Harton. Her mother was Sarah Pricilla Grose Harton, daughter of Philip H. Grose and Jane Pickins Grose. Philip H. Grose was a gun-smith. Her maternal grandfather was Dr. Philip H. Grose, born June 10, 1787, wife Pricilla Roberson, March 18, 1785, married Jan. 9, 1811. Doctor Philip Grose came to this country from Germany. He was a very wealthy man, and owned a lot of slaves. Doctor Gross gave the land, and furnished the logs and lumber and with his slave labor built the first log church at the now, Pleasant Grove Methodist Church, near Forest City, N.C. in Rutherford County. He also owned one of the first cotton gins in Rutherford Co. and some of the descendants still have the cotton gin.

Margaret Louise Virginia Harton Green also had four brothers and three sisters: Claxton Harton, born 1866-1934; Robert Harton, born 1884-1935; Oscar Harton, born 1882; Ralph Harton, born Sept. 3, 1891 — died Jan. 29, 1974; Mamie Harton Cade, born 1876, died 1964; Mallie Harton, born 1878 died 1964. She was a school teacher and never married. Hester Harton, born Sept. 20, 1888, married Roy Horton June 1914. She is ninety-three years old, and still living.

I remember my mother most, as a devoted Christian mother, taking me to church for as long as I can remember. I never heard her say an unkind word to any one, or about any one. Her neighbors knew her for the kind deeds she did for them. I often wondered why my mother

was still up, when I would come in late at night. After I had children of my own, I remembered this, and I knew.

My Father, Charley Abner Green, was a hard working farmer. He was a kind man to his family and his neighbors. I was thirty-three years old when he died, and never heard him use a curse word or any vulgarity. Both he, and my grandfather were total abstainers of strong drink.

— Charles Abner Green

CHARLES OLIN GREENE

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Born September 23, 1909 in Lattimore, Cleveland County, North Carolina, to Samuel Washington and Buena Ida Bridges Greene. He is the oldest of three children: Tyree, born October 3, 1911 and Janie, born March 16, 1916. The family moved to Zebulon, Wake County, North Carolina when he was one.

At the age of six he entered first grade at Wakelon High School, then a boarding as well as a day school, where he remained until completion of first semester of grade ten.

When twelve he joined Zebulon Baptist Church and was in the first group baptized in their new building. He and his brother, Tyree, were first janitors of that building.

In 1925 the family moved back to Cleveland County and share-cropped on different farms. In 1926 he was graduated from Lattimore High School. As a young man he worked as a store clerk, carpenter, farmer, bridge construction with Seaboard Railroad and in 1930, with four friends, made the western wheat harvest working in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado.

On December 9, 1931 he was married to Eliza Leary Brooks, daughter of Matt and Amelia Hamrick Brooks. They farmed on rental land for three years, raising five and a half cent cotton in the midst of the depression. Their first son, Charles Stanley, was born June 11, 1933.

He was active in the life of Double Springs Baptist Church serving as Sunday School teacher, secretary, and deacon. As a deacon he served with his father and grandfather who were in the deacon group.

In 1934 he surrendered to a call to the ministry and in September 1934, moved Eliza and Stanley to Wake Forest, North Carolina to enroll in Wake Forest College as a ministerial student. Eliza's father, on learning of this, said, "I know Eliza will perish now!" She came close!

While a student he served as pastor of Kittrell Baptist Church, Wake Union Baptist, and Mountain Grove Baptist, all within forty miles of Wake Forest. A second son, Samuel Allen, was born August 13, 1936.

He was graduated summa cum laude from Wake Forest College in June of 1938. While a student he was inducted into Delta Kappa Alpha, an honorary ministerial fraternity, and for two years was an assistant in the Religion Department.

In July of 1938 the family moved to Pineville, North Carolina where he assumed pastorate of Stough Memorial Baptist Church. Dur-

ing the four years there the church instituted a budget program of church finance and erected a new educational building. He served as statistician for the Mecklenberg Baptist Association and as president of the Pastor's Conference. A third son, James Albert, was born November 6, 1940.

In August 1942 the family moved to Cary, North Carolina, where he assumed the pastorate of Cary Baptist Church. While there he served as Moderator of the Raleigh Baptist Association, as president of the Pastor's Conference, and on several committees of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, Raleigh, North Carolina. During this pastorate a new parsonage was built.

On December 27, 1948, he moved his family to Lawndale, Cleveland County, North Carolina, to follow his beloved "father-in-the ministry" and former pastor, the Reverend John W. Suttle, as pastor of New Bethel, Double Shoals and Lawndale Baptist Churches, all within a four mile radius of Lawndale.

In January 1951 the family moved into their new home on Lawndale, Route 1. From 1950 to 1954 new buildings were erected by all these churches.

While on this field he served as Vice-moderator and on numerous committees of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association and on numerous committees of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. For four years he served on the General Board of the Baptist State Convention — three of those years as a member of the Board's Executive Committee. In 1957 he was asked to preach the annual sermon at the meeting in Raleigh of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention. In 1958 he was named "Rural Minister of the Year" by the *Progressive Farmer* and Emory University. All three of his churches were cited by the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention for outstanding achievement in Sunday School work.

In November 1959, he became Director of Missions for the seventy churches of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association with offices in Shelby, North Carolina, serving there until retirement in August 1972. During this period he continued to serve on State Convention Committees and assignments and was active in civic and community affairs.

He served many years on the Cleveland County Mental Health Board, as a trustee of Wake Forest University 1959-1962 and again in 1967-1971, and several terms on the Board of Associates of Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, North Carolina. He has had articles published in local, state and national publications and was named in *Who's Who* in the South and Southeast.

In retirement he served nearly ten years as pastor of Norman's Grove Baptist Church, Route 3, Lawndale, North Carolina and is now serving as interim pastor of New Prospect Baptist Church, Route 1, Shelby, North Carolina.

In all of his work his wife, Eliza, has been a strong and loving source of strength and encouragement. His three sons have honored him by finishing college and graduate work in

their chosen field of Psychiatric Social Work and finding their place in useful service to others — Stanley with the V.A. Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia, Allen as Director of the Developmental Evaluation Center, Shelby, and Albert as professor in the Department of Counselor Education and Research at Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina. Stanley has a daughter, Elizabeth Charlene, and is married to Ruth Morris Greene. Allen is married to Peggy Padgett Greene and they have a daughter, Susan Amelia. Albert is married to Ruth Hartle Greene with two daughters, Margaret Brooks and Ruth Pearce.

His hobbies have been golf and woodworking. In retirement he has built 110 grandfather clocks and 30 grandmother clocks and more than 200 mantle, shelf and wall clocks. Through the years he has built most of the furniture in his home.

He says he's had a long, satisfying life in touching the lives of others and is still busy in retirement and enjoying the sunset years with his wife, Eliza, in their home on Route 1, Lawndale.

Sources: Rev. C.O. Greene

— Mrs. Dwight Beam

HISTORY OF DAVID MARION GREEN

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David Marion Green, oldest son of Charles Abner and Louise Frances Callahan Green, was born March 31, 1944, in Henrietta, North Carolina, Rutherford County and died May 30, 1971, in Shelby, N.C. at the age of 27. He is buried in Cleveland County in Cleveland Memorial Park.

David was a very unique and unusual person, (to whom this history is dedicated). Born with a rare bone disease, known as Osteogenesis Imperfecta, (brittle bones), suffering a hundred or more broken bones in his life time. In spite of his many misfortunes he lived a very full life (from a wheel chair). Through the efforts of his parents and the Shelby City School System, he was able to finish high school. David enjoyed a host of friends world wide. His communications, world wide, were through amateur (ham) radio. He got his F.C.C. license at age 14 and was very active on the radio for many years. His call letters were WA4BHT, and was known on the air as the Big Hungry Tiger. He talked often with some very prominent people over the nation, such as, Sen. Barry Goldwater, Arthur Godfrey, etc.

David Marion Green was also a member of the Shelby Rescue and Life Saving Squad of Shelby, acting in the capacity of radio and telephone operator. He took, and passed, every life saving and rescue course offered. Through his faithful efforts and being at the radio and telephone all the time, much suffering was avoided, and lives were saved. He never let his handicap hinder him from doing his job, equal to any man, and was well liked and respected by the Squad members.

He was a member of Zoar Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C., and a member of the Shelby Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Inscribed on His marker in Cleveland Memorial Park, in Cleveland County, is this inscription,

David Marion Green, March 31, 1944 — May 30, 1971.

"Heaven Called WA4BHT"

— Charles Abner Green

THE GRAHAM GREENE FAMILY 486

Graham Manning Greene, eldest son of Garland Manning and Maude Osborne was born January 30, 1910 in Boiling Springs, North Carolina and died September 21, 1964. He is buried in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Graham, my father had one brother, Horace Cade married Minnie Greg Lester. Two sisters, Annie Catherine and Laura Dixon. "Dixie" married Roy Lee Conner. They live in Danville, Virginia.

Graham married Frances Belk Doster, daughter of Frank Crowell and Ida Richardson Doster. They have two daughters I donna Anne. "Donna" married Kenneth P. Crump of Hickory, North Carolina. They have two sons, Kenneth Graham and William Edward. Betty Frances married Charles K. Shelton of Wadesboro, North Carolina, later married Robert Sharpe of New York City.

Graham attended Furman University and was employed by First National Bank of Shelby, serving as manager of east Shelby branch. He was treasurer of Central United Methodist Church, a member of the Church's finance committee and official board.

He was also a member of the Piedmont Boy Scout Council, treasurer of Cleveland County Cripple Childrens Society, treasurer of the American cancer Society, treasurer of Shelby Lions Club and the local Student Exchange Fund. He also served as president of the PTA at Marion school.

Graham was the grandson of Dr. J.R. Osborne, who served as the first president of the North Carolina Dental Society. Frances, my mother, had one sister, Crowline, married C.L. Austell II, two brothers, Leonard Crowell married Louise O'Toole and Joseph Franklin married Pauline "Polly" Brackett.

Frances was a member of the Methodist Church, having worked in the Primary Department for several years and served on the Board of Missions of U.M.W. (United Methodist Women). She is a member of Cleveland County Community Concert Association, the Retired Teachers Organization, the Shelby Art League, the American Association of University Women, the Daughters of the American Revolution "D.A.R." and the Cleveland County Historical Museum. She also worked with the Brownie Scouts for a number of years, and was a former member of Shelby Junior Woman's Club also a former member of the Senior woman's club.

Sources: Family Bible; Shelby Daily Star

— Mrs. Kenneth Crump



GEORGE M. and PATIENCE (WASHBURN) GREEN

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George McSwain Green was born May 26, 1817, son of John Green and Judith (McSwain) Green. On February 8, 1838, he was married to Nancy McSwain, born February 14, 1817, died February 6, 1852. They had two children: Clarissa Green (Pannell, Green) born September 25, 1840, died June 8, 1909, buried at High Shoals Baptist Church Cemetery near Henrietta, North Carolina, she had no children; and Thomas Franklin Green, born September 29, 1843, died October 14, 1904, buried at Little Bethel, Cedar Hill, Texas.



Geo. M. and Patience (Washburn) Green

After the death of his first wife, he married on November 17, 1854, Patience Washburn, daughter of Abriam Washburn, born May 23, 1798, and Rebecca (Durham) Washburn, born February 7, 1803, and granddaughter of Gabriel Washburn, born October 12, 1752, and Priscilla (McSwain) Washburn, born January 14, 1756; and Charles Alexander Durham and Patience Davis. There were four children of the second marriage: Nancy Victoria Green was born June 11, 1859, in Cleveland County, married Preston B. McAfee on December 15, 1881, at Shelby, died June 21, 1945, and is buried at Beersheba Presbyterian Church Cemetery near York, South Carolina. Jefferson Davis Green was born June 8, 1861, in Cleveland County, went to Jackson County, Oklahoma in 1896, married Mollie Davis of Mangum, Oklahoma in 1923, died there on June 14, 1936, and was buried at Warren, Oklahoma. He had no children. Mary Jane Green was born November 24, 1864, in Cleveland County, married James Robert Moore, November 23, 1882, died November 11, 1953, at her home in Shelby, and is buried in the Moore family plot at Sunset Cemetery. Charles Crawford Green was born January 21, 1870, in Shelby and died March 2, 1929, at the Moore home in Shelby, and is buried in the Green family plot at Sunset Cemetery, Shelby. He never married.

George M. Green served as deputy sheriff under Charles Blanton, the first sheriff of Cleveland County. He was elected high sheriff in 1858 and served until 1864. He died following a lengthy illness on June 6, 1889.

According to the obituary in "The New Era" of June 7, 1889, "Ex-Sheriff George M. Green, one of the oldest citizens of Shelby, died at his residence on (East) Marion Street

Wednesday night. Sheriff Green was in the seventy-third year of his age and died of a complication of diseases. He had served Cleveland County as sheriff and treasurer for a number of years. He leaves a widow and six children. His funeral took place this afternoon from the Shelby Baptist Church." Obituary in another local paper read in part: "With meager advantages in early life he was a useful citizen and filled for many years the office of county treasurer. He was a worthy member of the Baptist church for about a half century. The large concourse of our citizens at his funeral attest the high esteem in which he was held."

Patience Washburn Green was born April 9, 1830, in Cleveland County had died at the Green home on May 8, 1890.

Both are buried in the Green family plot at Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: Family records; Cleveland County records

— Miss Mary Sue Thompson

MISS HANNAH GREEN

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When the first switchboard was placed in the house that Henry Green built in 1779 on North Main Street in Boiling Springs, 1903, the house at that time was owned and occupied by his grandson Reuben H. Green Sr. His wife Judith Green Green was also a granddaughter of Henry Green. Their daughter Hannah Green was the first switchboard operator, and she kept it as long as she was able.

Her nephew Bruno Hamrick operated it until they could get some one else. Her niece, Mrs. Addie Mae Green, widow of Plato Green with five small children, was the next operator of this switchboard. It was moved into her home on North Main Street a short distance from Miss Hannah's home. She was operator for thirteen years; then the switchboard closed in 1932.

Miss Hannah Green fell on Sunday morning while attending church services and suffered a broken hip. She had been confined to her bed for six years when she died January 25, 1927 at 71 years of age. Even though she suffered much, she was very patient and cheerful during her confinement.

Miss Hannah had a hard time during the Civil War; she ploughed an ox on Abe Hill which was very steep and rough. In fact, it is a small moutain. Abe Hill is on the west side of Sandy Run Creek between Boiling Springs and Mooresboro.

Miss Hannah's father Reuben H. Green Sr. was a charter member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church and the oldest member at that time. He shoveled the first shovel of dirt for Boiling Springs Baptist High School. Esley Green grandson of Reuben H. Green Sr., shoveled the second shovel.

Connie Green the smallest child in school shoveled the third shovel when Boiling Springs Baptist High School became Gardner-Webb College.

Sources: personal interviews, newspapers.

— Ollie Connie Green



JAMES MCSWAIN "J. MAC" GREEN and MARTHA MISSOURI "ZUE" SPANGLER

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James McSwain Green, better known as J. Mac Green or "Uncle Mac Green," was born in the Boiling Springs area of Cleveland County, North Carolina, April 13, 1861, to John Green and his wife Sarah B. McSwain Green.

A few days before his nineteenth birthday, he married Martha Missouri "Zue" Spangler, daughter of Jonathan and Barbra H. Spangler. They settled and built a home near Zue's mother and lived there until after Zue died in 1905. After Zue's death, her mother, Barbra went to live with Mac to help raise the children.

Mac, an easy going, quiet type person, usually didn't have much to say. When he had something to say about others it was always good. If he couldn't find anything good to say, he just didn't say. If one of the children wanted something or to go somewhere, he'd say he would have to study about it. Later he would give them an answer and explain his answer. You never saw him angry or mad.

He loved to sing and was satisfied when he could get a group together to sing. He led the singing at his church, Double Shoals Baptist, where he and Zue were charter members and he was the first church clerk. He loved the Lord and his love for the Lord was carried into his home. There was always a family altar there.

Zue was the only daughter of Jonathan and Barbra Spangler and the middle of five children. At the age of twenty-one she married Mac Green. In their twenty-five years of marriage there were seven children, with the youngest being only seven years old when Zue died suddenly with side pleurisy.

There were seven children — five girls, two boys: Sarah Lou Green (married John W. Scism); Nettie Barbara Green (married E. Elmer McKinney); George Anderson Green (married Lizzie Mauney); Cora Ellen Green (married Robert M. Mitchell); May Green (married James S. Ware); Vista Eugena Green (married Bonnie H. Elliott); and Broadus Sylvanus Green (married Margaret Elliott).

Zue used her spare time to sew and make clothes for her children. She always saw to it that they had one good Sunday outfit clean and ready for Sunday morning. She often crocheted lace to trim the girl's dresses.

As the children grew older, Mac sold his farm and moved to Shelby to educate his children.

Mac Green died December 22, 1936 and was buried beside his wife in the Double Shoals Baptist Church Cemetery, Cleveland County, N.C.

— Theresa S. Lowe

JERRY and ANNIE GREEN

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Jerry and Annie Green, a black family born in slavery, lived in Boiling Springs, North Carolina, and were the owners of the land which Gardner-Webb College now stands. The



Annie Lissa Green.

Greens and their children sold their parts to J.C. Hamrick for the college.

There were only two buildings that belonged to the college at that time. The old home place was torn down to build a clinic, which now is a boys dorm; another house was torn down to build a stadium. The Green family also gave land to build a church, known as Green Bethel Baptist Church. The school was also named after the Greens. After busing came on the scene, the name was changed to West Cleveland.

Their son J.Y. raised enough hogs to supply pork for the entire school. Their daughter Jodie McAfee did all the laundry for the students and teachers.

The land deed is recorded at the Law Enforcement Center in Shelby.

— Mrs. Corine Cabaniss

JESSIE RANDALL GREENE FAMILY

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The Silas Randall (1770-1855) who settled on Bowens River on highway 18 south of Shelby, was my great, great-grandfather. The early history of this clan was written in the John Randall sketch by Stella Randall.

One of the most prized possessions of my heritage is the Indenture of land consisting of four hundred acres, made to Silas Randall from the State of North Carolina for the sum of one hundred dollars. This land was to be deeded to his heirs forever; signed and sealed with his personal seal. Witnesses to this transaction was Nathaniel Hamrick and Jacob Randall and was dated July 20, 1837. This homestead was two hundred yards below my present home. Silas Randall built his home of logs, which was a three story house with a basement. The ground floor was one large room with a fireplace at one end and a bedroom at the other end. The third floor had two bedrooms. The kitchen was built separate from the house. This house was unoccupied when I was small, but was a favorite place for neighborhood children to play on Sunday after-

noons. When this house was torn down in the 1920's my family kept wooden pegs it was built with, also some shingles.

My paternal grandfather was Preyer Randall (1855-1938), son of Samuel Randall (1827-?) and Abigail Randall and wife of Mattie Sealy (1852-1921). Three sons were born to this union. Maruin Randall (1886-1930), Anderson Randall (1880-1953) and John Edward Randall (1877-1955). Preyer Randall was a farmer and a stonemason and made a head-rock for his grave long before his death. The Ku Klux Klan was active during this period and he was a member. Once Grandpa Preyer witnessed a hanging and went on home to plow, the plow struck a rock and made a sound similar to the man hanging, he stopped his plow and vowed never to go to another hanging. "Grandma Matt" (1857-1921) was noted for her apple pies and fried chicken. She had a cow horn she used to call the family at meal times.

All of the Randalls were members of Pine Grove United Church and were buried there.

My father John Edward Randall (1877-1955) and my mother Laura Randall Randall (1894-1940) owned a farm on the outer edge of the original compound where I was born. "Mama Laura" was a school teacher at Earl School and was a fine seamstress. She was also a barber for the community. With encouragement from my parents I also became a teacher. My first school was McBrayer, a two room, two teacher school. I married Wray Greene (1903-1972) a watchmaker and jeweler, and we built a home on the original homestead in 1931. Three sons were born to this union. Wray Randall (1925) watchmaker, married Jean Kendrick (1925). Donald Lynn (1928) diesel mechanic C.F.C.C., wife Jackie McIntyre (1930) son John Timothy (1952) auto body repair; wife, Dianne Carroll (1954); son Donnie Lee (1975); daughter, Amy Elizabeth (1977). Daughter Donna Lynn (1953);



Randall Coat of Arms

husband, Bruce Edward Wiggins (1951), dental lab technician; daughter Laura Lynn (1977), son Jacob Edward (1980).

John Max Greene Sr. (1931) Southern Bell. First wife, Nancy Caldwell (1936) son John Max, Jr. (1958-1980) daughter Gina Lynn (1959). Second wife Betty McFarland (1932).

— Jessie Randall Greene

JOHN CHARLES GREEN

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John Charles Green, the second son of Charles Abner and Louise Frances Callahan Green, was born July 20, 1956 in Shelby, North Carolina. He attended Shelby City Schools and graduated from Shelby High School in 1974. He attended his freshman year in college at Western Carolina University, Sylva, N.C. The second year he attended Gaston College, Gastonia, N.C. and received his Degree in Police Science. The last two years of his college work was at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, N.C. where he received his B.S. Degree in Criminal Justice in 1978. He has also studied the Criminal Justice and the Penal System at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. He is employed as a North Carolina Adult Probation and Parole Officer in Mecklenburg County.

He was married on June 23, 1979, to Susan Carol Baily, born Oct. 14, 1954, from Walnut Cove, N.C. in Stokes County. She is the daughter of Jack Mauger and Avis Carol Bray Baily, also of Stokes County. She is a 1979 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, N.C. John Charles and Susan Carol Green live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

— Charles Abner Green

JOSEPH GREEN

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Joseph Green, son of John Green, Sr. and Judith McSwain Green, was born December 30, 1833. Joseph married Sarah Hamrick, daughter of David Hamrick and Hannah Hamrick. Sarah was born November 3, 1836 and died June 25, 1896. Joseph owned and operated a farm near Sandy Run Creek about three miles from Boiling Springs. They were the parents of four children.

Charles Jefferson Green was born October 11, 1854 and died November 10, 1855.

Patia Jane Green was born August 1, 1856 and died July 6, 1897. Patia married George Green McSwain, who was born May 18, 1846 and died January 5, 1919. George was the son of Benjamin Franklin McSwain and Nancy Green McSwain.

Solon Alverose Green was born December 17, 1857 and died July 24, 1953. Solon married Catherine E. Hamrick, daughter of Charles J. Hamrick and Sarah Hamrick.

Andrew Jackson Green was born August 24, 1860 and died August 1, 1943. Andrew married Permelia Ann Esther Green, daughter of Reuben Hamrick Green and Elizabeth Jane Scruggs Green, at her home on August 12, 1883.

Joseph Green served in the Civil War in

Company D 55, North Carolina Regiment. He died a faithful soldier in service on August 19, 1864. His body was sent back home for burial. He was buried in the Boiling Springs cemetery. He was devoted to his wife and children, and he and his wife were faithful members of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

Sources: family records.

— Ollie Connie Green

JOSEPH GREEN

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Joseph Green, was born in 1724, and died Sept., 1771. He is buried in the Old Green Cemetery at the Bostic Brick Yard, near Bostic, N.C., in Rutherford Co. He was born in Tryon County, now Cleveland County, and at one time lived near Crouse, N.C., in Gaston County. He was married to Mary McEntire.

Joseph Green was a Captain in the French and Indian War. He also served as a Ranger. He is the father of Major William Green.

Joseph Green and Mary McIntire Green had six children: William (Major) Green, born 1753; Abraham Green, born 1760; Jacob Green, born 1767; Joseph Green, born 1769; Mary Green; and Isaac Green, born 1762.

Joseph Green settled first on Beaver Dam Creek on the South Fork of the Catawba River. His first land grant is dated 1753. He served in Samuel Coburn's Militia Company in 1747, the first Militia Company west of the Catawba River. By 1758 Joseph Green received a grant on Buffalo Creek. It is thought that Joseph and Mary Green were living on Buffalo Creek when William Green was born.

Tradition says that William "Major" Green, son of Joseph and Mary McEntire Green, was the first white child born in what is now Cleveland County.

— Charles Abner Green

"MAJOR" WILLIAM and DRUCILLA GREEN

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"Major" William Green, the son of Joseph and Mary McIntire Green, was born on Buffalo Creek in Cleveland County in 1753 near the state line.

William Green first joined the Tory forces and fought in one battle which he regretted. He was captured by the Revolutionary forces along with several other prisoners and was sentenced to be hung along with Lt. William Langum the next morning. He and Langum managed to escape that night. Langum managed to untie the buckskin straps with his teeth that bound the hands and feet of his Comrade Green. As William Green had a knife, he then cut them both loose and they escaped. Aided by the friendly wilderness and sympathizing Loyalists, they in time reached their old retion on Buffalo Creek in Cleveland County. The home of "Major" Wm. Green's mother, Mary McIntire Green McAfee, is still standing and is located below Earl, North Carolina, near the North Carolina and South Carolina line.

Green, renouncing his brief and sad experience in the Tory service, joined the Whigs and battled manfully thereafter for his country. In 1781-82 Major Wm. Green fought with the Ten Months Men under Sumpter and fought in the Battle of Eutaw Springs. After the war he settled in Rutherford County and served in the House of Commons in 1798, and fourteen times in the State Senate, from 1800 to 1824. He received a large land grant and raised a large family and had several slaves. He died in Rutherford County November Sixth 1832 and is buried in the Green Cemetery near the old Bostic Brick Yard, Bostic, North Carolina.

He was a charter member of Sandy Run Baptist Church in Mooresboro, North Carolina, the oldest church in Cleveland County. When he moved to Rutherford County, he transfered his membership to Concord Baptist Church in Rutherford County, a church he helped to organize.

To this union of Major William and Drucilla Green were born eight children: Henry, 1775-1834; James, 1776-1884; Joseph 1778-1847; Charlotte, b. 1782; Viney, b. 1785; Abner, 1786-1878; William, b. 1789; Abraham, b. 1794.

— Charles Abner Green



Home of William (Major) Green's mother, Mary McIntire Green McAfee.

PERMELIA ANN ESTHER GREEN

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Permelia Ann Esther Green was the daughter of Reuben Hamrick Green and Elizabeth Jane Scruggs Green. She was born August 16, 1864 in Rutherford County near Cliffside at her grandfather Richard Scruggs' home.

She married Andrew Jackson Green August 12, 1883 at her home in Boiling Springs; Rev. J.M. Bridges married them. After the wedding they attended church service at Boiling Springs Baptist Church and they had the wedding dinner at the groom's home.

Andrew was the son of Joseph Green, who died in service August 19, 1864. His mother was Mrs. Sarah Hamrick Green.

Andrew was born August 24, 1860. Andrew and Permelia Ann were my parents and they owned a big farm in the Boiling Springs area; they raised corn, wheat and cotton. They had a

cane patch for making molasses, and they also raised sweet potatoes, pumpkins and several kinds of vegetables. Mother also grew herbs for medicine.

Father had a big orchard and they had apples such as Early Harvest, May, June, Hannah, Reuben, Jack, Asa Green, Turner, Thin Skin, Cane, Grand-daddy, Crib, Sheep nose, and pound apples. They had several kinds of peaches and pears. They also had grapes, cherries, damsons, muscadines, blackberries, strawberries, and dew berries.

Mother made lots of jellies, preserves, pickles, and kraut. She dried apples and peaches for making pies.

Mother made her vinegar; she ground apples in a sausage mill, pressed out the juice, strained it and put it into jugs to ferment for vinegar.

Mother made lye out of wood ashed to make her laundry soap with and also to make her hominy.

Father had chestnuts trees, black-walnuts, hickory-nuts and chinquapins. He also raised peanuts and popcorn. He raised beef cows as well as milk cows.

Mother sold sweet milk twenty-five cents per gallon, buttermilk ten cents per gallon and butter twenty-five cents per pound. She sold hens for twenty-five cents a piece.

Until glass jars came around, mother canned fruits and vegetables in tin cans and sealed them with old time soldering iron and cooked them in a wash pot.

Mother was an excellent cook and housekeeper. She kept boarders part of the time.

She did the sewing for the family, pieced quilts, quilted them and also embroidered; crocheted, made tatting and did much other fancy work.

Mother attended the Holland School and father attended the Lovelace School of which both were in the Boiling Springs area. Neither of them had the opportunity to go to school much; but they made good use of what education they had.

They read their Bibles and attended church as long as they were able.

They were devoted to each other and to their children. They tried to teach us to do right as best they could.

Mother was a fine nurse; she did not have special training but learned by experience.

Mother had all kinds of flowers in her yard and many kinds of potted plants. No matter who came and asked for flowers, she gave them some. She gave flowers for home use, parties, weddings, memorial day, funerals, and public affairs at school.

Many colored people came and asked for flowers. She never refused anyone.

Mother fell and suffered a broken hip November 18, 1946. She was confined to her bed until she died January 2, 1951.

Green Bethel (colored school) sent a big beautiful wreath of flowers for her funeral. They said that every child in school contributed some on the wreath.

Father and mother were the parents of six girls and one boy.

Father and mother celebrated their golden wedding at their home August 12, 1933. Many

relatives and friends attended; they lacked eleven days being married sixty years when father died August 1, 1943.

— Ollie Connie Green

REUBEN HAMRICK GREEN

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Reuben Hamrick Green was born December 18, 1840 and died June 7, 1923. He was the son of Elias Green and Rebecca Hamrick Green and grandson of Reuben Hamrick, who sold land for the first Boiling Springs Baptist Church, which was organized in 1847.

Reuben Hamrick Green married Elizabeth Jane Scruggs who was the daughter of Richard Scruggs and Selena Hawkins Scruggs. She was born August 8, 1846 and died March 29, 1921.

Reuben and his brother Thomas Green owned and operated a harness shop on North Main Street near the home of Miss Permella Pruett and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Padgett. They had a good business when the Civil War started. Then they were drafted into the war. Reuben's brother Thomas died in service, and Reuben was wounded in the knee, which troubled him as long as he lived. Reuben never reopened his harness shop after the way ended. He owned a large farm in the Boiling Springs area and he farmed as long as he was able.

Reuben Hamrick Green sold more land for building purposes than any other person in Boiling Springs in his day. He wanted to see Boiling Springs prosper and he knew that was the only way for Boiling Springs to grow. He gave part of the land to the Boiling Springs cemetery and his grandfather Reuben Hamrick gave the other part of the cemetery.

He let the negroes have land where their present church, Green Bethel, is and enough land for their cemetery and the Green Bethel School. He gave a ten-foot road from North Main Street to their church and school. Reuben helped support the Boiling Springs Baptist High School. He and his wife were faithful members of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

To this union were born nine boys and two girls.

1. Toliver Green was born April 18, 1861 and he died June 15, 1938. His wife, Johnnie Brent Burge Green, was born December 4, 1865 and she died May 29, 1925.

2. R. L. Davis Green was born August 15, 1862 and he died December 17, 1947. His wife Elizabeth Jolley Green was born May 18, 1869 and she died July 21, 1944.

3. Permella Ann Esther Green was born August 16, 1864 and she died January 2, 1951. Her husband, Andrew Jackson Green, was born August 16, 1860 and he died August 1, 1943.

4. Jonas Green was born June 21, 1866 and he died January 28, 1911. His first wife, Blauche Hamrick Green, was born March 14, 1866 and she died February 11, 1904. His second wife, Ocie Ethel Mintz Green, was born December 19, 1883 and she died January, 1943.

5. Seaton Green was born July 24, 1868 and he died February 4, 1902. His wife, Sarah

Annie Clauton Green, was born June 4, 1875 and she died April 28, 1970.

6. Summie G. Green was born August 10, 1870 and he died September 5, 1876.

7. Albert Green was born 1872 and he died September 19, 1876.

8. Doctor Landrum Green was born April 20, 1875 and he died October 11, 1876. (Summie, Albert, and Doctor Landrum Green all died with diphtheria.)

9. Volney Green was born November 6, 1877 and he died September 15, 1899. He died with typhoid fever. He was a fine musician. He could play the organ and had a beautiful voice to sing.

10. Cancas Green was born in 1878 and she died April 4, 1913. Her husband Chivous J. Bridges was born April 28, 1875 and he died April 14, 1932.

11. Murphy Green was born in 1880 and he died in 1957. His wife Erie Pearson Green died in March 1956.

Sources: personal interviews, memory.

— Ollie Connie Green

SANDERS DONEHUE and NARCISIS BLANTON GREEN

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Sanders Donehue Green, the son of Abner Green and the grandfather of the writer of this history, Charles Abner Green, Jr., was born October 22, 1840 in Rutherford County near Ellenboro at Piney Mountain. He died June 9, 1926 and is buried in Concord Church Cemetery near Bostic, North Carolina. He served his country in the War between the States in the confederate army. My grandfather was a very stern man, but had a very tender, humble spirit and a faith in God that could not be shaken. He lived with my father's family for as long as I can remember and until he died. I can remember him quoting passages from the Bible.

Some fifteen years before he died he helped to build his own coffin. It was stored upstairs in Charlie Davis' country store near Sunshine, North Carolina, for many years before he died. The coffin was made from eighteen inch forestheart pine lumber. My grandfather also said he did not want any flowers at his funeral and as I recall, there were not any.

Through the persistent efforts of Sanders Donehue Green, a mail route was established through the Golden Valley and Duncan Creek Communities in Rutherford County.

Sanders Donehue Green married Narcisis Ellis Blanton, December 24, 1836 — November 6, 1915, and is buried in the Walls Church Cemetery near Ellenboro and Washburn's store. Her father was Jackson Blanton, b. 1820. Her mother was Maloney Blanton, b. 1822. To this union were born six children: Charly Abner Green (father of this author) born September 11, 1871, d. February 13, 1948. Robert Green, married Junie Bridges and they had three children: Estell, Ruby, Nellie. He lived in Charlotte, North Carolina, and is buried in Mecklenburg County.

Joulous Green, October 29, 1879 — April 5, 1959, is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. He married Mina McFalls, October 27,

1877 — September 25, 1965, and they have seven children: Buren, 1899-1956; infant, born 1903 and died in infancy; Forest, b. March 28, 1904; Bessie Green Morrow, born November 2, 1906; Sarah Green Hollifield, born June 2, 1914; Pearl Green Dotson, born February 13, 1919; Mavis Green, born February 9, 1921, and was killed in a freak auto accident August 1940.

Charlotte Green, born February 10, 1874, died November 8, 1957. Married Charlie Beam and to this union were born eight children: Davie, April 12, 1892-1962; Hattie, died at age six months; Edley Beam, May 19, 1895; another child died at birth; Paul Beam, born December 16, 1900; Fay Beam, born August 6, 1903; Carrie Beam, born 1905-1921; Fary Beam Bland, 1907-1980.

Mary Green, born 1867 married Seth Melton and they had one child, Anson Gustavis Melton, deceased.

Charlotte Green Beam buried in Rutherford County Memorial Park. Martha Green, September 1869-1907, married Pose Green and had three children: Cliff, Maudie and Nellie.

— Charles Abner Green

THE SAMUEL W. GREENE FAMILY

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Samuel Washington Greene was born February 13, 1879 in the Double Springs community of Cleveland County, North Carolina. He was the son of Martin H. Greene and Laura Goforth and tre grandson of Henderson Howell Greene and Malinda Mode. Samuel had three brothers — Frank, William and Howell, along with one sister, Evia, who married Arthur Crowder.

Sam, as he was better known, married Beuna Ida Bridges in Cleveland County December 21, 1904. Beuna was born July 12, 1885 and was one of fourteen children of Cicero Miller Bridges and Jane Harrill, and Cicero's



Samuel W. Greene

second wife, Carrie Hawkins. Her grandmother on her father's side was Nancy Hamrick Bridges, the daughter of Berry Hamrick, one of Cleveland County's earliest settlers.

Sam died on November 18, 1945 and Buena died on October 6, 1966. Both died in Cleveland County and are buried in Double Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sam and Buena lived in the Double Springs and Lattimore communities of Cleveland County all of their lives except for a period of approximately twelve years when they resided in Zebulon (Wake County) North Carolina. While in Wake County, Sam's vocation was rural mail delivery (by horse and buggy), accountant and farmer. His only vocation in Cleveland County was farming, primarily cotton.

As was true of most persons in the rural setting, Sam's and Buena's lives were devoted to their church, their community and their families. Both carried leadership roles in their church, serving as Deacon, Treasurer, Sunday School Teacher, W.M.U. leader, choir, etc. They were always ready to help a friend or neighbor in need. Their lives were controlled primarily by their deep religious belief. Sam loved to read and work with his tools while Buena was highly skilled in sewing, crocheting, quilting and cooking. Having survived two wars and the horrible depression of the 30s, their lives and needs could be labeled simple, yet their devotion and love for God and man could be labeled nothing but outstanding.

Four children were born to this union: Clarence Oren, born November 11, 1906, died June 2, 1907. Charles Olin, born September 23, 1909, married Eliza Brooks of Cleveland County December 9, 1931. They have three sons: Stanley, Allen and Albert; Eulan Tyree, born October 3, 1911, married Virginia Russell Hill of White Plains, New York, June 20, 1936; two daughters, Martha and Sarah; Janie Annette, born March 14, 1916, married Lawrence V. Wright of Cleveland County December 9, 1933; Three sons, Larry, Erick and David: Lawrence died May 12, 1974 and is buried in Double Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

More detailed information relating to Olin and Tyree appears elsewhere in this publication.

The three surviving children of Samuel and Buena Greene have had the benefit of their heritage of Cleveland County for a collective period of 208 years. For this we are extremely proud and grateful. There are children whose parents may have acquired more worldly possessions than ours, but none ever had a better father and mother.

— E. Tyree Greene

SEATON GREEN

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Seaton Green was the son of Reuben Hamrick Green and Elizabeth Jane Scruggs Green. He was born July 24, 1868 and died February 4, 1902. His wife Sarah Annie Clanton was born June 4, 1875 and died April 28, 1970. They had one child, Hiram Green. He was born October 18, 1896 and died August 27, 1961. Hiram married Fay White who survives at the



Beuna Ida Greene.

age of 85 and lives in Charlotte.

Seaton Green was reared on a farm in Boiling Springs. When he was a young man he clerked in the Company stores at Henrietta and Caroleen. That's where he met his wife-to-be. She went into the store at Caroleen and bought some cloth from him and he fell in love with her at first sight. He asked a friend who the young lady was, and he told him "Annie Clanton". It wasn't long until he asked her for a date. After several dates with her they were married and lived in Boiling Springs. While clerking in the stores at Henrietta and Caroleen he attended the Baptist church at Henrietta and taught a Sunday School class. Etta McSwain was living at Henrietta at that time and she was a member of his Sunday School class. Mrs. Etta McSwain, widow of Joseph Franklin McSwain, has a home near Mooresboro and she is 96 years old.

Seaton Green was Editor of the "Reformer News" that was printed at Boiling Springs. It was always full of news and advertisements of interest to the citizens. It was printed once a week in the late 1800's. His printing office was in the back of A.W. McSwain's grocery store. His store stood where the man-made spring is and owned by Gardner-Webb College across from the Boiling Springs drug store. A.W. McSwain was the grandfather of G.T. McSwain Jr. who owns and operates a super market and furniture store on East College Avenue in Boiling Springs.

Nannie and Blanche Hamrick, Tommy and Judith Green set the type for Seaton Green. Nannie and Blanche were the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. D.J. Hamrick, Sr. Tommy and Judith were the son and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben H. Green Sr. who shoveled the first shovel of dirt for the Boiling Springs Baptist High School in 1906 or 1907.

Seaton Green felt the call to preach so he attended Wake Forest College and studied for the ministry. His health failed and he found that he had T.B. He was sent to John-Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland for treatment. After they had examined him they found that they couldn't do anything to help him, so he came back home. He soon died. He was a

faithful member of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church and also the Masonic Lodge. He was buried in the Boiling Springs Cemetery. After his death his widow and son Hiram moved to Charlotte where she owned and operated a boarding house as long as she was able. She and Hiram were both buried at Charlotte.

Sources: Newspaper

— Ollie Connie Green

TYREE and VIRGINIA GREENE

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Eulan Tyree Greene and Virginia Russell Hill first met while students at Shenandoah College and Conservatory of Music, Dayton, Virginia (now located in Winchester, Va.). Four years later, on June 20, 1936, they were married in White Plains, Westchester County, New York.

Virginia was born May 14, 1915 in Johnstown, Pa. Her father was Harvey J. Hill, a native of Pennsylvania and her mother was Loretta Stephenson Russell, a native of Ohio. Mr. Hill was a nationally known fund raiser for philanthropic organizations and causes with offices in New York City. Tyree was born October 3, 1911 in Zebulon, Wake County, North Carolina. His parents were Samuel W. Greene and Buena Ida Bridges, both natives of Cleveland County, Double Springs community. The family returned from Wake to Cleveland County while Tyree was a young boy and there he attended Lattimore grade and high schools until graduation in 1929.

Tyree has one brother, The Rev. C.O. Greene, who resides in the Lawndale-Double Shoals community of Cleveland County. One sister, Janie, wife of the late Lawrence V. Wright, resides in Shelby. Tyree, Olin and Janie trace their paternal ancestry back to William Greene and their maternal ancestry to Berry Hamrick, one of Cleveland County's earliest settlers.

Virginia and Tyree have two daughters — Martha and Sarah. Both children were born and educated in White Plains, N.Y. and both attended High Point College in High Point, N.C. Martha is married to Jack C. Packard, a native of Cleveland County and a mechanical engineer employed by General Electric Company. They have two daughters — Deborah and Elizabeth — and they reside in Charlotte, N.C. Sarah is married to Dr. Richard A. Goldman, Optometrist, and they also have two daughters, Rachael and Leah. They reside in Chelmsford, Massachusetts, a suburb of Boston.

From their earliest years, both Tyree and Virginia showed considerable interest and talent in music. Tyree won second place for his high school as baritone soloist in the North Carolina State High Schools Music Contest. His school's male quartet, of which he was a member, won second place honors also. He went on to earn his college education by singing in the college quartet, travelling extensively throughout the Southeast, giving radio, concert and church performances. Virginia's greatest interest in music was piano and organ. During the summer months, she served as organist of the Rockefeller family's



E. Tyree and Virginia Hill Greene.

provided by the YMCA for the men and women in uniform took on astronomical significance and importance. And Tyree found himself right in the middle of it.

Space simply will not permit the mention of Tyree's responsibilities and accomplishments during his 35 years of Social Service. Perhaps they could be summed up as a career of service to God and his fellow-men. Not only was he able to achieve the top positions in his chosen profession, but along with it he found time to serve his church from Sunday School teacher and choir member to Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Chairman of the Church Council and Moderator of the Church. In addition, he continually served his community by giving leadership to school, civic, city, hospital, and other worthwhile projects and needs.

Upon retirement as Associate Executive Director of the World Headquarters of USO (after serving as Acting Executive Director), the return to Cleveland County was most welcome. Following the pattern of his previous years, here are some of the activities in which he has been engaged since his return home: Chairman, Cleveland County Bicentennial Committee; Founding member of Board, Cleveland County Community Concerts Association; Board member, Cleveland County Mental Health Association; Chairman, World Service Committee, Shelby Rotary Club; Founder, first President and Board member, Council of Aging of Cleveland County which established and operates the County's Senior Citizens Center; Treasurer, Cecilia Music Club; Treasurer, The Salvation Army; Treasurer, Presbyterian Refugee Resettlement Committee; Vice Chairman, Isothermal Planning and Development Advisory Committee; Vice Chairman, Cleveland County Nursing Homes Advisory Committee; Planner, first County Senior Citizens Health Fair; Co-Chairman, Cleveland County Senior Seminar in preparation for the White House Conference on Aging; United Fund volunteer; Co-Chairman of Project of Cleveland County Museum to co-ordinate and publish this book "Heritage of Cleveland County"; Recipient of the Shelby Exchange Club's 1982 award "Book of Golden Deeds".

It is with pride that we present this background of our parents.

Sources: personal knowledge.

— Martha Greene Packard
and Sarah Greene Goldman

GREGORY — MYERS — SPRAGINS

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THE REV. DR. AND MRS. JAMES MARVIN GREGORY moved from Baton Rouge, La. in May 1976, following his age retirement, to Shelby, N.C. in order to be near one of their four married children, who at that time lived in four different states. Mrs. Joel F. Spragins (Jeanne) lived in Shelby with her practicing physician husband and their children, Lucy, Mark, and Susan. This influenced her parents' becoming happily active participants of church and community life in Shelby.

The Gregorys moved into their own home at

famous church in Pocantico Hills, Westchester County, N.Y.

Until retirement in latter 1974, most of Tyree's and Virginia's married life was spent in White Plains, N.Y. where Tyree commuted daily some 30 miles each way to his work in New York City. Virginia's life centered primarily around her family, community and church. She held many leading roles in support of community and church life which included schools, YWCA, hospitals, Women's Club, Art League, Church Women's Society, organist, Sunday School teacher, choir and the like. Her latter years, because of a slow down by arthritis, have been devoted to her interest and talent in art. Immediately upon becoming a resident of Cleveland County she became instrumental in founding the Cleveland County Working Artist Guild, and she has placed many of her works in County art exhibits, including

her own water color show in the County Library during 1981. In 1976 she won first prize in water color at the Spring In Shelby exhibit held annually on the Court Square.

Most of Tyree's professional career has been in the area of Social Service. After graduating from College in 1933 he spent a short period teaching in Virginia public schools, following which he entered the business field in Washington and New York City, concentrating primarily on the areas of accounting, finance and management. In 1940 the opportunity arose to enter the field of professional Social Work through the YMCA in White Plains, N.Y. Within less than two years he found himself on the National staff of the YMCAs of USA and Canada as Associate Director of Business and Finance for the Armed Services Division. Then came World War II and the social, recreational, cultural, educational and religious services

302 Peach St., instead of another church manse. Landscaping, vegetable gardening, orcharding, and shop work — and a bit of painting — were made possible and rewarding hobbies. A sense of continuing usefulness (but at a slower pace) has enriched retirement through supplying vacant pulpits and interim pastorates, including one year as associate pastor of the Shelby Presbyterian Church.

Their oldest daughter, Mrs. Edward C. Myers (Margaret) moved from Virginia to Shelby in 1978 upon the retirement of her husband from the Army. Their three children Linda, Gregory, and James continued their education in the Shelby schools, and Margaret has furthered her career as a Registered Nurse in the Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Gregory (Martha Nan — “Nancy”) has perhaps even increased her church and club activities in this hospitable and permanent setting, especially in the field of vocal and instrumental music. She is a native of Carrollton, Ky. and a graduate of Georgetown College. Her parents were Ralph B. McCrackin and Margaret Swango McCrackin. Dr. Gregory is a native of Birmingham, Ala. (1911) and is the son of the late Marvin B. and Lula Waters Gregory. He is a graduate of Southwestern at Memphis College and Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary and has done graduate work at Columbia University in New York and Union Seminary in Richmond, Va.

— Dr. James Gregory

DR. WILLIAM THOMAS GRIGG FAMILY

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In 1663 William Grigg I migrated from England to Charles City County, Virginia. He was the first of this family in America.

Descendants of William Grigg I were in turn William Grigg II, William Grigg III, Abner Grigg and Jesse Grigg. All these were large land holders in Virginia. Jesse Grigg moved to Cleveland County (then part of Rutherford County) in 1797. It is said he owned all the land around the present town of Lawndale. He is buried just across the Broad River from the Cleveland Mills Dye House.

Frederick Grigg, Jesse's son, owned large areas of land West of Broad River, including the present town of Lawndale. He deeded the site for Palm Tree Methodist Church and was one of the church's founders. He is buried in the Grigg cemetery near the water tank in Lawndale.

One of Frederick's sons was Spencer Martin Grigg. His children were John, Mary Ellen, Sarah, Laura, Alford, Roxanna, Jasper, Callie, Walter, Frank, June and William Thomas, known as Dr. W.T. Grigg.

Dr. Grigg married Ellen Smith, daughter of Reverend Landrum Smith and Nancy Hamrick Smith.

The Dr. Grigg family lived in the Sharon Community of Cleveland County from about 1890 till 1908, except for one year in the Belwood Community. In 1908 it moved to Lawndale where it remained until the deaths of Dr. Grigg and Mrs. Grigg.

Little is known of Dr. Grigg's early scholastic training. It was probably obtained at private schools. He got his professional training at Atlanta Medical College and the Memphis Tennessee Medical College. In addition he was for one year an understudy of Dr. Gardner, father of Governor O. Max Gardner.

Dr. Grigg began the practice of medicine in the Sharon Community, continued there about eighteen years (except for one year at Belwood) then moved to Lawndale where he continued practice until a few years before his death at 94 years of age.

Ellen Smith's paternal ancestry goes back through Landrum Smith to Chesley Bostic, her maternal through Nancy Hamrick to George Hamrick.

The Dr. Grigg family had eight children: Fred, who died in infancy, Jasper Horace, Claud, Maud, Womble Quay, Marvin Atkins, Ruth and Eloise.

All the children of this family who grew to maturity attended and graduated from Piedmont High School. All attended college.

Marriages in this family were as follows: Horace to Edith Whisnant, Claud to Maude Bryan then to Margie Humphrey, Maud to Tom Hovis, Marvin to Evelina Lee, Eloise to Lyle Overholser, Quay to Lottie Stone.

Of the seven children of this family, four have worked in the field of education: Horace as teacher, high school principal and Superintendent of Cleveland County Schools (37 years), Claud as teacher, principal and Superintendent of Schools in Kings Mountain and Albemarle, Maud as teacher in Cleveland and Lincoln counties, North Carolina and one school in South Carolina; Quay was principal at Indian Trail before entering the ministry.

Quay was a minister in the Methodist Church, serving many churches. He was also a Naval Chaplain in World War II, and Chaplain for the American Legion in North Carolina.

Horace and Claud served in World War I, Horace in the Army, Claud in the Navy.

Ruth worked for the Cleveland Mills, Lawndale, and for Woman's College and the Post Office, both in Greensboro.

Eloise was a graduate nurse, serving in this capacity in Charlottesville, Virginia, until her marriage to Lyle Overholser.

All members of the Grigg family have been active in their support of churches at Sharon and Palm Tree Methodist Churches and other churches in communities where they have lived.

Grandchildren of Dr. and Mrs. Grigg are: Dorothy Claire, daughter of Horace and Edith; William Humphrey, Claud McNeill and David Lee, sons of Claud and Margie; Womble Quay, Jr., son of Quay and Lottie; Marvin, Jr., Richard, and Tommy, sons of Marvin and Evelina; James Grigg and Linda, children of Eloise and Lyle Overholser.

In general, it can be said the members of the Dr. W.T. Grigg family have been good citizens, successful, and highly regarded in whatever locality they have lived.

Sources: “William Grigg I Immigrant” by Cleo Grigg Johnson Gilchrist; Church and cemetery records

— J.H. Grigg
and Ruth Grigg

THE DR. GRIFFIN MILLER GOLD FAMILY

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Griffin Miller Gold, Medical Doctor, born December 12, 1859 near Lattimore, North Carolina, (son of Daniel Pleasant and Margaret Jenkins Gold) was brought up on their farm. He was the grandson of Daniel and Frances Griffin Gold who came to North Carolina from Virginia about 1798.

Griffin attended medical college in Atlanta, Georgia, and Baltimore, Maryland. He practiced in Rutherford and Cleveland counties for forty-eight years and was a well-liked, successful doctor.

When we were small children, Dr. Griffin was our family physician. We were fond of him because he soon had us feeling better, (kind of a Santa Claus figure to us.) I remember him as being a fairly large, white-haired, nice looking fellow who was jovial and had a kind expression on his face. After his health forced him to retire, his son “Dr. Tom” was our family doctor. Later “Dr. Ben”, another son, was our doctor until his health also forced him to retire.

Dr. Griffin married Josephine Packard November 7, 1883. They had four children: Willie Mae Gold (born 1884) married Allen Ramsey. Their daughter Josephine married Floyd Cline of Fallston. Bertha Fannie Gold (born 1886) married Frank Cline, (children): Inez married Johnny Elmore, and Cleve Cline died young. Thomas Byron Gold, M.D. (born 1887) see record. Mary C. Gold (born 1889) married “Fate” L.J. Cooper, (children): Arnold and Ruth Cooper.

Dr. Griffin Gold married second Ola Frances (Ottie) Mooney on April 6, 1893. They had three children: Benjamin Gold, M.D. was born January 31, 1894; near Lawndale. The family told that when “Ben was young his father bought a tract of land, and after Ben worked on it a while he said that he didn't want to dig a living out of that “old red hill”. Most likely this helped him decide he didn't mind studying to make a physician. He studied medicine at the University of North Carolina and got his M.D. in 1920 at the University of Maryland. He interned at Rutherford Hospital and at Mercey Hospital, Baltimore (1920-1921), and Pediatrician Post Graduate Hospital, New York (1935). He was president of District Medical Society, President of Cleveland County Medical Society, and Past President of Medical Alumni, University of North Carolina. He was in World War I Navy. He lived in Shelby and was a Pediatrician and Family Physician.

Dr. “Ben” married (August 29, 1922) Anne B. Wilder, a nurse. They had three children: Dr. Benjamin Gold II, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. Mary Ann Gold of Charlotte married Samuel Tally Atkinson (daughter: Gladys Ann Atkinson); Felicia Gold of St. Matthews, South Carolina, married Lawrence Gressette, (children: Virginia and Felicia Ann Gressette.)

In the early thirties doctors were still traveling over the county to make housecalls, and deliver babies. Sometimes having to stay all day, or all night — not leaving until the babies were delivered and all was safe. Being a nurse Ann went with Dr. “Ben” at times. They stayed

all day when our daughter Ann, was born, and all night when our son Tom, was born. Delivery fees were \$20.00! Nancy Blanche Gold, (born 1896) married Daniel Dobbin Lattimore. They were both school teachers, and at one time they, and his two sisters (Miss Lucy and Miss Claude) all taught at New House School. What a team they made, all being unusually good teachers, the children knew they had been to school. There were no discipline problems. Children walked for miles from every direction, by the time we reached school the roads were full. This was a happy time. "Dobb" was also a farmer and County Commissioner. He was a great influence in getting (R.E.A.) electricity in rural areas. Children: Daniel Dobbin III, David Franklin, and Rachel Gold Lattimore. Nancy Frances Lattimore, teacher, married Harold Queen, children: Nancy Carol, Virginia Lynn, and William Harrill Queen. Lois Floe Gold (born 1899) married Foster Elliott. They had two infants.

"Uncle Griff" died July 2, 1929, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery at Shelby with family.

Sources: Family Bibles; Cemeteries; Census; Marriage Bonds; Court House Records; Gold Book by Pleasant Daniel Gold.

— Mrs. Palmer (Nan) Gold

DANIEL GOLD and FRANCES GRIFFIN GOLD

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Daniel Gold, III (born in Virginia, April 7, 1864) moved to Rutherford County, North Carolina soon after the Revolutionary war. Information regarding his early life is from tradition handed down through his relatives.

Pleasant Gold was his father, Daniel Gold II his grandfather who married Elizabeth Pleasont.

(For generations the name Pleasont has been used in the families: Plasont, Pleasont Daniel, Daniel Pleasont, etc.)

Daniel was born at "The Old Gold Home" in the South Fork of the Roanoke (now Dan River, Mecklinburg County, Virginia) on his father's farm. His father, uncles, and grandfather farmed and operated a ferry. As young Daniel grew older he helped operate the ferry, and saw troops of the American Revolution cross "Golds Ferry" on their way North or South.

Daniel was eager to learn and turned to "book learning" through self education in addition to all that local schools afforded and became a school teacher. "He was keenly aware of public affairs and was fluent in speech before an audience."

About 1793 Daniel married Frances Griffin. He, with his wife and at least one daughter, moved about 1798 to North Carolina settling in the Sandy Run section, Number 7 Township, Rutherford (now Cleveland County.)

On this land now owned by Reverend Rush Padgett's descendants, a few miles north of Lattimore and about 75 yds. west of Ripley Branch is the Old Gold Family Cemetery. Daniel, his wife and many family members are buried there.

At first Daniel farmed and taught school.

Then he was elected Justice of the Peace and served from 1807-1832. He was selected to represent Rutherford County in the North Carolina General Assembly (House of Commons) in 1808, again 1809, 1810, 1819, and 1827. He was a member of the North Carolina Constitutional Convention in 1835. He served as clerk in the Sandy Run Church for many years and was active in Baptist Church work. From all information he was said to be a man of profound judgment, yet having an excellent sense of humor.

Daniel And Frances had six children: Sarah Gold (1798) who married Elias Owens. He served in the Confederate war Co. H-28 N.C. Inf. C.S.A. William Moore Gold (1800), a county judge, who married Catherine Washburn. Pamela Gold who married William Isaac Holond. Milton Gold married Martha Fortune. Elizabeth Lucinda Gold married Wilson M. Jones.

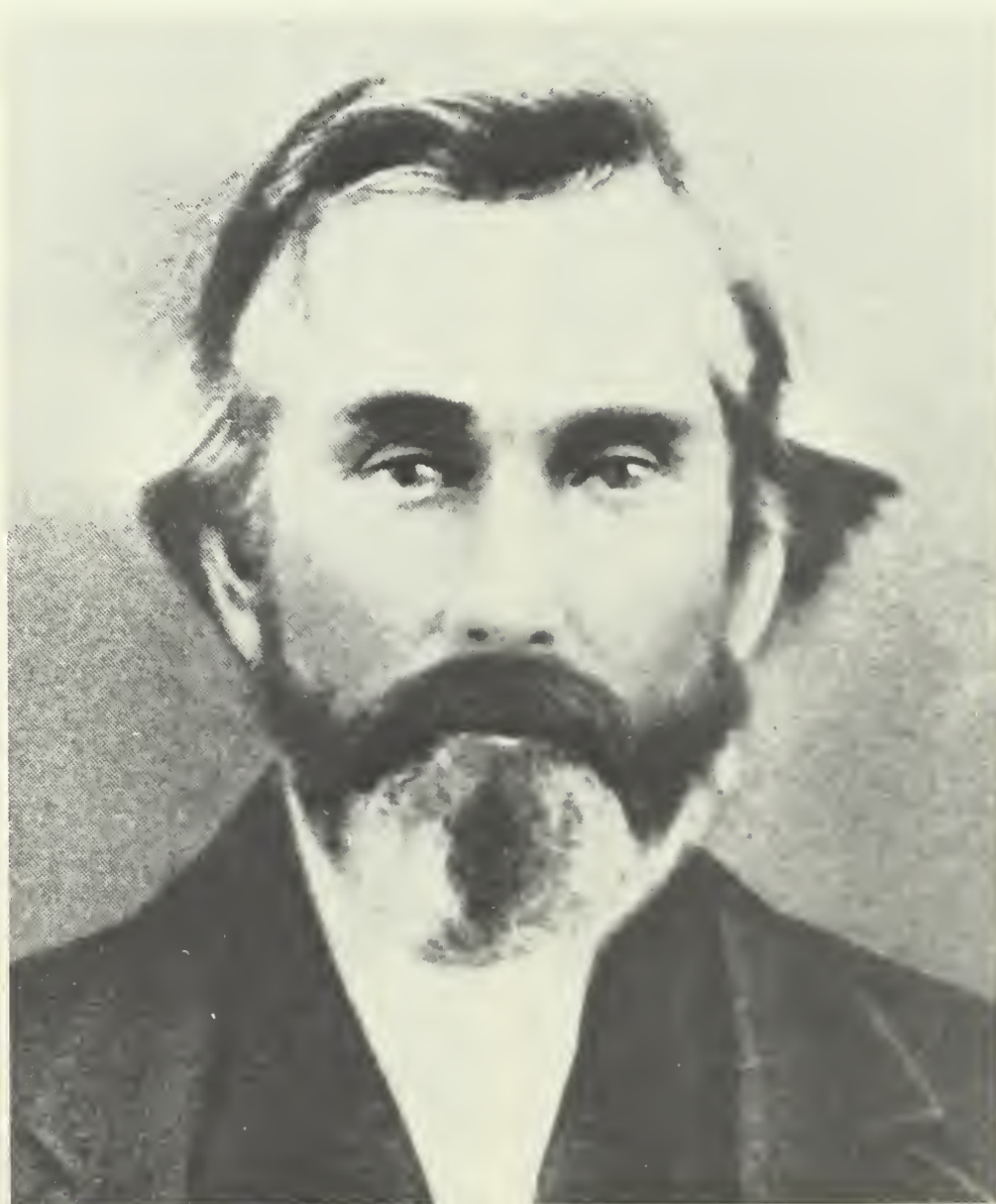
Daniel Pleasont Gold who married Margaret Jenkins. They had ten children: Mary Parmelia who married A.N. Dycus, who served in the Confederate Army and drowned returning home from war. Mary who married 2nd James Bridges; Nancy Armity who married Johnnie Lattimore; Martha Jane who married Andrew

Jackson Hughes — parents of Hatcher Hughes who served in W.W.I. — Captain in A.E.F. and distinguished dramatist, author — Some of his plays were, *A Marriage Made in Heaven*, *Wake up Jonathan*, *Hell Bent for Heaven*, (Pulitzer Prize) 1923. *"It's A grand Life"*, *"The Lord Blesses The Bishop"*, etc. Hatcher married Janet Rainey Cool.

Benjamin Jenkins Gold volunteered in 1861, (under age 16) in his father's place to serve in the Confederate Army, and served throughout the war. He married Mary Martin, and resided at Blacksburg, South Carolina. He served two terms in the State Legislature. May 27, 1925 he died at his brother Daniel Christopher's home in Collensville, Texas, after attending a Confederate Reunion in Dallas. Frances Sarah Gold (1847), married David Harry of Grover.

Daniel Christopher Gold (1850), married Ida (last name unknown) of Texas, where they are buried.

William Milton Gold, a farmer and carpenter, married Margaret Palmer (daughter of Dr. V.J. Palmer). They moved to York County, South Carolina, where most of their children were born. Later they moved back, bought a farm near Polkville, built a home, and remained there as long as they lived. They were



Daniel Pleasant Gold.

buried at Union Baptist Church where they were members. Their children: Kay, Joe, Will, Belle, Lucy and Tom Gold. Margaret Malindy Gold, (1856) single, is buried in Texas; Griffin Miller Gold, M.D., Ann Emaline Gold, (1801) who married John Franklin Long.

We and generations to come are indebted to Pleasont Daniel Gold, (deceased) native of North Carolina who gave years to extensive research on the Gold Family. He has traced a direct line back to John Gold in 1220, by compiling information from North Carolina, Virginia, and England.

Source: Family Bibles and other Records; Census Records; Marriage Bonds; Wills, Court Records; Griffin's History of Rutherford County; "Gold Generations in England and America", By Pleasont Daniel Gold

— Mrs. Palmer (Nan) Gold

RALPH ROYSTER GOLD FAMILY

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Ralph Royster Gold, born May 9, 1898, was the second son of John Milton Gold (March 8, 1868 — July 6, 1941 See related article, Williamson Fortune "Min" Gold Family.) and Mary Martha Putnam (Feb. 2, 1872 — Sept. 21, 1954). Ralph attended the Piedmont School of the Lawndale Community. He was an avid bird dog hunter, a farmer, and the owner of a general store on Highway 226 near Dover Mill. Ralph Gold married Alma Claudia Branton (June 17, 1902) June 8, 1921.

Alma Claudia Branton was the eldest daughter of Julius William Branton (Sept. 7, 1868 — Sept. 6, 1950), a Shelby contractor and builder, and Claudia Ever White (Dec. 18, 1875 — Aug. 14, 1973) of Ruth, North Carolina. Mrs. Alma Gold graduated from Boiling Springs High School about 1920 after having attended Shelby School. She was a charter member of Zion Community Home Demonstration Club. Mrs. Gold is a member of the Zion Baptist Church and resides in the family home on Cabiness Road in the Zion Community. The children of Alma and Ralph Gold, Ralph Donald, Martha Evelyn Blanton, and Hugh William, all live in Cleveland County.

Ralph Donald Gold (April 20, 1922) married Veva C. "Sis" Crowder (Feb. 12, 1927) Feb. 20, 1948. He served overseas in the combat infantry and was decorated in World War II. His wife is the daughter of Plato Dixon Crowder (March 15, 1901 — Mary 19, 1971) and Nettie Nevada "Vada" Spangler Crowder (March 25, 1903) of Cleveland County. Donald and "Sis" raised their family on the family farm on Cabiness Road. Their children are Janet Iris (Sept. 8, 1950), Donald Allen (March 3, 1952), Ned Milton (March 22, 1957) and Gary Ralph (June 14, 1958). Janet married Roger Lee McSwain (May 1, 1950) Sept. 8, 1973 and has two children, Emily Kathryn (Nov. 8, 1977) and Katie Ellen (Dec. 30, 1980). Allen married Wanda Sue Sarratt (Dec. 22, 1952) of Boiling Springs July 7, 1978.

Martha Evelyn Gold, the only daughter of Ralph Royster Gold, was born Nov. 27, 1923 in Cleveland County. After completing Lattimore High School, Evelyn graduated from the Shelby Hospital School of Nursing Feb. 7,



Ralph Royster and Alma Branton Gold.

1943. She married Harrill Lee "Bus" Blanton (April 17, 1924) Mary 17, 1945 in Milton, Florida while he was serving in the United States Navy. (See Harrill Lee Blanton and John Samuel Blanton for related articles.) Evelyn is an active member of the Lattimore Baptist Church and is an attendance counselor for the Cleveland County Schools. Much of her time away from work is devoted to community service. Her children are Harrill Lee, Jr. (Jan. 4, 1947), Martha Beatrix Caudill (Aug. 4, 1948), John Gold (July 8, 1955) William Michael (Jan. 15, 1959) and foster child Robert Steven "Bobby" Blanton (July 6, 1968).

Hugh William Gold (April 8, 1926, recorded April 9, 1926) married Sarah Elizabeth Callahan (Aug. 7, 1926) Feb. 22, 1945. During two years in the Infantry, he served nine months overseas under General Eisenhower and received a Battle Star for the Battle of the Rhine in World War II. Their children are Alma Lynn (June 9, 1946) and Carol Ann (March 10, 1948). Lynn married Frank Ledford (Oct. 10, 1942) and their children are Christy (Oct. 1, 1976) and Michelle (April 9, 1979). Ann, who married Freddy Harrill (March 2, 1948), has three children, Leslie (Nov. 3, 1968), Leigh (July 22, 1971) and Fred (May 14, 1975).

Ralph Royster Gold died suddenly May 30, 1968 after having led an active life through his final days. He was a Mason and a member of Zion Baptist Church. He was survived by two brothers, Dan Fortune (May 27, 1895-c1965) and John Milton, Jr. (Oct. 1, 1909 — Oct. 29, 1972), two sisters, Emma Wilson (July 13, 1903) and Minnie Borders (May 4, 1911), his wife, and ten grandchildren. He is buried in the Zion Baptist Church cemetery.

Sources: family Bible

— Stuart M. Caudill



THE ROBERT (BOB) MARION GOLD FAMILY

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The word Gold (Gould), from which the family derives its name, is from Anglo-Saxon and Old English, meaning "a precious metal". The word appears in no other language. Its use as a family name by others not of English descent is an adoption of the English name.

The earliest record of the word Gold used for family designation is found in "Libre de Wentonia", more commonly known as "Domesday Book". This book was published in 1085 by order of William the Conqueror.

The earliest record found of a member of the Gold family in America was in 1622.

The North Carolina Golds descended from John Gold, of Somersetshire, England, born in 1220 during the reign of King Henry III. Daniel Gold, the first of the North Carolina Golds, settled in Rutherford County. He was ten years old when the Declaration of Independence was signed. He became a school teacher and was twenty-three years old when George Washington was inaugurated. He was thirty-three years old when he settled in Sandy Run, Number Seven Township, Rutherford County, which is now a part of Cleveland County.

Daniel Gold represented Rutherford County in the North Carolina General Assembly for four terms. He was a member of the North Carolina Constitutional Convention in 1835, and died in 1851 at the age of eighty-five. His children were Peggy, William Moore, Pamela, Milton, Elizabeth, and Daniel Pleasant.

His son, William Moore Gold, was a county judge and was known as Judge "Buck" Gold. Judge Gold married Catherine Washburn, and one of their children was Perry Greene Gold, who married Anne Covington.

Robert Marion Gold was the son of Perry Greene Gold and Anne Covington Gold. He had two brothers and five sisters. His brothers were William Moore, who died in infancy, and George Monroe, who married Minnie Padgett. His sisters were Abbie, who died while small; Ola, who married a McCormick; Florence, who married a Harper; Agnes, who married Mack Henson; and Amanda, who married William Noblett.

Robert (Bob) Marion Gold married Georgia Jane Bridges, the daughter of Lawson A. and Mary Justice Bridges. To this union three girls and one boy were born.

The oldest child was Nina, who married Loami Charles Toms, and their only child is Charles Carson Toms.

The second child was Huber H. Gold, who married Selma Mauney. They had two children: 1. Robert Stonewall Gold, who married Louise Towery, with their only child being Robert Stephen Gold. After the death of Louise T. Gold, Robert S. Gold married Donis Young. 2. Adele Mauney Gold, who married Thomas S. Tucker and had three daughters — Jeanne Tucker, Anne, who married John Vestal; and Linda, who married Shay Reyner.

The third child of Robert Marion Gold was Blomma, who married Roy Guy Stockton. Their children were: 1. Robbie Gold Stockton, who married Otis A. Thomas. They have two

girls and one boy — Kelly, Wilkie and Otis A. (Bucky) Thomas, Jr. 2. Roy Guy Stockton, Jr. (deceased), who married Carolyn Gentry. Their only child is Robin Stockton.

The youngest, and the only living child of Robert M. and Goergia Gold, is Donnis, who married Paris Leland Yelton. They have two sons: Robert (Bob) William Yelton and Don Leland Yelton. Don married Emily Karen Bryant and their two children are Todd Leland and Leigh Allison Yelton.

Sources: family Bible and book on Gold history.

— Donnis Gold Yelton

THOMAS BYRON GOLD, M.D. and FAMILY

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Thomas Byron Gold (born December 28, 1887, near Cleveland Mills, now Lawndale, North Carolina) was the son of Dr. Griffin Miller and Josephine Packard Gold. He married on June 12, 1912, Emma Dorcos Greene, daughter of J. Francis and Alice Price Greene of New House, North Carolina.

His sisters said this of Tom: "As they were growing up, he was a big tease . . . always playing pranks, throwing corn cobs at them, and running after them with snakes, fish heads, squirrel tails, etc." He was friendly and loved to joke, yet he had great concern for his patients and a good bed-side manner. He was a graduate of North Carolina Medical College, Charlotte; studied medicine in New York and in England; and practiced medicine in Lawndale and Shelby.

On September 14, 1917, he enlisted in World War I, leaving his wife and son at home. He was a Lieutenant in the Medical Corps, served A.E.F. (May 11, 1918 — July 20, 1919) and was awarded a Distinguished Service Cross (Citation below):

"Thomas B. Gold, 1st Lieutenant
Medical Corp. — 119 Infantry

For extra ordinary heroism in action near Busingy, France, October 9, 1918, and Manzhien, France, October 18, 1918. During the attack of October 9th, he established his aid post in a road side shrine up with the front line, where he again gave treatment until the heavy fire of the enemy forced him to withdraw. During the advance, of October (18-19) he established another front line post under enemy fire and thus saved the lives of many of the troops."

After the war Dr. Tom returned to Shelby where he specialized in Eye, Nose, and Throat until his death in 1945.

They had two children: Thomas Byron Gold Jr. (born October 10, 1914, died July 21, 1964) who married Marjorie Alice Fagon. Their two children were Thomas Byron Gold III, a graduate of Elon College, served three years in the U.S. Air Force, and now with Cone Mills of Reidsville, North Carolina, where he has received several promotions, (most recently — assistant manager of Wage and Salary Administration in the Corporate Industrial Relation Department). He has been active in community affairs and past president of Reidsville Jaycees. A second son, Walter Asbury Gold, is an orthodontist.

Jeremaine Edon Gold married Earl Hamrick, Jr. and they have two daughters: Edon Hamrick and Celia Hamrick.

Dr. "Tom", his wife, and son, Thomas Jr., are buried at Sunset Cemetery, Shelby.

Sources: family Bibles, quoted military citation, and other records.

— Mrs. Palmer (NM) Gold

WILLIAMSON FORTUNE "MIN" GOLD FAMILY

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Williamson Fortune "Min" Gold was born (Oct. 1, 1836 — Dec. 7, 1928) to James Milton Gold (1802-1888) and Martha Fortune (1810-c1875) near Shelby in Cleveland County, North Carolina. He was the third child in a large farming family that lived in the western part of Rutherford County, now Cleveland County. His grandfather was Daniel Gold of Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

Min Gold's grandfather, Daniel Gold (c1768-c1849), was the second of three sons born to Pleasant Gold. Daniel married Frances Griffin around 1797 and they moved to the Sandy Run Township to raise their family. Daniel Gold's father, Pleasant Gold (1740-1832) descended from Daniel Gold (c1708-1780) and Elizabeth Pleasant (c1710-c1785). Daniel's father, Thomas Gold (c1678-c1760), presumably descended from Christopher Gold (c1648-c1718), son of Richard Gold (c1620-c1690), all of Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

Min Gold's ancestors emigrated to Virginia from Devonshire, England. Richard Gold settled in Virginia in 1651. In *Gold Generations In England and America*, written by Pleasant Daniel Gold, the line of descent is followed back twelve generations to John Gold, the Crusader, who lived at Seaborough in 1220.

Min Gold fought in the Civil War under General Stonewall Jackson. He was wounded, captured by the Union, and taken prisoner for one year. His wife, Margaret "Mag" Gordon



William Fortune "Min" Gold.

Elliott (June 29, 1848 — Nov. 16, 1921), was the second daughter of John Paxton Elliott (1817-1873) and Sara Beam (1825-1895).

John Milton Gold (March 8, 1869 — July 5, 1945) was the oldest son of Min and Mag. He married Mary Martha Putnam (c1870-1955) Dec. 28, 1893. She was the daughter of Samuel Putnam (1838-c1908) and Artie Hardin (1835-c1910) of Cabiness Road, Zion Community, Cleveland County. There were six children: Dan Fortune (May 27, 1895-c1965), Ralph Royster (May 9, 1898 — May 30, 1968 — see Ralph Royster Gold Family), Clyde Putnam (July 30, 1900 — Dec. 29, 1938), Emma Wilson (July 31, 1903), John Milton, Jr. (Oct. 1, 1909 — Oct. 29, 1972) and Minnie Borders (May 4, 1911).

The second son of Min and Mag was Julius Benjamin Gold (Sept. 7, 1874-c1944). Married to Minnie Packard (c1875-c1950), they had ten children: Ethel Philbeck, Elsie DePriest, Maggie Morehead, Jennie Bell Hamrick, Alma, George, Willie, Benjamin "Bub", Meridith Dover, Elizabeth Martin, and John.

Laura Gold (Feb. 17, 1870-c1945) was the third child of Min and Mag Gold. She married Thomas Poole Cabiness (May 26, 1860 — Feb. 17, 1942) on Dec. 24, 1887 and had ten children. He was the son of Athel Montcalm Cabiness (c1835-c1905) and Perthenie Elizabeth Elliott (c1832-c1908).

Of Laura and Thomas, 10 children, George Turner (Nov. 29, 1880 — January 30, 1982) was first. He was followed by Pleas Buren (Feb. 25, 1892), Elizabeth Elliott Spangler (March 2, 1894), Mary Frances Moore (July 6, 1896), Charlie (June 15, 1898), Margaret Neal (Aug. 16, 1900), Minnie Gold Cabiness (Feb. 2, 1903), Thomas Evans (Jan. 20, 1905), Nina Rudasill (Aug. 1, 1908) and Thelma Brooks (July 19, 1910).

Julia Gold (Aug. 4, 1872-c1950), the fourth child, married George Cornwell (June 20, 1870-c1940) of the Lawndale Community on Feb. 19, 1891. Their children were Buena Bell Hull (Feb. 4, 1892), Zola Lala Stamey (c1894), Abner Milton, M.D. (May 17, 1895), Mittie "Mattie" May Gettys (c1897), Lee Williamson (c1900), Cora Marie Horn (c1902), Luna Clemantine Elmore (c1905), George Thomas (c1907), Margaret Lillian Mull (c1910), Pearl Gold Warlick (c1912), Amos Halstead (June 4, 1911-c1975), James Francis (July 1, 1913) and Robert Alton (c1915).

Mag and Min Gold had their fifth child, Martha "Mattie" Gold on Dec. 31, 1876. She died in 1931. She was married to O.C. Dixon (c1870-c1940) of Shelby, Dec. 8, 1897. Their children were Thomas G., Ben, F., Pearl Murray Max R., Clarence Spurling, Margaret Watson, O.C., Jr., W.F., and Hal.

Thomas Jackson Gold (April 11, 1879-c1950) married Nina Josephine Wheeler (c1885-c1955) of High Point, April 24, 1907. He was the sixth child of Min and Mag Gold. He graduated from the School of Law of the University of North Carolina, served as Mayor of High Point and as North Carolina State Senator from Gildord County. His two boys are Thomas Jackson Gold, Jr. and Robert Wheeler Gold, both of High Point.

Min and Mag's seventh child was Minnie

Etta Gold. She was born Nov., 5, 1881 and died about 1956. She and Dr. James T. Justice (c1880-c1950) of Kernersville married on May 13, 1903, and had two children, James and Hugo.

Of the nine children born to Min and Mag Gold, Dr. Charles Fortune Gold (July 17, 1884 — June 30, 1946) was the eighth. Married to Hattie Poe Johnson (c1890-1975) of Raleigh on Jan. 19, 1911, they had one child, Charles Fortune Gold, Jr., (Dec. 17, 1911) who married Ernestine Bailey (July 17, 1917) of Lancaster, South Carolina. Dr. Gold was a graduate of the Medical School of North Carolina. His son Charles served as Commissioner of Insurance for the State of North Carolina for several years. His wife was active in community service.

The last child, George Elliott Gold (Dec. 28, 1895 — Feb. 9, 1937) married Lydia Ada Hoyle (Feb. 20, 1895) of Cleveland County, Dec. 6, 1911. His children are Ruth Grigg (March 4, 1913), George Elliott, Jr. (March 14, 1916), Hoyle (Dec. 2, 1918), Mary Sue Price (Nov. 1, 1921), Addie Frances (c1926) and Betty DeVinney (Nov. 1, 1934).

The descendants of Min and Mag Gold still gather annually for the Gold Family Reunion at Zion Baptist Church Community Building the last Sunday in September.

Sources: family records, newspaper clippings, personal knowledge.

— Stuart M. Caudill

EDWARD GOODE, III

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Edward Goode, III, was born in 1749 in Lunenburg County, Virginia. He died in 1799 in Rutherford County, North Carolina. He was married in 1769 at Henrico County, Virginia, to Mary (Polly) Turpin, daughter of Lusby Turpin and wife Sara Redford. Edward Goode, III, was a son of Edward Goode, Jr. and his wife, Judith Morton Goode.

Issue (all born in Mecklenburg Co., Va.):

Sarah Goode born 1770 and died after 1830 in Jackson County, Georgia. She married Obediah Watson in 1790 in Virginia.

Thomas Goode was born April 1, 1771 and died 27 September 1861 in Cleveland County, North Carolina. He married Sarah Hicks Elliott, the daughter of Martin Elliott and his wife Sarah Finch.

Martha Goode was born 1772. She married in Rutherford County, North Carolina, on 24 July, 1799 to Joseph Jay.

John Goode was born 1776 and died after 1850 in Cleveland County. He married in 1807 in Rutherford County to Elizabeth (Betsy) Webb.

Nancy Goode was born 1777, and died in Tennessee. She married a Mr. Jones.

Elizabeth Goode was born in 1780. She married 19 July 1805 in Rutherford County to Noah Wells.

Richard Goode was born 1783 and died in 1859 in Asheville, St. Claire County, Alabama. He married on 19 September 1808 in Rutherford County to Hetty Webb, daughter of Robert Webb and his first wife.

Priscilla Goode was born 1784. She married

in 1797 in North Carolina to Ambrose Christopher.

Benjamin Goode was born in 1785.

Lusby Goode was born in 1787.

Agnes Goode was born in 1786 and died in Georgia. She married 22 January 1802 in Rutherford County to John Hopson.

Thomas Goode and Sarah Hicks Elliott issue:

Benjamin Goode was born 28 October 1808 in Rutherford County. He married his first wife, Sarah Magness, on 14 November 1831 in Rutherford County. He married his second wife, Eliza Hull, lived in 1881, Hulls Cross Roads, Lincoln County, North Carolina.

Martin Elliott Goode was born 23 March 1810 in Rutherford County. He married 18 October 1839 in Rutherford County Mary Martin.

John Turpin Goode was born 11 April 1811 in North Carolina. He married Barbara Warlick who lived in Cleveland County.

Benjamin Franklin Goode and Sarah Magness issue:

Thomas G. Goode was born in 1833; Nancy A. Goode was born in 1835; Joseph Goode was born in 1837; Melinda Goode was born in 1839; Martin E. Goode was born in 1841; Sarah S. Goode was born in 1842; Martha M. Goode was born in 1845; Mary D. Goode was born in 1847. (All of these were born in North Carolina.)

In the 1850 *Census Record Cleveland County, N.C.* Benjamin Franklin Goode's first wife was listed as still living. A book which I have *Virginia Cousins* by G. Brown Goode also list the following children in addition to the above: John Edward Goode, Maggie Goode, Laura Goode.

John Turpin Goode and Marbara Warlick issue:

Noah A.G. Goode (Dr.) was born in 1835 in North Carolina. He married 23 December 1866 in Rutherford County to Sarah Williams; Mary L. Goode born 1837; Sarah Goode born 1840; Dicy L. Goode born 1841; Thomas F. Goode born 1843; William C. Goode born 1844. (All these were born in North Carolina.) Also, David Goode born 1847, CSA, Methodist Minister; Barbara Goode born 1849; Julius Goode; Augusta Goode; Mary Goode; Fanny Goode; Jimmy Goode. CSA not in census records but listed in *Virginia Cousins* by G. Brown Goode.

John Goode and Elizabeth Webb Goode issue:

Edward Goode was born 24 October 1809 in Rutherford County. He died October 10, 1844 in North Carolina and was buried in Race Path Cemetery, Gannats Grove Church. He married Lydia Scoggins.

Benjamin Goode was born in 1825 in North Carolina.

John Moten Goode was born 18 October 1819 in North Carolina. He died in January 24, 1905 and was buried in Race Path Cemetery. He married Chelsa Wall.

Elizabeth Goode was born 1825 in North Carolina. She married 7 October 1841 in Rutherford County to Jopha Wall.

Some descendants of John Moten Goode still live in Cleveland County. I have been told

that John and his wife Elizabeth Webb are buried in a pasture on Floyd's Creek. How true this is I do not know. Mr. Cecil C. Goode who lives now in Cleveland County is a descendant of John Morten and Chelsa Wall. Note the name Morten. I am sure this must have been Morton as John Goode's grandmother was Judith Morton Goode.

Edward Goode has a descendant who did live in Mooresboro, North Carolina, Russel Goode.

The Cleveland County, North Carolina 1850 Federal Census shows: John Goode, Sr., 76 VA; Betsy Goode 67 N.C.; Edward Goode 37 N.C.; Benjamin Goode 25 N.C.

Richard Goode and Hetty Webb: Hetty Webb was a daughter of Robert Webb and his first wife. Richard moved to Hall County, Georgia in 1823. In 1856 he moved to St. County, Alabama. His daughter, Martha, was born in 1825 in Hall County. She married 11 November 1846 to Russell W. Thompson. Their daughter Candace T. Thompson was born in 1849 in Hall County and died May 1925 in St. Clair County. She married June 4, 1864 to Lewis Allen Dearman, my great grandparents.

— Mrs. Velvo Chaney

WILLIAM C. GOODE and DESCENDANTS

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William C. Goode was born on March 24, 1844 in Patterson Springs, North Carolina. On July 26, 1888 he married Dora Starnes who was born on October 15, 1864.

William and Dora had three children. Fred Montgomery Goode was born on April 9, 1889; Bertha was born on September 11, 1894; and Aileen was born on June 27, 1901.

Fred was married on December 20, 1916 to Mary Rita Harmon. They had three children: Mary Schenck, Dora Ruth, and Mabel Katherine. Fred and Rittie (as she was called) owned a farm near Waco in an area called Stoney Point. They raised chickens as their principal livelihood. They were founder members of Beulah Methodist Church which is near by. On July 17, 1931, Fred died after an illness of several years of tuberculosis. At this time this illness was thought to be practically untreatable.

Mary Schenck Goode, his oldest child, married Charles Edward Goforth on November 29, 1934. They have five living children who are all married with children of their own. Charles is a farmer with considerable acreage in the Bethware Community. Their children and grandchildren are as follows: (1) Elizabeth Jane who married Charles Douglas Elmore. They now live in Lexington, North Carolina. Their children are Charles, Mark, Gini, and Molly. (2) Linda Schenck who married Charles Wayne Stroupe. Their children are Rita, Charles, Steven and Todd. They live in Gastonia. (3) Mary Helen who married Peter Jacob Hauser. Their children are Jeffrey and Jonathan. They live in Greenville, South Carolina. (4) Charles Edward who married Pamela Gail Nicholson. They have two children, Katherine and Tripp. (5) Paul Goode who married Debra Ann Porter.

Their child's name is Anna.

Dora Ruth Goode is Fred and Rittie's second child. She married Fred Irvin Mills on December 3, 1938. Fred has just retired from Dover Industries after 40 years. Ruth also worked for the Dovers for many years as a secretary at Esther Mill. Ruth and Fred have one child, Fred Goode who married Betty Janet Crawley on September 4, 1965. They have two children: Julie and Fred Goode Mills, Jr.

Mabel Katherine, Fred and Rittie's youngest child, married Samuel Pannell Goforth on February 28, 1942. Sam was owner and operator of Goforth's Welding in Grover, North Carolina for six years. In 1952, he merged with his brothers Joe and Coleman and formed Goforth Brothers, Inc., a steel fabricating business on Highway 74 in Shelby. The business name was later changed to Goforth Industries, Inc. He died on September 22, 1978.

Katherine and Sam have five children who are all married with children of their own. Sammie Katherine who married Richard Wells Lowery. Their children are Richelle, Laura Kaye, and Matthew. Joe Steven who married Carolyn Buchanan. Their children are Sam, Scott and Craig. Dennis Goode who married Peggy Lou Cline. Their children are Jessica and D. Richard Pannell who married Linda Elmore. Their child's name is Lu. Susan Carol who married John William Porter. Their child's name is Katherine. All of Katherine and Sam's children live in Shelby except Susan who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Bertha Goode never married but made her home for many years with her beloved sister Aileen. She is and has been loved and admired by all of her nieces and nephews. She is still very energetic and is known all over Shelby for her great sense of humor and practical jokes. She is a member of Central United Methodist Church.

Aileen Goode, William and Dora's youngest child, married Yates Blanton on March 24, 1923. Yates worked at Cleveland Hardware until his death on November 13, 1962. Aileen died in 1978. They had two children: Hilda Jean who married Robert Lee Eskridge. Jean works in the library at Shelby Junior High School. Their children are: Robert Lee who married Karen Yarboro. They live in Atlanta. Yates Kimble who married Beverly Rush and lives in Florence, Alabama. Lydia Jean who lives in Charlotte.

Aileen and Yates also had a son named James Goode who married Evelyn McCracken. Jimmy died in 1977. He taught school and was a band director. Evelyn lives in the Boiling Springs area. They have two children: Lynn who married Everett Scarboro and Libby who married Jerry Woodard.

Sources: family records, personal knowledge and memories

— Kaye Goforth Lowery

COLONEL FREDERICK HAMBRIGHT

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Frederick Hambright was born on May 17, 1727, in Germany. Frederick's father was Hans Conrad Hambrecht. He was born in 1688 in Neustatten, Germany. The Hambrights were natives of Prussia in Germany, where military training and experience were so much a part of the life of the people that it reflected in its members for several generations.

On October 17, 1738, a group of Palatines were imported to Philadelphia on the ship *St. Andrew*. These names appeared on the passenger list: Hans Conrad Hambrecht, Johannes Hambrecht, Viet Ad Hambrecht, and Adam Hambrecht. The last three names were brothers of Frederick. Frederick was only eleven years old at the time and the reason for his not being listed as a passenger is that only males over sixteen years of age were listed.

Frederick Hambright lived in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, and later moved to Virginia. In Virginia he married Sarah Hardin some time between 1752 and 1754. Shortly after their marriage, Frederick and Sarah moved to Tryon County, North Carolina.

Frederick served with Captain Samuel CoBarrin's Company of forty-eight men in the Spanish Alarm, 1747-1748, at Wilmington, North Carolina.

He patented land on the Catawba River on August 30, 1753. The place he lived was called the Fort. After building a log cabin, Frederick helped to fortify the fort near his home for protection against Catawba Indians. He patented more land on September 24, 1754. In May, 1769, he patented more land — this time in the fork of Long Creek and Still House Branch, which is now near Dallas, North Carolina and lived here until after the Battle of Kings Mountain.

In August, 1775 an association was drawn up and ordered to be signed by every freeholder in Lincoln County uniting and pledging themselves under solemn ties of religion, honor and love to their county, to resist, force by force, in defense of their national freedom and constitutional rights, against all invasions, and at the same time to take up arms and risk their lives and fortunes in maintaining freedom of their country when it became necessary. This association was signed by John Walker, Thomas Beatty, Frederick Hambright, Charles McLean, Jacob Forney, Jack Turner, and others. This was signed nearly twelve months before Congress declared independence.

Frederick Hambright was sent as a representative to the provincial Congress of North Carolina, which met at Hillsboro, August 21, 1775. Frederick also helped to organize and drill the militia. In June, 1776, he served as captain against the Indians on the western frontiers. On December 23, 1776, Frederick was appointed Justice of the Peace by the Provincial Congress which met at Halifax, North Carolina.

In 1779, Captain Hambright was made Lieutenant Colonel. Late in the same year he went in Lillington's brigade to the relief of

Charleston. In 1780, Frederick served under Colonel McDowell in the Broad River region.

Frederick's wife died some time during the early part of the Revolution and was buried on his Long Creek home place.

Frederick met Mary Dover at or shortly before the Battle of Kings Mountain. They were married on July 17, 1781, in York County, South Carolina.

The crowning service of Colonel Hambright's career was at the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780.

Near the close of the battle, Colonel Hambright was shot through his thigh cutting some arteries and filling his boot with blood. The old soldier refused help as it might distract the attention of his men.

Pressing to the front of the line, he called out in his broken German: Huzza, my brave boys, fight on a few minutes more, and the battle will be over." He recovered from his wound, yet its deep seated injury caused him to falter in his walk during the remainder of his life.

An address of thanks was made by the General Assembly of North Carolina and presented to Colonel Hambright for his part in the battle of Kings Mountain.

After the Revolutionary War, Colonel Hambright lived the rest of his life in sight of the field of battle. He was appointed a building commissioner to contract with workmen to construct the public buildings of Lincoln County on April 13, 1782. Frederick Hambright was the father of 22 — 12 by his first wife of whom 6 lived to maturity and 10 by his second wife of whom 9 lived to maturity.

In 1786, an elegant mounted sword was presented to Colonel Hambright for his "voluntary and distinguished services in the defeat of Major Patrick Ferguson at Kings Mountain." by the General Assembly of North Carolina.

Frederick Hambright was long a worthy member and elder of the Shiloh Presbyterian Church. Colonel Hambright died on March 9, 1817, and was buried in the old Shiloh Presbyterian grave yard, one mile from Grover. On his grave marker is the following inscription:

"In memory of Colonel Frederick Hambright, who departed this life March 9, 1817, in the ninetieth year of his age.

"Adieu to all, both far and near, my loving wife and children dear, for my immortal soul is fled, I must be numbered with the dead."

— Anne Hambright

EDGAR BLANTON HAMILTON and FAMILY

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Edgar Blanton Hamilton, grandson of Burwell Edgar Blanton (born December 31, 1875; died May 18, 1943) who was a brother of George, Charles, Dora, Margaret and Mary Blanton. Burwell Edgar was married to Mae Martin Blanton (born April 22, 1889; died May 18, 1943). The Blanton homeplace still stands in Blanton Industrial Park near Shelby. The Blanton's only child, Elizabeth, fondly known as Betty, was born in Shelby June 10, 1905 and

died May 2, 1978. All are buried in Sunset Cemetery here. Betty was educated in the Shelby school system. She attended Fassifern High School in Hendersonville and upon graduation there, entered Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and graduated with a degree in music in 1926.

While visiting in Asheville, where her mother died of tuberculosis at Black Mountain, she met Joseph Wilcox Hamilton of West Jefferson, North Carolina, (born December 13, 1898; died June 4, 1962). They were married in Asheville in 1928. He was a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania and had recently gone to work with Johns-Manville Corporation. The couple moved to Charlotte where Joseph Wilcox Hamilton, Jr. was born January 28, 1930, and Edgar Blanton Hamilton was born January 27, 1933. The Hamiltons moved from North Carolina in 1936 to Atlanta, Georgia, where Mr. Hamilton was promoted to Southeastern District Manager of Johns-Manville. He had a stroke in 1950 and was forced to retire. Both were very active in civic, social and church related activities.

Edgar, known as Ed, attended high school in Atlanta and graduated in 1955 with a B.S. Degree in Industrial Management from Georgia Tech. Upon graduation he went into the U.S. Army as a second lieutenant and served in Germany. After being honorably discharged as a first lieutenant, he resumed his career with Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Atlanta as an assistant sales engineer. In 1958 he married Edith Coulter Moore (born January 22, 1935) from Sylva, North Carolina. She attended Randolph Macon Woman's College in Lynchburg, Virginia, and graduated in 1957 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1964 her father, Dan K. Moore, was elected Governor of North Carolina for four years and at the end of his term, he and his wife, Jeanelle Moore, remained in Raleigh where he continued to serve the state as a member of the North Carolina Supreme Court until his retirement and Mrs. Moore serves as Executive Director of Keep North Carolina Beautiful, Inc.

The Hamilton's first child, Edgar Blanton Hamilton, Jr., was born in Atlanta on June 25, 1960. Their other child, Jeanelle Moore Hamilton, was born in Shelby on her mother's birthday, January 22, 1962.

The Hamiltons came to Shelby in 1961 when Ed joined The First National Bank of Shelby as vice president. Both were very active in Shelby and after joining the bank, Ed was elected to the bank's Board of Directors. He graduated from the Stonier Graduate School of Banking — Rutgers University, the Carolinas School of Banking, and The Executive Program at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was Senior Warden of the Episcopal Church of The Redeemer in Shelby, president of Shelby Rotary Club, president of Shelby Loan and Mortgage Corporation, chairman of the Advisory Board of The Salvation Army, member of the Advisory Board of Gardner-Webb College, chairman of the Heart Fund, chairman of the Cleveland County Cancer Society, and a member of the Board of Directors of the Cleveland



Edgar Blanton Hamilton Family. L to R: Ed, Jeanelle, Edith, Blanton.

County Boys' Club, Cleveland County Community Concert Association, and Cleveland County Historical Association. Mr. Hamilton was elected president of The First National Bank of Shelby in 1979.

Edgar Blanton Hamilton, Jr. will graduate in May, 1982 from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and will pursue a banking career in Atlanta, Georgia with the Trust Company Bank. Jeanelle Hamilton attends Salem College and will graduate in 1984. She plans to be a teacher and become involved in the work of several christian organizations.

— Edith M. Hamilton

ALGER VASON HAMRICK

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Alger Vason Hamrick (b. November 6, 1891 — d. April 20, 1977) was the son of Leander Shepard Hamrick and Sarah Lucinda Hamrick. These parents lived in the Beaver Dam Community until they purchased a large area in West Shelby where they built a big two story house with porches around more than half of it. The family accused their father of being "land-hungry" as he kept on buying land from North Shelby to First Broad River. Leander and Sarah had six sons. This energetic family of father and sons worked many acres in cotton, corn, and other products planted on broad acres that are now covered with nice homes. These were the roots of Alger Vason and his brothers.

Alger went to school at Zoar, having to walk several miles from home, until he attained high school years at which time he attended Shelby High School. He attended college at Wake Forest College.

Alger worked as a bookkeeper at Shelby Oil Mill until he went into the wholesale grocery business with John McKnight. They built a large square red brick building next to the railroad tracks on West Graham Street and

operated a business there for many years. Not long after McKnight retired, Alger opened A.V. Hamrick and Company, a wholesale drug company.

Alger had a great zest for life. He loved desserts and often said if a person really liked something it would not hurt him. He was an outgoing and friendly person who always showed a tremendous loyalty to his family, his hometown, his Democratic Party, his Kiwanis Club, and his church. During the hard depression years, he spent long hours as church treasurer of First Baptist Church trying to eek out enough money to pay Dr. Wall and keep the church going. He served for many years in this capacity.

Kiwanis Club, which he served as president, was very special to him. For well over twenty years he held a record of perfect attendance at the weekly Kiwanis meetings. He was equally as faithful, however, in everything to which he belonged.

This man was well known over Cleveland County because of his business connections. He served as alderman on the city council, member of the Board of Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Treasurer and Deacon of First Baptist Church, President of Shelby Kiwanis Club, Director of First Federal Building and Loan, Director of Shelby Building and Loan, Director and Vice President of Union Trust Company. Always a faithful and useful person, he was a reliable and progressive citizen of Shelby all his life.

On October 4, 1917, Alger married Ettie Abernathy (b. June 20, 1895). Ettie attended school at what was then North Carolina College for Women in Greensboro. Before her marriage she taught school in the Belwood section and later worked at A.B. Blanton Grocery Company.

Ettie is known by her friends for her wonderful spirit of giving — always remembering people with flowers from her lovely garden.

with books, or with cards, notes, and visits. She is a person keenly aware of the needs of those around her and is especially appreciative of the beautiful in life. Her favorite motto is "A place for everything, and everything in its place."

Alger and Ettie lived ten years with her father T.J. Abernathy at 804 West Marion Street. They then built the first home in the Hamrick wooded area farther out on West Marion, an area which is now filled with nice homes. This section was for many years prior to this development known as Lover's Lane and later as the street with "all the dogwood."

This couple had three children: Alger Vason, Jr. (see account on Alger Vason Hamrick, Jr., and also on Rebecca Hollowell Hamrick, his wife), Sara Mundy (b. December 25, 1922), and Spencer Dean (b. November 3, 1928).

Sara Mundy attended Woman's College of University of North Carolina where she majored in home economics. After teaching for

ALGER VASON HAMRICK, JR. 515

Alger Vason Hamrick, Jr., was the son of Alger Vason and Ettie Abernathy Hamrick. He was from the Sheppard Hamrick branch of the Hamricks. Born on October 20, 1918, which was soon after World War I, he was destined to fight in the war of the next generation, World War II.

Vason, as he was called, was born on the site of the present City Hall where the former female academy building at that time housed a small hospital. His family resided in a large frame house on West Marion Street, a house built by his grandfather, T.H. Abernathy. He lived there until he was ten years old at which time the family moved into a new brick home farther out on West Marion Street. This location furnished Vason with fields to roam and woods to explore. He always was proud of and loved West Shelby, the old farmland of his grandfather. In later years he built his own home on the same street and continued to reside there until his death.

As a young lad Vason attended Graham Elementary School and later Shelby High School. In his college years he studied at Mars Hill College and at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he majored in commerce. While a student at Mars Hill, he met a fellow student Rebecca Hollowell from Edenton, North Carolina. They were married on June 14, 1941, in Greensboro. (See Rebecca Hollowell Hamrick account.) This union brought two sons.

Vason's first employment was as a clerk and bookkeeper in the Charlotte office of Standard Oil Company of New Jersey. He moved from there to the position of office and traffic manager of Cooperative Mills, Inc., in Statesville, North Carolina. He worked there until he was called to active service in the army. He entered the army at a time when the push was hard and the need for infantrymen was great. Thus, after only six weeks of basic training, he was immediately shipped out to North Africa. After a brief stay in Casablanca, Vason was sent to the Anzio Beachhead in Italy where for several months his regiment was under constant enemy fire. This regiment was among the first to enter Rome to liberate the ancient city. Vason also was in the Southern France Invasion and in the advance across the Rhine River. He was wounded three times receiving the Purple Heart and two clusters.

When Vason returned to work after the war, he told his boss that he never expected to walk any farther than from the door of the building to the car. He had trekked all over France and Italy in sand and mud, up and down hills and dales, and he was quite ready for the luxury of riding. For some time after his army service he remained at Cooperative Mills where his wife had held his job during his army years, his having trained her prior to leaving for the service. In 1948 he moved to Shelby where he joined his father in the family wholesale drug business, A.V. Hamrick and Company. In later years he worked at Norris Packing Company and in 1960 joined Fiber Industries (where he was working at the time of his death).

Vason spent many years on the road as a salesman. His customers always showed a real devotion to him as a friend — a likeable, down-to-earth, and extremely honest and straightforward man. They placed real confidence in him to serve them as best he could and to be a friend. Fiber Industries in a newspaper article about him referred to him as "a quiet man ... reserved ... top notch ... with an outstanding work record." He was a sincere person of great compassion and understanding.

During his adult life Vason was a member of the Kiwanis Club and the Great Books Discussion Group. He served as a deacon of First Baptist Church for many years, and for years he worked with youth in Training Union.

The Hamrick's older son, Alger Vason Hamrick III (b. April 13, 1946) attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and U.N.C. Medical School. He married Ann Sloan Dill of Rocky Mount, North Carolina. They have three children: Rebecca Sloan (b. December 24, 1973) and twins Alger Vason IV and Ann Fountain (b. March 16 and 17, 1977). They reside in Raleigh where Al is a physician in family practice.

The younger son Charles Gregory (b. February 2, 1949) also attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and U.N.C. Law School. He later earned a Masters degree in Counseling at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte. He married Marie Ann Arrowood of Asheville, who teaches English at Shelby High School. Greg serves as a probation officer in Charlotte.

Vason died August 9, 1967, at the age of forty-eight and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: *Shelby Daily Star*, Family Members

— Rebecca H. Hamrick



Alger Vason Hamrick, Jr.



Alger Vason and Ettie Abernathy Hamrick.

several years, she married Charles McBrayer Broadway of Shelby. They have two children — Jean (married to William Skidmore of Charlotte) and Charles, Jr. (married to Ann McCoy of Greensboro) — and two grandchildren, Christopher Skidmore and Catherine McCoy Broadway. They reside in Greensboro.

Spencer Dean attended Wake Forest College and U.N.C. Law School. He is married to the former Betty Jo Ring of High Point, a former Miss North Carolina. Betty Jo and Dean have three children: Spencer Dean, Jr.; Cameron Street; and Sara Ring. Dean practices law in Charlotte having served as president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Bar Association and member of the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Bar.

Alger Vason Hamrick died on April 20, 1976, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: *Shelby Daily Star*, *Cleveland Times*, Family Members.

— Rebecca H. Hamrick

ALONZO MARION HAMRICK

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On October 6, 1856, Alonzo Marion Hamrick was born. He was the fifth of six sons born to Street and Elmira Hamrick. Alonzo grew up on his father's farm that adjoins Crest Junior High School and lived in the "Old Hamrick House" that is still maintained by the Street Hamrick family.

Alonzo grew up in a mixture of poverty and excitement. Indians still roamed in Cleveland County. The Civil War claimed the lives of family and friends. Additions to house and lands had to wait for economic and political skies to clear.

The closeness of a remote farm family, the influence of a God-fearing mother and father, the discipline taught by poor health, and a determination to compete with brothers and peers in a newly awakening region of the United States combined to create a man of unusual strength.

School at Sharon and at Boiling Springs required a five mile walk. Alonzo never lost interest in education. He taught at Sharon and Beaver Dam and served as a committee-man for Shanghai School. In this capacity he hired the teachers, handled school correspondence, and helped with the budget under the direction of the superintendent of schools.

A great sense of humor never left Alonzo. While attending camp meetings and sitting behind some young girl who was wearing a bustle, he would often cut a slit in it with his knife so that when she started walking, she left a trail of wheat bran behind.

On August 11, 1881, Alonzo married Elnora Elizabeth McMurray at home. Alonzo had to borrow \$2.50 for the marriage license from his mother. The McMurrays predicted that Elnora would perish because he couldn't make a living for her. They honeymooned at a camp meeting at Sharon. They then lived in a nearby two room house furnished with a bed made by nailing boards to the walls, a table, two chairs and a dutch oven. Only later could they afford a stove.

Alonzo started farming on rented land. Later he bought the land that is now Riverbend Acres for \$11.00 per acre. He raised his family there and sold the same land for \$11.00 per acre. He then bought the land around Crest Citgo for \$70.00 per acre. In addition to farming he ran a general store at the cross roads, was a magistrate, and taught school occasionally. In times of poor health he even took up making ladies clothing. He even made a wedding dress for one young lady.

He purchased land occasionally until at one time he owned about 325 acres. He was the first farmer in Cleveland County to raise a bale of cotton to the acre. In his will, he left a farm to each of eight heirs.

Alonzo and Elnora had nine children. Kansas died in her teens; Neta married W.W. Jones; Evins married Gatla Jones; Dorcas married Cleaton Humphries, Dewitt married Beunah Hawkins, Twitty married Minnie Brooks, Bue married Bezola Hamrick, Cree married Affie Barnette, and Elmira never mar-

ried after her boyfriend was killed in the "Shelby Disaster".

Alonzo was a charter member and great supporter of Poplar Springs Baptist Church. Among his personal papers are receipts for materials and labor used in building the church. He served as church clerk for years.

Alonzo served his community in the following ways: registrar for the Queens Precinct, road overseer, justice of the peace, tax lister, and leader in the Sharon Farmer's Alliance. He was always willing to lend his moral and financial support to community causes. He was an active Democrat who said that if a gentleman was running on the Republican ticket and a jackass on the Democratic ticket, he would vote for the jackass.

Alonzo was an invalid for eight years. He remained jolly and was a delight to the many friends and relatives who visited him. He usually made visitors forget their own troubles with jokes and conversation. He died on February 16, 1944, and was buried in Poplar Springs cemetery beside his wife who had died thirteen years earlier. His works still live in the Poplar Springs community and will continue to be an influence to those who follow after him.

Sources — Family records and personal knowledge

— Martha Philbeck-grandaughter
Marion Wayne Hamrick-great grandson

ALONZO MARTIN HAMRICK FAMILY

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Alonzo Martin Hamrick of Double Spring, N.C. better known as Lon Hamrick, was the son of Elizah Reuben and Louise Bridges Hamrick. He married Sarah Adelaide Lattimore of Lattimore, N.C. January 25, 1873. To this union six children were born. Mary Elaine Hamrick born December 9, 1873, Lucy Wright Hamrick born April 28, 1875, Mildred Lee Hamrick born April 7, 1877, Howard Pinkney Hamrick born June 23, 1901, Mary Carson Hamrick born August 7, 1907, and an infant son stillborn six years later March 8, 1914.

Alonzo Martin Hamrick moved to Shelby, N.C. and traveled selling Hilson Club coffee. Later he ran for Superior Court clerk of Cleveland County and won the election over two opponents. He remained in this position for sixteen years. Later he became a probation officer and worked in Raleigh until he became ill. He died July 11, 1941.

Mary Elaine Hamrick married John Randolph Dover II. They had two children: Sarah Esther Dover and John Randolph Dover III. Sarah Esther Dover married George Jackson Vincent from the state of Oregon. They had two children: Lainey Vincent and George Jackson Vincent. Lainey Vincent married Carlton Lee Baker of Wellington, S.C. and they have two children: Kelly Baker and Carlton Lee Baker. George Jackson Vincent married first to Karen Walters, they had one son George Jackson Vincent III. They were divorced. Later he married Lynn Pemington of Shelby, N.C. They have two sons John Paul and Chadburn Vincent. John Randolph III married Ann Pearson of Bristol, Pennsylvania. They have three chil-

dren Leslie Dover, John Randolph Dover IV, and Allison Dover who married Jerry Norton of Marion, N.C.

Lucy Wright Hamrick is single, Mildred Lee Hamrick married Charles Beatty Suttle II. They lived together fifteen years. They were divorced. After many years Mildred Lee married McMurry Wilkins of Greenville, S.C. originally from Shelby, N.C. No children were born to either marriage.

Howard Hamrick married Louise Hammer of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. They have one child, a daughter Rosemary Hamrick. Mary Carson Hamrick married Joseph Hopson Austell of Earl, N.C. June 21, 1930. They have one daughter, Mary Carson Austell. She married Carlos Francis Coppage Jr. of Anderson, S.C. originally from Karo, Georgia. They have two girls, Karen Elaine Coppage and Mary Kimberly Coppage.

Source: *Bible and Cleveland Daily Star*

HAMRICK ANCESTORS OF PERMELIA ANN ESTHER GREEN

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George Hamrick Sr. came from Germany in 1731 and married Nancy Cook.

George Hamrick Jr., son of George Hamrick Sr. and Nancy Cook Hamrick, married Susanna Blanton.

Samuel Hamrick, son of George Hamrick Jr. and grandson of George Hamrick, Sr. who came from Germany, and Susanna Blanton Hamrick married Mary Hamrick. Their son, Reuben Hamrick was born in 1786 and died October 26, 1873. His wife Hannah McSwain Hamrick was born 1786 and died July 24, 1875. She was the daughter of William McSwain, Jr. and Judith Moore McSwain.

Rebecca Hamrick was the daughter of Reuben Hamrick and Hannah McSwain Hamrick. She was born December 18, 1809 and died September 16, 1893. Her husband Elias Green, son of Henry Green, was born April 5, 1807 and died May 28, 1885.

Reuben Hamrick Green, son of Elias Green and Rebecca Hamrick Green was born December 18, 1840 and died June 23, 1923. His wife Elizabeth Jane Scruggs Green, daughter of Richard Scruggs and Selena Hawkins Scruggs, was born August 8, 1846 and died March 29, 1921.

Permelia Ann Esther Green, was daughter of Reuben Hamrick and Elizabeth Jane Scruggs Green and was born on August 16, 1864 and died January 2, 1951.

Sources: family *Bible*.

— Ollie Connie Green

CAMERON STREET HAMRICK

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Cameron Street Hamrick was born August 29, 1822 near what is now Crest Junior High School. Little is known about his early life. His father was Moses Hamrick, born December 24, 1791, and died August 10, 1868, and his



Street Hamrick



Rebecca Bridges Hamrick, wife of Street Hamrick.

CHARLES JEFFERSON HAMRICK

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Charles Jefferson Hamrick founded the C.J. Hamrick & Sons general merchandise store in Boiling Springs in 1875 when the south was still in the throes of poverty resulting from the Civil War. The business continues today under ownership of his grandson, Clifford Elijah Hamrick, and great-grandson, Clifford E. Hamrick Jr., and is the oldest mercantile business in Cleveland County.

C.J. Hamrick started the store with his son, Elijah Bly Hamrick, who ran it for nearly 70 years before his death at age 88, and with a son-in-law, Solon A. Green, who oversaw the operations of the firm's other assets, namely a cotton gin, grist mill and saw mill.

C.J. Hamrick was a veteran of the Civil War and served with notable valor for three and one-half years as a member of Company D, 55th N.C. Infantry. He was able to save his stock from the carpetbaggers in later years. He owned over 300 acres of land around the homeplace in Boiling Springs and farmed until he entered the mercantile business.

An enterprising man, he started a cotton gin on the creek at his homeplace and ginned one bale per day, but if it rained he was able to gin extra bales from water pressure. At that time the value of cottonseed was not known and so he buried all cottonseed from his ginning operations. He owned an old cotton press which was pulled by mule.

Charles Jefferson Hamrick was born June 11, 1833 and died November 27, 1918. His parents were James Young and Catharine Hardin Hamrick and he was reared on the paternal plantation. His father was the first representative from Cleveland County to the North Carolina General Assembly and the fifth generation descending from George Hamrick who came to America from Germany in 1731.

He was married to Sarah Hamrick of distant relationship and their children were James

grandfather was Price Hamrick, born in 1765 and died in 1822. Both gentlemen are buried in an old family cemetery located near Crest Junior High School.

Cameron Street Hamrick and Elmira Bridges were married August 10, 1843. She was a daughter of Jesse Bridges and Elizabeth Harrill Bridges, and was born on November 30, 1822 in what was the Double Springs section. To this union were born six sons: Marshall Newton, Sidney Hill, John Calhoun, Leander Shepard, Alonzo Marion, and Wiley Cicero.

When Street Hamrick and Elmira Bridges were married, his father gave him a horse. Street soon realized that he could not afford to keep a horse to plow with. He sold the horse for ten dollars and for several years plowed a steer. On January 1, 1850, he used the ten dollars to make a payment on two hundred acres of land he bought from James W. Irvin. He paid a total of one hundred and fifty dollars, or seventy-five cents per acre. He lived there from 1850 until his death on June 29, 1900.

The newlyweds needed household furnishings as well. They heard that George Champion, who had a store near Broad River, had dishes to sell. One day, they set out for Champion's store. After carefully selecting the bare necessities, they asked if he would credit them. He refused, so they came home without the dishes. Later, Mr. Champion sent word to Street to come back and get the dishes, but he went on and did not go back to get them.

Located on the land that Street bought in 1850 was a log house built by Mr. Irvin about 1784. This original part of the house included the log front of the house, an upstairs loft reached by an enclosed stairway, and a large chimney constructed of old field stones. During the Civil War, one room was added to this log house. The carpenter who began the work was a Mr. Pinson. He was drafted into the Confederate Army, and he left his carpenter tools with Cameron Street and his sons. They

completed the addition to the original house.

We rely on electric clocks, radio, and television to tell the time of day, but Street and Elmira Hamrick had a certain mark on the porch of their house to tell the time when the sun was shining.

Elmira Bridges Hamrick died November 9, 1897, and is buried beside her husband in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. I heard my father, her son, brag on her many times, saying that he owed her a great deal for his success in life.

Sources: records.

— Hubbard Hamrick



Street Hamrick Homeplace, father of Leander Hamrick and grandfather of Hubbard Hamrick.

Young (called J.Y. and who was named for his grandfather and he, too served in the General Assembly as a Senator in the late 1800's); Elijah Bly, Oliver N. and Mrs. Katharine (Katie) Green.

Sources: Family memorabilia, personal conversations, S.C. Jones Hamrick Generations.

— Grace R. Hamrick

CHARLES JEFFERSON HAMRICK FAMILY

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Charles Jefferson Hamrick was born on June 4, 1876, the oldest child of George Washington and Phoebe Washburn Hamrick. Jeff, as he was called, spent his childhood on the family farm in the Lattimore area. As a boy he attended subscription schools, which were held during the winter months.

At the age of nineteen he entered the business world, working for the J.P.D. Withrow store in Hollis. Later he came to Lattimore and clerked in the store of his uncle, H.I. Washburn.

On December 6, 1911, Jeff was married to Belva Hamrick. The wedding took place at the home of the bride, with Rev. J.W. Suttle officiating.

Belva, the daughter of Sidney H. Hamrick and Elizabeth H. Hamrick, was born in the Beaver Dam community on May 18, 1884. When she was five, her mother died. This left the father with three small daughters. They moved back to the home of his parents so that they, and an aunt, "Aunt Frankie" Hamrick, could help in the rearing of the children. The little girls looked forward to Sundays when their cousins came to visit and they could play. Fondly remembered was "Aunt Frankies" hot gingerbread and fruit pies.

About the age of eleven Belva and her sister, Ida, were sent to a boarding school, located between Kings Mountain and Gastonia and



Charles Jefferson Hamrick



C.J. Hamrick & Sons Store, established 1875.

called "All Healing." In her teen years she attended Asheville Normal in Asheville, leaving for school in September and not returning home until May. Belva taught school in Double Springs and Earl until she left the profession to be married.

After the couples wedding they "set up" housekeeping in Lattimore. By this time Jeff and his brother, Less, had gone into the mercantile business for themselves. They operated a general merchandise store known as Hamrick Brothers. The store carried a wide range of goods, from groceries, housewares to furniture and even caskets. This was the time when people brought in produce and exchanged it for other commodities.

Jeff and Belva also operated a boarding house, catering to drummers (salesmen), who arrived in town by train. At that time Lattimore had four daily passenger trains. The drummers rented horses and buggies from the local livery stable and drove to outlying areas to sell their wares.

In 1920 the family moved to Shelby. Again Jeff was connected with a store, this time the S.A. Washburn. The following year, they moved back to Lattimore.

Jeff, his brother, Less, and several other men had purchased the Verner Oil Company. This company was made up of the oil mill, real estate and cotton gins. The mill crushed the cotton seed, removed the oil for shipping and left by-products of crushed hulls and meal, which were sold for feed and fertilizer. Cleveland County was a rural area with cotton the main crop. The business was a success and Jeff was to remain with the mill, serving as president until his death.

Another interest of his was his farms. He also liked to see young, deserving men have their own land and he did what he could to help them accomplish this goal. Many people have told me that "Mr. Jeff" was a man of his word

and that he had helped them get their start in life.

I remember both my parents as being thrifty, honest, hard workers who instilled in us, their children, a sense of responsibility and high principles in conduct. Mama was an unassuming person who loved her family and her home. An excellent cook, she was also a lover of flowers and had a "green thumb". I'm grateful to both for the high standards which they set for themselves and for us.

They had two daughters, Sarah Elizabeth and Phoebe Louise. Louise graduated from Meredith College and taught school in Lattimore and Shelby City Schools. Sarah attended Mars Hill College and U.N.C.-G. She married James F. Cornwell and they have four children. They are as follows: Dr. Charles L. Cornwell, who married Patsy Daniels of Montreat, North Carolina; and Carolyn, who married James Purcell of Elberton, Georgia. They have one daughter, Julia Elizabeth; George Richard, not married, and James Stephen, who married Mary Lou Clerking of Farmville, Virginia. They have one daughter, Kathryn Louise.

Jeff died on May 9, 1941. Belva died on December 22, 1961. Both are buried in Double Springs Church Cemetery.

Sources: Personal Knowledge; Family Records.

— Louise Hamrick

CHARLES OREN HAMRICK

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Charles Oren Hamrick was born on August 29, 1900 in Cleveland County. His father was Charles Clingman Hamrick and his mother was Maggie Wilson both of Cleveland County. They were married in 1884 and farmed all of their adult lives. They had two additional children: Fuller and Gertrude.

Oren enlisted in the army in 1918 while



Belva Hamrick

attending Wake Forest College. He was a member of the Wake Forest Student Army Training Corp. They were preparing to be army officers but this program was ended when the armistice was signed on November 11, 1918.

He graduated from Wake Forest College in three and a half years. Oren's first job was as a school teacher in Earl, North Carolina. He became principal of the school after one year. In 1923, he went into the wood, coal and fertilizer business with his brother-in-law, Peter F. Grigg. Later he accepted an offer from Mr. R.L. LeGrand, President of the Shelby Cotton Mill to become payroll officer.

Oren inherited one-third of the family farm and bought the rest from his brother and sister around 1927. He farmed this land located in West Shelby until he retired.

Oren married Margaret Wellmon of Cleveland County. They had three children: Celeste who married John Roberts, Julian who married Sara Ellen Honeycut and Elizabeth Ann who married John Brady.

Oren Hamrick was a loyal member of the First Baptist Church and the Shelby Kiwanis Club. For many years he and his wife spent time during the winter months in Florida. He enjoyed fishing and was a good conversationalist.

He grew flowers and vegetables in abundance so he could share with neighbors and friends.

He died on April 20, 1981.

— Mrs. Oren Hamrick

was kept intact by visiting other clubs during his travels "from Mexico to Maine, from California to Canada." Too, he had served as treasurer of the Shelby club since its inception in 1922 until 1963 when his health failed.

His record of dedication to First Baptist Church included 58 years in the bass section of the choir, longest in history of the church, Sunday School superintendent and treasurer, deacon and chairman of the music committee. His scrapbook tells that he had sung at more than 3,000 funerals throughout Cleveland County, also thought to be a record.

He served as trustee of Gardner-Webb College for many years; served for 18 years as a member of the Shelby School Board of which he was chairman for several terms. He also served many years alternately on the board of trustees of Wake Forest College and Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

He was a member of the Cleveland Savings and Loan Association board of directors for 41 years and was a member of the Union Trust Company board of directors from its organization as Cleveland Bank and Trust Co., serving as vice chairman at his death.

He was a man whose capacity for friendship was boundless and who is remembered for his friendly smile, his ready conversational enterprise and his keen interest in his fellow men. He was a happy man whose fund of jokes and stories was almost inexhaustible, and he was a gentle man with kindly understanding.

At the time of his death on June 2, 1964 he was president of Kendall Drug Co., a wholesale drug firm in Shelby with which he first became associated in 1922 when it was known as Kendall Medicine Co. which manufactured some of its own medicinal remedies. Prior to 1922 he was associated with A. Blanton Grocery Co. in Shelby, National Paper Co., in Atlanta, Ga., The Watts Co. in Charlotte and Shelby Grocery Company in Shelby.

Born December 6, 1885, he was a native of Boiling Springs, one of seven children of Cora Galena Green Hamrick and Elijah Bly Hamrick

of Boiling Springs and an eight generation descendant of George Hamrick who came to America from Germany in 1731. His grandfather was Charles Jefferson Hamrick, pioneer merchant in the county, who was married to Sarah Hamrick, and his great-grandfather James Young Hamrick, who married Catharine Hardin, was the first legislator from Cleveland County (1844-1849). Other ancestral grandparents included George Hamrick who married Phoebe Wright; James Hamrick who married Susannah Hamrick; George Hamrick II who married Susannah Blanton and the first George Hamrick who married Nancy Cook.

He was a graduate of Boiling Springs High School and attended Wake Forest University. Following his death a loan fund was established in his memory at the School of Pharmacy at the University of N.C. at Chapel Hill.

He was married on September 8, 1914 to Gordia Mae Grice (April 13, 1894 — June 16, 1980), who was a nurse. They were parents of three children; Charles Rush Hamrick, Jr. (September 18, 1921); James Bly Hamrick (July 3, 1924 — January 16, 1932); and Gordon Grice Hamrick (March 23, 1930).

Charles Rush Hamrick, Jr. married Grace Rutledge of Yadkinville and they have two sons: Charles Rush Hamrick, III (May 14, 1947) and Dale Rutledge Hamrick (March 2, 1950). Charles Rush Hamrick, III married Lydia Lee Blanton of Shelby (October 27, 1948) and they have two sons: Charles Rush Hamrick, IV (April 11, 1977) and George Blanton Hamrick (June 4, 1979).

Gordon Grice Hamrick married Dorothy Boyd Horton of Concord on June 4, 1955 and they were divorced August 31, 1972. They are parents of two daughters: Mary Moore Hamrick (December 7, 1957) and Dorothy Boyd Hamrick (April 27, 1961).

Sources: family records, Wake Forest University records, personal memorabilia, church records.

— Grace R. Hamrick



Charles Oren Hamrick, 1900-1981.



Charles Rush Hamrick.

CHARLES RUSH HAMRICK

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Charles Rush Hamrick, prominent civic, church and business leader of Shelby, was a man of many records and capabilities.

Known as "Mr. Kiwanian", at the time of his death he held a 42-year perfect attendance record with the Shelby Kiwanis Club which at the time was a national record. His attendance

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Charles Rush Hamrick, Jr. is a ninth generation descendant of George Hamrick, one of the pioneer settlers of Cleveland County who came to America from Germany in 1731. The oldest son of Charles Rush and Gordia Mae Grice Hamrick, he has figured prominently in the business and civic activities of Shelby all of his adult life and currently is president of Kendall Drug Company, a wholesale pharmaceutical and drug sundries distributor in over 20 counties in western North Carolina and special institutions over the state.

Born September 18, 1921, he is a graduate of Shelby High School and was further educated at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was co-founder with Will G. Arey, Jr. of The Cleveland Times, a county weekly newspaper in Shelby, in 1941. He left the newspaper in March 1943 to serve with the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II until January 1946. In December 1946 he joined his father in the operation of Kendall Drug Company and at his father's death on June 2, 1964, became president of the company which he now operates with his brother, Gordon Grice Hamrick.

His business record includes service on the board, as vice president and as president (1967) of the Federal Wholesale Druggists Association; active in the N.C. Pharmaceutical Association and president of the Travelling Men's Auxiliary (1970-71) and past chairman of the NCPHA TMA Foundation; vice-president of the N.C. Wholesalers' Association; president (1975-77) of South Atlantic Drug Club; member (1976-79) Government Relations committee of the National Wholesale Druggists Association and serves (1979-82) on the NWDA board of directors.

He has been a member of the board of directors of Cleveland Federal Savings and Loan Association since 1965 and the board of First National Bank of Shelby since 1972. He was also on the board of Shelby Seamless Hosiery Mill (1967-77).

Rush has a long record of service in the Shelby Kiwanis Club, including president (1960); treasurer since 1964; lieutenant-governor of the Carolinas district of Kiwanis (1972-73); and has a perfect attendance record of 25 years.

He has served as president of the Shelby Junior Chamber of Commerce (1947) and as a national director from North Carolina in 1949; was president of the Greater Shelby Chamber of Commerce in 1967 with continuing service on the board and numerous committees; was campaign director of the Cleveland County United Fund in 1966 and UF president in 1967; former member of the boards of directors of the local American Red Cross, Piedmont Council of Boy Scouts of America and Florence Crittenden Home of Charlotte (1969-72).

He served on the N.C. Citizens Committee for Better Schools under appointments by Governors Luther Hodges and Terry Sanford and organized the Citizens' Committee for Shelby; was chairman of the N.C. Little Sym-

phony for Cleveland County and Shelby schools for 20 years (1952-72); was county chairman to raise funds to bring the USS North Carolina Battleship back to the state (1961); and Cleveland County campaign chairman to raise funds for the Kennedy Memorial Library (1964).

Rush was also the first treasurer (1969) and chairman (1972-73) of the Shelter Home of Cleveland County which cares for abandoned and neglected children; former member of the Board of Advisors of Gardner-Webb College.

He was named the Jaycees' "Young Man of the Year" for Shelby in 1948 and received the Shelby Lions Club "Citizen of the Year" award in 1968.

He was appointed to the board of the Cleveland County Memorial Library in 1972, named vice president in 1978-79 and since 1979 has served as chairman of the board. He is county chairman (1982) of the "Save the Lighthouse" Committee to raise \$12,000 locally to save the Cape Hatteras lighthouse; chairman of Annual alumni Giving for UNC-CH in this county since 1977; is immediate past president (1981) of North Lake Club and past president of The Cotillion. He is also a member of Cleveland Country Club and Blowing Rock Country Club.

He is a member of First Baptist Church of Shelby where he has served three terms as deacon and was associated with the children's Sunday School department for over 20 years.

Rush was married on October 2, 1942 to Grace Rutledge of Yadkinville (see Mrs. Charles Rush Hamrick, Jr.) and they reside at 909 Elizabeth Road. They have two sons: Charles Rush "Rusty" Hamrick, III, (see Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rush Hamrick, III) who was born May 14, 1947 and who married Lydia Lee Blanton and whose children are Charles Rush Hamrick IV (April 11, 1977) and George Blanton Hamrick (June 5, 1979); and Dale Rutledge Hamrick, born March 2, 1950. Both sons are associated with their father in business at Kendall Drug Co., "Rusty" as manager of retail customer services and Dale as warehouse manager.

Sources: Family records, news articles, various club files, church records.

— Grace R. Hamrick

MRS. CHARLES RUSH HAMRICK, JR.

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Mrs. Charles Rush Hamrick, Jr., nee Grace Golden Rutledge, is an author and journalist. She has been active in the community life of Shelby since 1941 when she arrived in the city two days following graduation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with an A.B. Degree in Journalism.

She was employed by The Cleveland Times, a weekly newspaper which was four weeks old when she joined the staff. The paper was founded by her husband (to whom she was married October 2, 1942) and Will G. Arey, Jr., and she became its managing editor from 1943 to 1946 when Hamrick and Arey were called to service in World War II. She served as editor of the same paper from 1960 to 1965



Charles Rush Hamrick, Jr.

when it was a semi-weekly and has been awarded for feature writing, news writing and make-up. She has contributed to other area newspapers at various times and in 1982 became a columnist for The Shelby Daily Star.

She is author of "Miss Fay", a biography of Mrs. O. Max Gardner of Shelby, published by Gardner-Webb College in 1978, and is co-author with Mrs. Dan K. Moore of "The First Ladies of North Carolina", published in 1981, which contains personality biographies of the 24 First Ladies who have lived in the present Mansion (1891-1985) along with names of other First Ladies dating to 1776. A brief history of the Mansion is also included.

She was editor of "A History of First Baptist Church of Shelby", published in 1969, wrote and produced a pageant from the history at First Baptist in 1972 and again for the Bicentennial program on July 4, 1976. Other of her published works include "A History of the Shelby Woman's Club (1920-1970); "History of the Shelby Kiwanis Club" (1922-1972); "History of the Cleveland Savings & Loan Association" (1922-1972); and "A History of The Shelby Lions Club" (1929-1979).

Daughter of William Edward Rutledge, newspaper editor and publisher, and Lola Shore Rutledge of Yadkinville, she was born March 31, 1921. She was graduated from Yadkinville High School and attended The University of North Carolina at Greensboro for two years before transferring to the University at Chapel Hill.

In 1976-77 she served as president of the UNC-CH General Alumni Association, an elected post, to become the first and only woman to date to be elected to that post in the Association's 140-year history. She had previously served as vice president (1973-74) of the Association and was elected to the board of directors in 1971, one of three women first elected to the board and won the three-year term by virtue of receiving the largest number of votes.

She was a charter member of the Order of

the Tar Heel One Hundred of UNC-CH which was founded in 1975 and continues to serve with the group which is now The Board of Visitors. She has served on the board of trustees of the UNC Center for Public Television since the board was appointed in 1979. She served as a member of the Cleveland County Selection Committee for the John Motley Morehead Foundation from 1954 until named to the district committee in 1976 on which she continues to serve.

She has served on the board of trustees of Cleveland Technical College since 1977 and has also served on the board of trustees of Cleveland Memorial Hospital (1967-1977); Board of Advisors of Gardner-Webb College (1972-1975); Governors Advisory Council on Comprehensive Health Planning under appointment by Governor Robert Scott (1970-1975); Cleveland County Mental Health Association and N.C. Mental Health Association boards; Board of Directors of Catawba Valley Girl Scout Council (1966-1970); Advisory Board of the Salvation Army (1961-66); twice president of the Shelby Junior Charity League (1948-49) and 1956-57); twice chairman of the League's annual Debutante Ball (1948 and 1961).

Grace was the first chairman of the Shelby Beautification Committee (1957-58) and later served as chairman of the Courthouse Square Beautification Committee; named Shelby "Woman of the Year" in 1963; "Who's Who of American Woman" (1968-69); secretary and trustee of the Cleveland County Historical Association (1965-70) and currently on the Association's board of directors. She was also chairman of the Cleveland Memorial Hospital Woman's Auxiliary (1966-68); and is on the board of directors of Kendall Drug Company.

She is a member of First Baptist Church of Shelby, Literario Book Club, North Lake and Cleveland Country Clubs in Shelby and Blowing Rock Country Club.

Grace and Rush are parents of two sons: Charles Rush Hamrick III and Dale Rutledge Hamrick. (see Charles Rush Hamrick, Jr.)

Sources: newspaper articles, UNC alumni files, family records.

— C. Rush Hamrick, Jr.

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Charles Rush Hamrick, III and Lydia Lee Blanton, both descendants of prominent pioneer families of Cleveland County, were married July 18, 1970 and reside with their two sons at 315 Tremont Place in Shelby. The sons are Charles Rush Hamrick IV, called "Charlie", (April 11, 1977) and George Blanton Hamrick, called Blanton, (June 5, 1979).

Known to his family and friends as "Rusty", Hamrick is the son of Charles Rush Hamrick, Jr. and Grace Rutledge Hamrick and was born on May 14, 1947. He was graduated from Shelby High School where he was a member of the band, National Honor Society and marshal. He attained the rank of Eagle Scout in scouting.

He is a 1969 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a B.S. De-

gree in Business Administration. He also attended Naval ROTC in Chapel Hill and was commissioned an Ensign, spending three years of active duty in the U.S. Navy, 2½ years of which were aboard the Destroyer USS Courtney while stationed in Naples, Italy. He achieved the rank of lieutenant and also spent four years in the Naval Reserve.

In 1972 he joined his father at Kendall Drug Company, wholesale pharmaceutical firm and sundries supplier which serves some 20 counties in Western N.C., where he is director of customer services. He is president of TMA of the N.C. Pharmaceutical Association (1982-83); member of the board of directors of Eagle Roller Mill and Kendall Drug Co.; served as president of the Shelby Kiwanis Club (1977-78); assistant campaign chairman of the Cleveland County United Way (1982); member of Shelby Presbyterian Church where he is a member of the choir and former chairman of the Board of Deacons; and former director of Cleveland Country Club.

Lydia is the daughter of George Blanton, Jr. and Nancy Dicks Blanton and was born October 27, 1948. She is a graduate of Shelby High School and Stratford College where she received an Associate of Arts Degree and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. She also attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for a year and in 1974 was graduated from Gardner-Webb College with an A.B. Degree in early childhood education.

She is a member of the Shelby Junior Charity League where she has been active in several capacities and co-chairman of the League's Debutante Ball for 1982; has been an active member of the Women's Auxiliary of Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Literario Book Club and Three Seasons Garden Club. She is also a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church and has served as an officer in the Women of the Church; and is a member of the Gardner-Webb College alumni board of directors.

Sources: family memorabilia, news articles, personal conversation.

— Grace R. Hamrick



Mrs. Charles Rush Hamrick, Jr.



Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rush Hamrick, III.

CLIFFORD ELIJAH HAMRICK, SR.

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Clifford Elijah Hamrick, Sr., the youngest of seven children of Elijah Bly Hamrick and Cora Galena Greene Hamrick, was born August 27, 1904 in Cleveland County. He graduated from Boiling Springs High School in 1922, and attended Wake Forest College.

On June 1, 1928 he married Anna Louise Whitaker (May 3, 1905 — November 8, 1975). They reared three children: Ann, Clifford Elijah, Jr., (Bud) and Carol. Ann married William King Elliott and they have one daughter, Patti Ann. Patti, born September 21, 1957, was married to James William Ellis on June 26, 1978. They live in Statesville, North Carolina.

Clifford Jr. married Mary Etta McCurry and they have five children: Leslie Ann, (March 16, 1959) who was married to Rodney Wayne Beaver on December 31, 1979; Mary Louise (August 20, 1960), an X-ray technician at Charlotte Memorial Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina; Clifford Elijah III ("Cliff") (June 29, 1962), a sophomore at Wake Forest University; Jean Leigh (September 15, 1964), a senior at Crest High School; and Carol Lynn (April 15, 1966), a sophomore at Crest High School.

Carol Lou married Dr. Drew Charles Hunsinger and they have two children; Drew Charles, Jr. (February 9, 1967), and Clifford Bly (October 16, 1971). They live in New Bern, North Carolina. Carol and Charles were divorced in November, 1981.

Clifford went into business with his father in 1936. In 1947 he became president of the firm C.J. Hamrick and Sons, Inc., begun in 1875 by his grandfather, Charles Jefferson Hamrick and his father, Elijah Bly Hamrick, and is now Cleveland County's oldest existing business. He continued as president until his semi-retirement in 1966, when he turned the management over to his son who became the fourth generation to be associated with the business.

He has been a longtime active member of the Shelby Kiwanis Club. He has continued to be an active member of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church where he has served on the

board of deacons and many other committees. He has also taken part in many community activities, and has been a staunch supporter of Gardner-Webb College where he served on the board of trustees for many years, and is now serving as a director for the Bulldog Club.

In recognition of past achievements and outstanding service to community, state, and nation he was presented the Personalities of the South Award in 1978. Among the honors he has received from Gardner-Webb College are the Alumni Community Service Award in 1979, and the Bulldog of the Year Award in 1981.

Since 1946 he has served on the board of directors of First Federal Savings and Loan Association.

He lives in Boiling Springs in the family homeplace located across the street from the family business.

— Ann Hamrick Elliott



Clifford Elijah Hamrick, Sr.

DALE RUTLEDGE HAMRICK

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Dale Rutledge Hamrick is the son of Charles Rush Hamrick, Jr. and Grace Rutledge Hamrick of Shelby. Born March 2, 1950, he is a 10th generation descendant of George Hamrick who settled in this area in 1731 after fleeing Germany for religious reasons. On his mother's side he is descended from the Rutledges of South Carolina who have been prominent in the nation's history and includes the signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Dale attended the public schools of Shelby and was graduated from high school at Virginia Episcopal School in Lynchburg, Va. in 1968. In 1972 he was graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he received an A.B. Degree in Economics. For three years he was associated with Northwestern Bank in North Wilkesboro and in Winston-Salem. Since 1978 he has been associated with his father at Kendall Drug Company, a wholesale pharmaceutical and drug sundries distributor in over 20 counties in western North Carolina, and is currently warehouse manager.

He is a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church where he is a member of the choir, a deacon, Sunday School teacher and heads the senior high school youth department.

He is also a member of the Shelby Kiwanis Club and serves on the Kiwanis board of directors. He is a member of the board of directors of the Shelter Home of Cleveland County. He resides at 701 W. Sumter St.

Sources: Family records, news articles, church and club files.

— Grace R. Hamrick

DAVID HAMRICK

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David Hamrick (1830-1863), son of William Hamrick and Jane McSwain (1810 South Carolina, living in 1880), was born on Beaver Dam Creek near the present town of Lattimore, North Carolina.

When he enlisted in the Civil War he made his will (July 29, 1861) which reads in part "considering the uncertainty of my earthly existence do make and publish this my last will and testament Viz First I give and bequeath unto my beloved wife Caroline Hamrick my part of the tract of land where my mother Jane Hamrick now lives it being the one 7th part of said tract and the other property of every description both real and personal. I desire, however, that my executor herein after named sell as much of said property as may be necessary to pay the debt owing by me and lastly I nominate and appoint my trusty brother and friend Samuel Hamrick my lawful executor this my last will and testament to all intents and purposes." Signed, David Hamrick. His will was recorded in Cleveland County. He served in the Cleveland County Co. E. 12 Regiment (1861) and was killed May 2, 1863 at Chancellville, Virginia. His remains were never re-



Dale Rutledge Hamrick.

turned to Cleveland County.

He married (ca 1828) Caroline Hardin (b. February, 1833; d. February 19, 1901) daughter of George Hardin (1809-November 25, 1882) and Mary "Polly" Harrill (b November 16, 1815; d. February 7, 1841). Mary "Polly" was the daughter of Richard Harrill and wife Artimincy "Arta" Dobbins.

David and Caroline had two daughters: Mary Jane (1851-1945) married Jesse Whitson Bridges (1845-1904). See article elsewhere in book. Hester A. (1859-1926) married J. Franklin Bridges (1854-1937).

On November 14, 1872, after David's death, his wife Caroline married Isom Owens (1816-1890). There were no children born to this union.

Caroline, along with her two daughters, and parents are buried in the Double Springs Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sources: Family Bible

— Mrs. S. Arnold Ramey

ELIJAH BLY HAMRICK

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"A record as merchant and business leader has been achieved by Elijah B. Hamrick of Boiling Springs, which in many respects is perhaps without parallel in the history of the state" wrote O.L. Moore in *The State Magazine* of October 2, 1943.

E.B. Hamrick and his father, Charles J. Hamrick, started C.J. Hamrick & Sons, a country store, in 1875 when the south was still in the agony of poverty resulting from the Civil War. Money was scarce and a country store's business was limited largely to supplying the few items that folks could not produce or make at home. They first hauled goods to the store by wagon and ox cart.

The establishment extended its operations into a wide trading territory and also operated a cotton gin, grist mill, saw mill and other community services under direction of a brother-in-law, Solon A. Green.

The firm showed steady growth and "became an emblem of honor and integrity in the business world" Moore wrote. "Salesmen went out of their way to stop at Hamrick's store." E.B. Hamrick operated the store for close to 70 years and never had a vacation with exception of the times he was kept away by illness. He continued to make semi-annual trips to New York to buy goods up until his death at age 88 on July 11, 1946. The firm continues in operation today by his son, Clifford E. Hamrick, and grandson, Clifford E. Hamrick, Jr.

Although first and always a merchant, his energy and business genius found expression in other outlets. He was a large land owner and farmer and was a heavy investor in banks and industrial corporations of Cleveland and Rutherford counties. His business judgement and experience were highly valued and widely sought. He was one of the founders of Ella Mill in Shelby and was one of the original stockholders of Cliffside Mills. Prior to his death he was a director of the Dover and Ora Mills and director of Union Trust Company. He was a share-

THE GEORGE and MARY HAMRICK FAMILY

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Elijah Bly and Cora Galena Greene Hamrick.

holder in three building and loan associations and served as a director of First Federal Savings & Loan for nearly 30 years. He was president of the Mooresboro Creamery and also president of the Farmers & Merchants Bank in Mooresboro and Boiling Springs.

Mr. Hamrick was a member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church which he served in many capacities for over 75 years. He was a friend and benefactor of Gardner-Webb College, especially in its time of hard sledding while Boiling Springs Junior College. He gave many acres of land on which the college is located and when there was an operating deficit at the end of the session he would absorb the debts on his books. In launching an expansion program for the college, he started the ball rolling with a gift of \$10,000 and it didn't stop until \$150,000 was raised. Trustees voted to name one of the larger buildings E.B. Hamrick Hall and this action was followed with a matching gift by Dover Mills whose founders were indebted to him for his encouragement and investment in their initial ventures. When the O. Max Gardner family launched a financial campaign for half a million dollars to expand the college, the E.B. Hamricks again were first with another gift of \$10,000.

The State article concluded: "This briefly is the record of a man who was born three years before the Civil War broke out and who, because of the destitution and poverty wrought by the unfortunate incident, was denied many of the privileges and opportunities in his youth that he is helping to make possible for youth of today, but who set his face resolutely to the future and worked hard and long."

Elijah Bly Hamrick was the son of Charles Jefferson Hamrick (June 11, 1833—Nov. 27, 1918) and Sara Hamrick and was the seventh generation of George Hamrick (who married Nancy Cook) who came to America from Germany in 1731. He was born June 28, 1858 and died July 11, 1946. He was married to Cora

Galena Green (January 11, 1863—February 12, 1953) and they had seven children: Osie Foy (February 9, 1883—January 9, 1928) who married Edwin Duval Hamrick (September 20, 1871—May 22, 1958) and they had twelve children (Charles Evan, Lois Pearl, Winfrey Durham, Eunice Matilda, Martha Galena, Mary Theodochia, Leo Yates, Thomas Warren, Marjorie Foy, Dorothy Sue, Louise and Betty Jean); Thomas Carl (July 12, 1884—November 27, 1944) who married Marietta Moore (October 1, 1887—January 5, 1981) and they had eight children (John Carl, Felix Elijah, Marie Elizabeth, Helen Virginia, Edith Holland, Sadie Moore, Cora Margaret and Marietta); Charles Rush (December 6, 1885—June 2, 1964) who married Gordia Mae Grice (April 13, 1894—June 16, 1980) and they had three children (Charles Rush, Jr., James Bly and Gordon Grice); Dr. James Yates Hamrick (February 15, 1890—August 21, 1951) who was first married to Elizabeth Champion (1892-1918) and they had one daughter (Katherine) and after her death he married Marjorie Pierce (1896-1950) and they had six children (James Oliver, William Albert, Robert Yates, Miriam, Edgar Bruce and Emma Jean); Oliver Paul (December 23, 1891—February 25, 1968) who married Jessie Teresa Pangle (September 4, 1889—October 22, 1960) and they had four children (Oliver Paul, Jr., Maxwell Bly, Teresa Ann and Audley Galbraith); Ladd Watts (August 20, 1897—November 30, 1968) who married Rebecca Ritch (June 7, 1899—February 13, 1963) and they had two sons (Ladd Watts, Jr., and Harvey Bly); Clifford Elijah Hamrick (August 27, 1904) who married Anna Louise Whitaker (May 3, 1905—November 8, 1975) and they had three children (Galena Ann, Carol Lou and Clifford Elijah, Jr.)

Sources: family records, church records.

— Grace R. Hamrick

George Hamrick (August 15, 1808—May 8, 1882) and wife Mary Hamrick (October 26, 1808—June 9, 1891) were married January 22, 1828. They were the children of two Cleveland County, North Carolina families. Their fathers were brothers and their mothers were sisters. Therefore, this husband and wife were double first cousins.

George Hamrick was the son of Reuben Hamrick (February 5, 1786—October 26, 1873) and wife Hannah McSwain (May 11, 1785—July 24, 1875). Mary Hamrick was the daughter of David Hamrick (July 28, 1782—August 3, 1869) and wife Sarah McSwain (September 16, 1786—January 20, 1866). Both sets of parents were Cleveland County landowners and farmers and they are buried at the Boiling Springs Cemetery. David Hamrick, Mary's father, served in the Legislature from Rutherford County in 1834 as indicated in S.C. Jones' *The Hamrick Generations*. This does not mean that David ever lived in what is now Rutherford County since Cleveland County was formed in 1841.

The paternal grandparents of George and Mary Hamrick were Samuel and Mary Hamrick, parents of Reuben and David. The maternal grandparents of George and Mary Hamrick were William McSwain and Judith Moore, parents of Hannah and Sarah. These two Cleveland County families were very attracted to each other as three sons and one daughter of Samuel and Mary Hamrick married children of William and Judith McSwain. There is also evidence of additional kinships between these and earlier generations. This tends to make many of these individuals related to themselves in a complex multiple of ways.

George and Mary Hamrick were members of Sandy Run Baptist Church at Mooresboro in Cleveland County before becoming charter members of Bethel Baptist Church of Ellenboro in Rutherford County. As the Bethel Church records reflect, they were very active members of this Church and community where they raised their family of eleven boys and two girls on their farm. Their sons were Jason, Wiley, Archibald, Greenberry, Amos, Eli, Doctor Noah, Lewis McSwain, John Landrum, Elias and Jehu. Of the two daughters in this family, Hannah married Isaac Hollifield and Sarah Minerva married John Landrum Green(e).

George was a deacon at Sandy Run and Bethel Baptist Churches. By legend he was the first person to be buried at the Bethel Church Cemetery. His wife, Mary, and many of their descendants are also buried there. Their daughter, Sarah Minerva (1846-1883) and her husband, John Green(e) (1844-1898), are buried beside them, along with his parents, William H. Green (1823-1862) and wife Diadema Hardin Green (1822-1909).

William McSwain (1762-1838), George and Mary Hamrick's maternal grandfather, was a soldier in the Revolutionary War. He is buried at the McSwain Family Cemetery in the Mt. Sinai Community of Cleveland County. He is the grandson of David McSwain who came

from Scotland and is buried in the same cemetery.

Sources: Family oral history, Family Bible Records, Bethel Cemetery Records — Tombstones, Bethel Church Records, Sandy Run Church Records, Cleveland County Cemetery Records, Boiling Springs Cemetery Tombstones, Mt. Sinai Cemetery (McSwain Family) Tombstones, *The Hamrick Generations*, S.C. Jones, *Hamricks of the Past and Present*, S.C. Hamrick.

— Agnes G. Yoos (Mrs. Albert)

GEORGE WASHINGTON and PHOEBE ADELINE HAMRICK

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George Washington Hamrick was born on January 21, 1853, in what was known then as the Sandy Run Community. He was the son of Jefferson Wright Hamrick (1822-1862) and Ellen Peeler Hamrick (1830-1895).

George married Phoebe Adeline Washburn, (January 14, 1856 — December 12, 1929) on August 5, 1875. She was the daughter of Charles Gabriel Washburn (1826-1896) and Sarah Crowder Washburn (1834-1905) and one of sixteen children. The family lived in the Double Springs area and as a girl, Phoebe attended a school located in that community and known as the Hardin School. At an early age she joined Double Springs Baptist Church.

After the couple's marriage they moved into a small, two-room house on the Hamrick farm, located about three miles west of Lattimore. This was to be their home for the next two years. From there, they moved in with George's mother, who was now a widow, staying until 1890. At that time the family moved to a home in the Double Springs Community. This house, located two miles north of Lattimore, is standing today and is occupied by South Mountain Pulpwood Company.

I never knew my grandfather, but people said he was a quiet, unassuming man of integrity, one who made and held friends. He loved the soil. Farming was his life long occupation and he was known to be a very progressive farmer. Phoebe accepted her role as homemaker and was devoted to the task of rearing her family. Also, she loved to have company, especially her many nieces and nephews.

They had six children, one of whom died in early childhood of fever. I suppose it was typhoid fever. His name was Laddie (May 9, 1874 — July 1, 1884). Their only daughter, Bessie, the idol of the household, died at age twenty-two from a heart condition (February 9, 1885 — May 4, 1907). The other four children were: Charles Jefferson, who married Belva Hamrick (see related article); Lester O., who married Margaret Wilson of the Zion Community (see related article); Gary Hall, who married Leitha Bettis of Earl; and George Gleason, who married Ruth Falls of Lawndale. Gleason, as he was called, had polio at the age of eighteen months and was left a cripple for life.

George died at the age of sixty-six, September 26, 1919, and was buried in Double Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. He served the last twenty-three years of his life as a deacon and secretary for the church and was held in high esteem by those who knew him.



George W. Hamrick Family. Front row L to R: George W., Gleason, Phoebe. Back row L to R: Gary, Lester, Bessie, Jeff.

After his death, Phoebe continued to live at the homeplace. She passed away at the age of seventy-one and was buried beside her husband in Double Springs Church Cemetery.

Sources: Family

— Louise Hamrick

GORDON GRICE HAMRICK

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Gordon Grice Hamrick, who was born March 23, 1930, is a descendant of one of the prominent pioneer families of Cleveland County; his ancestral lineage going to George Hamrick who came to this country from Germany in 1731.

Active in the civic and social life of the community, he is known for his ability to organize and see a project through, and is often sought for advice and in-put. He is an avid fan of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from which he graduated with the class of 1955 with a B.S. in Business Administration. At UNC he set a track record in cross country and participated in many campus activities. He has served as president of the UNC-CH Cleveland County Alumni association, promotes bus trips to football games, and is a member of the University committee seeking to raise \$30 million for erection of a multi-purpose sports arena on the campus at Chapel Hill. He is also a lifetime member of the UNC-CH Educational Foundation.

Gordon is vice-president and secretary-treasurer of Kendall Drug Company in Shelby, a wholesale pharmaceutical and drug sundries distributor in western North Carolina and special institutions over the state. He joined his father, Charles Rush Hamrick, and brother, Charles Rush Hamrick, Jr. in operation of the firm in 1960 after having been associated for five years with Proctor and Gamble in Atlanta,

Ga. Following his father's death on June 2, 1964 he and his brother, Rush, became co-owners of Kendall Drug Co. which they operate today.

He conducted the organization of the Cleveland County Community Concert Association which has enjoyed successful seasons since 1976 and was first president of the group, serving from 1976 to 1979.

He was recipient of the "Citizen of the Year" award by the Shelby Lions Club in April 1977.

He is a past president of Shelby Rotary Club (1976); member of the board of directors of the Cleveland County Boys Club since its inception and has been active in fund-raising for the club. He served as special awards chairman for 10 years for the sports committee of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce; is a veteran of the Korean War, having served many months in Korea; is a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church, North Lake and Cleveland County Clubs.

Gordon is the son of the late Charles Rush Hamrick (Dec. 6, 1885 — June 2, 1964) and Gordia Mae Grice Hamrick (April 13, 1894 — June 16, 1980). He was married to Dorothy Boyd Horton of Concord on June 4, 1955 and they were divorced on August 31, 1972. They are parents of two daughters, Mary Moore Hamrick (December 7, 1957) who is a graduate of Duke University and who currently is an account executive with International Management Group in Cleveland, Ohio; and Dorothy Boyd Hamrick (April 27, 1961), who is a rising senior at Duke University's School of Nursing.

Sources: newspaper clippings, personal records, conversations.

— Grace R. Hamrick



THE HUBBARD HAMRICK and FRANCES BRYDGES FAMILY and DESCENDANTS

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Reuben Hubbard Hamrick was born November 9, 1902, the seventh son of Leander and Sarah Hamrick. He has lived on West Warren Street in Shelby directly across from Graham School for seventy-nine years in the same house that his father built in 1890. He was brought up on a farm, and has been a farmer all his life, growing cotton, corn, and grain.

His education was in the public schools of Shelby, and two years at Wake Forest College. He is a life long member of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, having joined in September of 1919. He has served two terms as a deacon, and was a department secretary and in the general secretary's office for fifty-eight years. He never missed being in Sunday School for a period of forty-five years.

He was married to Frances Brydges on August 31, 1926. She was a daughter of Jasper Bunyan Brydges and Mary Ann Hopper. They have two daughters: Mary Lucinda, born June 29, 1927; and Ada Ruth, born January 31, 1933. Mary Lou married Harold Winston Causby, a son of Effie and Forest Causby of Morganton, and to them were born two sons, Harold David and Robert Hamrick Causby. David married Rebecca Ann Morrisett, the daughter of Stephen and Mary Keeley Morrisett of Boiling Springs, on June 30, 1970, his twenty-first birthday. David and Rebecca Causby are the parents of two daughters: Lucinda Warr, born May 16, 1972; and Katherine Wise, born June 11, 1976; and one son, Stephen Winston, born September 21, 1980.

Robert Causby was born on November 25, 1952. He is married to the former Catherine Elizabeth Upchurch, daughter of Allen McNeill and Margaret Brown Upchurch. They were married on March 7, 1981.

Ada Ruth Hamrick married Stanley Robert Sherman on May 11, 1952. He is a son of John Stanley and Charlotte King Sherman of Philadelphia, Penn. To Ruth and Stan were born two sons and one daughter, namely William Stanley, born February 10, 1954; Stephen Robert, born July 13, 1957, who married Gloria Dean Dixon, daughter of Betty Faye Curtis and Royce Dixon on July 13, 1980; and Sandra Leigh, born January 20, 1956, who married James Landrum Beason, Jr., son of Helen Whisnant Beason and James Landrum Beason, Sr. on June 16, 1978.

Hubbard Hamrick's paternal grandparents were married on August 10, 1843. They were Street Hamrick, who was born August 29, 1822 and died June 29, 1900, and Elmira Bridges, who was born November 30, 1822, and died November 9, 1897. They are both buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

His maternal grandfather was Reuben Hamrick who was born April 21, 1831. He died May 14, 1863 while serving in the Confederate Army, 5th Sergeant Co. D., 55th Regiment, and was buried in Cortland, Va. He married Phoebe Hamrick on December 16, 1852.

Mr. Hamrick's paternal great-grandfather was Moses Hamrick, born December 14,

1790. Moses's wife was Sarah Robinson, who was born June 10, 1802 and died December 10, 1850. She was a daughter of Isaac Robinson, a Revolutionary War soldier. Moses died August 10, 1868, and is buried in a family burying ground about two miles northeast of Boiling Springs.

Hubbard Hamrick's maternal great-grandfather was James Young Hamrick. He was born in 1810, and on July 17, 1829, he married Catherine Hardin. He was the first representative from Cleveland County to the North Carolina Legislature after it was formed in 1841. He died October 17, 1849.

Mr. Hamrick's paternal great-great-grandfather was Price Hamrick who was born in January of 1765, and in 1797 came to North Carolina from Virginia and settled near what is now Crest High School. He married Nancy Bridges who died in October of 1830. Price Hamrick died in October of 1820 and is also buried in the family plot near Boiling Springs.

Hubbard Hamrick's paternal third great-grandfather was Moses Richard Hamrick who married Susanna Blanton and lived in Virginia all of his life. His paternal fourth great-grandfather was George Hamrick who came from Germany in 1731 and settled in Germantown, Penn. (now a part of Philadelphia). He married Nancy Cook and they had twenty-four children. We only know of three of their children, namely Benjamin, George, Jr., and Moses Richard.

Source: Family records.

— Hubbard Hamrick

JAMES OLIVER HAMRICK

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James Oliver Hamrick (May 22, 1922) was born in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. He was the first of six children born to Dr. James Yates Hamrick, Jr. and Marjorie Pierce Hamrick. (For brothers and sisters, see "Dr. James Yates Hamrick, Jr.") "J.O." is married to Ruby Allen of the Zoar Community.

He received his education in the Boiling Springs Elementary and High School, took a welding course and attended numerous seminars on welding and metallurgy, earning college credit. As a boy, he spent as much time as possible at Mr. Ed Lipscomb's Blacksmith Shop which was located near our home. Although much of his knowledge has come from his own experience, he learned a great deal from Mr. Ed and other old-time blacksmiths. When he was twelve or thirteen years old, J.O. borrowed fifty dollars from his grandfather Hamrick and bought a welding machine. He started welding in spite of the fact that many people tried to discourage him, warning, "That smoke will kill you in five years." He continued to weld and soon paid for the machine, stating, "I find it more exciting and see more opportunities than when I began." He not only enjoys performing the art of welding, he loves to talk about it, expressing, "The welding trade has never gotten proper credit." J.O. has designed and made a lot of machinery and farm implements and made modifications on others. As a welding instructor at Cleveland

County Technical Institute he started many people in the welding field. Former students often thank him for his helping them to be able to weld commercially, as a hobby, or both.

J.O. worked for Duke Power Company at Cliffside, North Carolina for two and one-half years before going into the Army on September 23, 1943. Before his discharge on February 13, 1946, he served in the Pacific Theater — in Panama with the Twenty-Fourth Fighter Squadron, where he took several correspondence courses in Maintenance Welding. Later he was transferred to Guam to the 204th General Hospital, serving in the Utilities Section where he was in charge of maintenance. After military service, he operated a general repair shop for four years and was head of the Welding Department at Cleveland County Technical College for ten years. He worked for Royster Transport Co. for thirteen years. He stated, "I have never been out of a job; never looked for a job. Jobs have always come to me." He also said, "Daddy wanted us to go into Medicine, but never tried to force us into a vocation that we were not interested in, and he worked hard to help us in our choice." As a boy, J.O. was always busy. He still maintains "My vocation and hobby are one and the same." Retirement came when he had a heart attack on Friday, August 13, 1976.

J.O. is an avid reader and was listed in Outstanding Educators in 1972.

As a member of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church, he has served as Assistant Superintendent and teacher in the Junior Department, Training Union Director, deacon and on numerous committees.

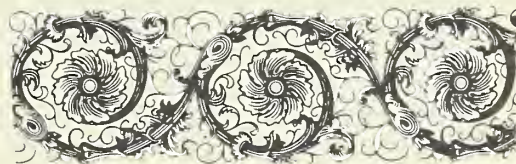
J.O. has always liked to garden, while Ruby has canned and frozen food. She is very conservative, a good cook and housekeeper, in addition to holding down a full-time job for most of their married life.

They enjoy collecting antiques, curios, and "junk" — always finding a place for the first two and a use for the latter.

They have two sons and two grandchildren. Herman Oliver (Feb. 22, 1943) married Rachel Jolley. Their children are Cynthia Kay (Sept. 20, 1967) and Raymond Oliver (April 29, 1973). Herman teaches at Cleveland Technical College in a pilot project, "Rehabilitation Through Education." Governor Hunt has endorsed the program which is being observed by other states. He teaches all related subjects in the classroom located at the local prison. Thurston Allen (April 24, 1949) married Brenda Campbell. Thurston is a leather craftsman and a professional rodeo clown who has made a name for himself from Boston to Miami. He was "North Carolina Bull Rider" in 1978 and was listed in "Personalities of the South" in 1974. Brenda is an able assistant and partner.

Sources: Members of James Oliver's family; Newspaper clippings.

— Miriam Hamrick Glenn
(Mrs. Albert L. Glenn)



James Young Hamrick, who was born in 1810, was the first representative from Cleveland County after the county was formed in 1841 to serve in the North Carolina General Assembly. He served two terms, the first beginning in 1844 and the second in 1848. He died on October 17, 1849 during his second term and is buried in the Katie Hardin cemetery on the old Skinner place near Crest Junior High School.

Known to be a brilliant and conscientious young man, there is little information available concerning his early life and deeds. It is said that he rode his horse bareback on his first trip to Raleigh to serve in the Legislature and bought his first saddle there. He also owned several acres of land around his homeplace just outside Boiling Springs.

James Young Hamrick was born in 1810 to George Hamrick (1781-1847), a fourth generation descendant of the first George Hamrick who came to America from Germany in 1731, and Phebe Wright Hamrick (1780-1827). He was married to Catharine Hardin on July 17, 1829 and they were parents of Charles Jefferson Hamrick, founder of C.J. Hamrick & Sons store in Boiling Springs; Susanna who married Elijah McSwain; Loucindy who married Thomas Harrell; Andy who married Sara McSwain; Oliver who never married; Henderson Newton who never married; Sarahann who never married; and Phebe who married Reuben Hamrick.

(James Young Hamrick was the grandfather of James Young Hamrick II, known as J.Y., who also served in the General Assembly as a senator in the late 1800s and afterwards as Commissioner of Labor and Printing under the administration of Governor Daniel Russell, 1897-1901).

In a letter written December 3, 1848 from Raleigh by Hamrick to Mr. George M. Green, Sandy Run Post Office, he tells of his illness . . . a severe cough and pain in his breast. The letter was written to Green to be read to his wife and to be related to his constituents back home.

In part, he wrote: (sic) "This is no place for a sick man. Politicks is so high. The senate is tied, the house would of bin tied if Samuel Flemming had not rescind. The whigs are contrary. We offered at the outset to take one speaker and give one. they refused. We set to work and by the nominees giving scattering votes the 59 democrats prevented the 60 whigs from gitting a majority for 3 days. I told my friends that I had a loving wife and 8 children that I loved dearly. I also loved my contry and was sent here by the people of Cleaveland as there agent and without my vote evry thing was lost. I felt resolved on this occasion to sacrafice my life for my contry."

He continued that he was carried to the capital in his pale and weak condition to vote on important questions for three days and said "my punctuality in voting almost alarmed the hole house."

He asked Mr. Green and his wife to take the letter and read the "hole" of it to his family and in the portion to his family he wrote: (sic)



James Young Hamrick, 1810-1849.

"Dear wife be composed and try to take cear of the family and the stock. Send the children to school. Charles, you are a good boy for to work. Be attentive, git up the sheep, attend to the horses and cattle and hogs. if you hant got salt enough Drury Rollins has and he will let you have salt or you must borrow. Keep the stock off the wheat, have shoos made and mended as the nature of the case requirs, hall leaves and put in the stables, keep plenty of wood, keep the potatoe banks civerd in warm weather, open a hole in the banks, if there is any young pigs attend to them, take the shoos of the mare. if you hant soad that little bottom in wheet you had better do it yet. you had better not go to school very much yourself but send the rest of the childring if the new school is made up. send every day. dear wife I must come to a close and if any thing should happen either with me or you so that we never are permitted to see each other again in this world I earnestly hope that we will meet each other in that uper and better world where we shall meet to part no more where sickness sorrow pain and death are felt and feard no more where congregations never brake up and Sabbaths never never never ends. I remain your affectionate husband and friend. James Y. Hamrick"

Sources: Family records, *S.J. Jones Hamrick Genealogy*

— Grace R. Hamrick

DR. JAMES YATES HAMRICK, JR.

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Dr. James Yates Hamrick, Jr. (1890-1951) was born in Boiling Springs, North Carolina. He was the fourth child and third son of Elijah Bly and Cora Galena Green Hamrick, who had one daughter and six sons (see "E.B. Hamrick"). There were other James Yates and J.Y. Hamricks; thus, he added the "Jr." for his own identity.

He attended Boiling Springs elementary and secondary schools; Wake Forest College, Raleigh, North Carolina; Columbia University, New York City; and spent medical internship in a New York prison hospital.

Dr. Wilfred Thomason Grenfell (1865-1940), an Englishman, had been knighted for his notorious medical missionary work, and in 1913-1914, Dad had the rare opportunity for more internship with Sir Grenfell's Mission to Labrador and Newfoundland.

On June 2, 1915, in New York City, Dad received his Medical Degree from "Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons" (now Columbia University).

He set up private practice in West Lake, Georgia; but after a short time he returned home and practiced in Boiling Springs and its surrounding area the remainder of his life. Before cars, he used horse and buggy for house calls.

In early years, he was a staff member of Rutherford Hospital — the nearest hospital then. Most babies were delivered in homes of the families. Minor surgery (including tooth extractions) was performed in his home/office. In 1923 Shelby Hospital (now Cleveland Memorial) was built. The county seat hospital offered convenience for Cleveland County doctors and patients. Naturally, he became a staff member there.

Dad was the physician for Boiling Springs Junior College (now Gardner-Webb) until 1946.

His first wife was Elizabeth Champion of Mooresboro, who lived less than two years after they were married. They had one infant, Katharine Champion Hamrick, now Mrs. James Crandall Andrews of Troy, New York.

In December, 1920, Dad married Marjorie Pierce, my mother, of Whiteville, North Carolina. She was a Cleveland County Public Health nurse during the 1918 "flu epidemic." They had six children.

In addition to being a registered nurse, "Miss Margie," as she was known, studied pediatrics; thus, she was able to help Dad in his practice. Both were avid readers and kept up-to-date with current medical research. His contemporaries considered him to be one of the best diagnosticians in the area. At times, Mama had to "fill in" for him. Once, while with an expectant mother, she delivered twins. Later, one of them (Rachel Jolley) became the wife of her first grandchild, Herman Oliver Hamrick.

Daddy and Mama had compassion for all with whom they came in contact, understanding when people found it hard (or impossible) to pay medical bills, especially during the Depression years. Many times their patients paid with farm produce.

Dad was interested in other things around him such as farming, "keeping bees," politics (he was a staunch Republican), and being a good father. He was a Baptist, as was the rest of the family.

The six living children and all of our spouses were born in Cleveland County except Katharine's husband, Jim Andrews, who was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Katharine married James C. Andrews. Their

sons are: James Hamrick Andrews (Aug. 28, 1944), married to Jane DeBaun. Their daughter was Jenny Rebecca (Dec. 19, 1969); Robert Crandall (Sept. 14, 1957), married to Josie Gardner. Their daughter was Robin Kristen (Jan. 14, 1982); and a son Kenneth Bardshar (June 18, 1951).

J.O. (see "James Oliver Hamrick") was born in 1922. William Albert was born and died in 1923.

Robert Yates (Dec. 29, 1924) married Margaret Eloise Green. Their three sons are: Robert Yates, Jr. (March 6, 1945), married to Jane Pipkin; their children are Kimberly Jane (Aug. 3, 1972) and James ("Jimmy") Edward (June 10, 1975); George William (Nov. 18, 1956), married to Teresa Allene Long, daughter, Heather Allene (March 22, 1982); and Dale Lee (Jan. 17, 1960). Miriam (see "Albert Glenn").

Edgar Bruce (June 17, 1927) married Alva Hester ("Abbie") Wesson. Their three children are: Fredrick Wesson Hamrick (April 9, 1949), married to Linda Brooks; they had one son, Christopher (Chris) Lee (Oct. 26, 1970); Terri Elizabeth (Nov. 29, 1955); and Bruce Mark (March 21, 1962).

Emma Virginia ("Emma Jean"), married Henry Fletcher McGinnis. Their three children are: twin girls Marcia Leigh and Donna Lynn (April 27, 1953) and David Yates (Oct. 16, 1957). Marcia married Hoyle Daniel Treece II. Their two sons are Hoyle Daniel Treece III (July 11, 1978) and Joshua Richard (Jan. 29, 1980). Donna married Harold Raine ("Hal") Griffin. Their two children are Lauren Katherine (April 5, 1979) and Patrick McGinnis Griffin (March 29, 1981).

The following are buried in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church Cemetery: Dr. James Yates Hamrick, Jr. (February 15, 1980 — August 22, 1951); Elizabeth Champion Hamrick (March 6, 1892 — October 29, 1918); Marjorie Pierce Hamrick (September 12, 1896 — February 22, 1950); Infant William Albert Hamrick.

Sources: My own memory and that of my brothers and sisters, Cleveland County Courthouse records, Registrar's Office of Columbia University, letter written to relatives by my father from West Lake, Georgia, and gravestones.

— Miriam Hamrick Glenn
(Mrs. Albert L. Glenn)

JOHN CALHOUN HAMRICK

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The third son of Elmira Bridges Hamrick, John Calhoun Hamrick, was born April 20, 1850, in Cleveland County, North Carolina about six miles from Shelby. His early childhood home was the Old Jimmy Irvin Place, now known as the Street Hamrick place which is located about one-fourth mile South of the Crest Junior High School in Cleveland County.

Having been raised on the farm he became more interested in farming as he grew older and in his early twenties he purchased a farm joining his father's farm. He was a very strong man physically, was very aggressive, and no job was too hard for him. He had six tenant families working on his farm to help with the

planting and harvesting. He always worked ahead of them doing the same work they did. He was kind to his workers and saw that they were provided for. They ate the same food as he and his family ate.

He was a progressive farmer and was the purchaser of one of the first dozen cotton planters shipped to Cleveland County. He expanded his farming interest over the years and at the time of his death, was one of the largest land owners in Cleveland County. His homeplace contained over 1,400 acres all in one tract, and he also owned some smaller tracts and land in Shelby.

John waited until he was thirty-five years old before choosing a wife, and in August, 1885 he married Charlotte Madora Harrill, who was born June 14, 1861. They moved to what was then known as the Old Jenkins' farm and lived there the rest of their lives. This was only approximately one mile from his old homeplace. The children of John and Charlotte were: Allen Thurmond, born June 6, 1888; died January 28, 1977. Gilliatt Varhese was born August 27, 1890; died October 8, 1954. Jarvis Street was born May 27, 1892; died July 13, 1953. Wakefield was born September 22, 1897; died January 9, 1952. Two daughters, the oldest and youngest, died in infancy.

Thurman married Bertha Harrill, they had one daughter, Selma. Gilliatt married Emma Ledbetter and they had three children: Grady Timmons, Kathleen and Mary Charlotte. Jarvis' first wife was Alma Wilson, they had two daughters: Sarah Louise and Betty Love. Jarvis' second wife was Amelia Wilson, they had one son: George Thomas and one daughter, Charlotte Rebecca. Wakefield married Hester Hill, they had five children: John Berry, Harrill Everett and Carol Henderson (twins); Evelyn Sue, and Charles Wakefield.

John Calhoun believed in the growth and development of the area in which he lived. He invested money in Textiles and Stock in one of the first banks in Shelby.

He was very loyal to his church and he and



John Calhoun Hamrick.

his wife Charlotte were charter members of the Poplar Springs Baptist Church. He was also one of the first deacons of the church. He donated liberally to help build the first wooden church building and the second brick structure.

John Calhoun Hamrick died at the age of ninety on August 11, 1940. He was the last survivor of the six brothers, sons of Street and Elmira Bridges. His wife, Charlotte, died on April 8, 1944.

— Mrs. Dolores Hamrick

LEANDER SHEPPARD HAMRICK

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Leander Sheppard Hamrick was born April 23, 1854, at the old home place known as the Street Hamrick home. He was the fourth son of Street and Elmira Hamrick, and one of six brothers. At the close of the Civil War, he was but eleven years old, so all of his early years were lived during and immediately following the War Between the States. He was not old enough to be a Confederate soldier, but he was one who remained at home to help with the farming.

There were practically no schools at this time, hence most of his education was gained by the light of burning pine knots at night. Even so, his education was equal to, if not superior to, many of our day. For a number of years after he was grown, he taught school in the public schools of Cleveland County, and was regarded as one of the best teachers of his day.

I have heard him tell the following story many times that will give an idea of him as a young man. He said that when he became twenty-one years of age, he remained at home the following year and worked on his father's farm. At the end of the year, he was paid twenty-five dollars for his year's work. This money was folded, put in a cup, and hidden away in a corner cupboard. One year later, he got the money out and counted it. It was all there.

He learned to practice economy because there was nothing else to practice. As a result of his early training, he was economical all of his life. He gave liberally to his church, he educated his children, and was a liberal contributor to Boiling Springs High School in its early days. He also gave to many other worthy causes, but he never learned to spend money foolishly. He lived by the old saying, "A dollar saved is a dollar made."

He was married to Sarah Lucinda Hamrick, a daughter of Reuben and Phoebe Hamrick on September 30, 1880, and to this union were born seven sons, namely Spurgeon, Fitzhugh, Vetas, Alger, Broughton, an unnamed baby, and Hubbard. A few years after his marriage he bought and paid cash for his home and farm near Shelby.

In his later years, he had other interests, but he never got away from being an old time dirt farmer. When the price of cotton went down to 5¢ per pound, he worked harder and made what he could, but he never varied from his slogan, "Make a little, save some." He was a

hard worker and never expected any hired worker to do more work than he did. He lived and worked by the commandment, "Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work, but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God." He worked himself, and had little sympathy for laziness. He was a large land owner, a good farmer, and made his living by the sweat of his brow. He was a man of good judgment, and he had a high regard for the opinions of others, but he always thought through every problem and relied on his own judgment in the end. I have often heard him say that he made more money after he had gone to bed at night than while working during the day. There he would think through his problems, plan his work for the next day, and rise early the next day to carry out his plans.

He was a director of The Union Trust Company in Shelby, three different savings and loan associations, and a trustee of Boiling Springs High School (now Gardner Webb College) for about twenty-five years before his death.

He joined Beaver Dam Baptist Church in September 1882, and later the First Baptist Church in Shelby in April 1896. I never heard him make a talk in church or lead in a public prayer, but any one that knew him could see that he had faith in God. He was never too busy to attend his church services on Sunday or the mid-week prayer meeting. Not long before his death, he was awarded an honor for being present in Sunday School every Sunday for ten years. He carried his children to church and to Sunday School, and as a result they grew up in the church and its work. His mother before him was a Christian and had a great influence on his life. The memory of his mother was sacred to him, and he often related stories about her.

The other great influence on his life was his wife, my mother. She walked faithfully by his side, helping him and giving him advice when it was needed. What has been said of him can be said of five brothers, all of whom helped to make Cleveland County a better place to live.

He was struck by an automobile on January 25, and died as a result on January 29, 1934.

Sources: Family records.

— Hubbard Hamrick

LESTER OLIN HAMRICK

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Lester Olin Hamrick was one of five children born to George Washington Hamrick and Phoebe Adline Washburn Hamrick; a grandson of Jefferson Wright Hamrick and Ellen Peeler Hamrick and Charles Gabriel Washburn and Sarah Crowder Washburn. He was born July 1, 1881 on his family farm located two miles west of Lattimore, North Carolina. He died at his home in Lattimore on October 1, 1949. Jefferson Wright Hamrick died in the Civil War and was originally buried in a family cemetery at Lattimore and was later moved approximately three miles to the Double Springs Baptist Church cemetery. All are now buried at Double Springs Baptist Church.

In October, 1921, Lester O. Hamrick and his



Leander Hamrick, father of Hubbard Hamrick.

brother Charles Jefferson purchased a cotton oil mill at Lattimore, four cotton gins, and the Pink Mfg. Company which they incorporated into and operated as the Lattimore Oil Company. Prior to entering this business, they had owned and operated a large general store in Lattimore. He was an organizer and life long officer and director of the M & J Finance Company.

Lester O. Hamrick was interested in Christian education. He contributed to church related schools and with the encouragement of his friend, the former governor O. Max Gardner, furnished the landscaping for the campus of Gardner-Webb College. This gift of cash and stock was made in 1946. He was an original incorporator of Gardner-Webb College and served it and its predecessor school as a long time trustee.

On July 25, 1925 Margaret Wilson and Lester O. Hamrick married at the home of the bride in the Zion community in Cleveland County. She was born August 8, 1897 on her family farm near Zion church and died April 5, 1977. She was educated at Limestone College after her graduation from Piedmont High School. She taught school at Dallas in Gaston County and later at Lattimore where she met her husband and resided until her death.

To their marriage was born a daughter who died an infant on August 25, 1931 and is buried at Double Springs Baptist Church. On August 5, 1933 a son, George Wilson Hamrick, was born to them and he grew up in Lattimore. He now resides in Shelby where he practiced law for twenty years and now serves as a Judge. He was married to Beth Putnam of Waco, North Carolina, on July 6, 1957. They have two daughters, Elizabeth and Kathy.

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— George W. Hamrick



Sarah Hamrick, wife of Leander Hamrick.

THE LOUIS CLYDE HAMRICK SR., FAMILY

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This picture was taken in our mother's flower garden in the spring of 1927 where the Grover Baptist Church now stands.

Our father, Louis Clyde Hamrick, Sr., came to Grover from Ellenboro, North Carolina, (Rutherford County) to become Agent and Telegraph Operator for Southern Railway System in 1907. He served from 1907 to 1927. He married our mother, Maude C. Hambricht, in 1907.

Mother was born in Grover, North Carolina on September 20, 1883 and was a life long resident. Our father was born in Ellenboro, North Carolina on October 18, 1885. He was interested in civic affairs and was loved by all who knew him — both black and white. Our mother was interested in the home and family and her lovely flowers. She also had many friends and was Treasurer of the Woman's Missionary Society for many years. She loved her church and was very active in it.

To this family was born: Marvin A. Hamrick, Sr. — May 21, 1908, Margaret E. Hamrick — August 6, 1911 (deceased), and Louis Clyde Hamrick, Jr. — July 7, 1917. Death of father — July 10, 1928, death of mother — January 7, 1966; both rest in Grover Cemetery. Ancestory: George Hamrick was officer under the Kaiser in Germany. He fled from Germany and sailed from Holland in 1730 on account of religious beliefs. He was a very strong baptist and landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1731. The original name was Homrick, but was later changed to Hamrick.

On our mother's side was Col. Frederick Hambricht who fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain against the British during the Revolutionary War.

On mother's side, our grandfather, Robert F. (Bob) Hambricht, operated a hotel in Grover



Louis Clyde Hamrick, Sr. and wife Maude, 1927.

Selma Lee Hamrick married Harley Mercer. To this union was born Helen, b. Aug. 26, 1929, who married Vernon Ray Watson, Sr., b. Feb. 19, 1927. Their children are Beverly W. b. May 30, 1947 and Vernon Ray Jr. b. June 8, 1951. Beverly married James M. Smith b. Dec. 16, 1938. To this union was born Deborah Lynn S. Sept. 4, 1969, and Macbeth Denene S. on Apr. 19, 1973. Vernon Ray W. Jr. married Martha L. O'rear, b. May 26, 1975. Their child, Stacy Lynne was born May 26, 1975. Selma's second child, Mildred Maxine Mercer, b. Apr. 3, 1931 married Grover C. Futch, Jr. b. Sept. 15, 1924. Their children were Barbara Maxine F. b. Aug. 12, 1957, d. Sept. 16, 1957. Gregory Alan Futch, b. Oct. 16, 1958, and Diane Lucille Futch, b. Apr. 8, 1960. Selma's next girl was Harriet Wynelle Mercer, b. July 27, 1933, d. Mar. 11, 1970. Pattie Joyce Mercer, b. Feb. 20, 1936, married W.M. Foster b. Sept. 14, 1935, a contractor. Their children are William Michael Foster, b. Dec. 30, 1955 who married Marla Taylor b. Aug. 8, 1956. To this union was born Amy Nichole b. Aug. 1, 1981. Kathy Joyce Foster, b. Feb. 11, 1959, married B. Frank Carden and their child is Casey Frank Carden, b. May 30, 1980. Pattie Mercer's next two sons are Mark Steven Foster, b. July 25, 1961, and Douglas Mitchell Foster, b. Aug. 23, 1967.

Selma Lee's son, William Harley Mercer Jr. b. Nov. 7, '38 married Delores Lee Myers, b. Mar. 13, 1943. Their daughter Cynthia Elaine M. b. July 12, 1963 married Dwane Brooks, b. May 28, 1958. Their son, Bryan Wesley Brooks was born Nov. 4, 1981. William Harley Mercer Jr. had a son W.M. Mercer III b. Jan. 5, 1965 and a daughter, Elizabeth Ann b. Feb. 2, 1966. After a divorce William Jr. married Agnes Myrick, b. Feb. 26, 1940.

Addie Louise Hamrick married William Jack Brown Sr., b. July 2, 1910 on Nov. 6, 1932. To this union was born: William J. Brown Jr. b. Mar. 19, 1937 William Jr. married Phyllis Louise Michelis on Feb. 18, 1961. Their children are: Michael Hamrick Brown, b. Dec. 24, 1961, Carma Michele Brown b. Nov. 11, 1963 and Wendell Newton Brown b. Nov. 14, 1966.

Grace Madeline Hamrick married Charles Leverette Hodges, b. Dec. 12 1915. To this union was born Dorothy Grade July 15, 1944 who married Beebe Ray Short. Their children were Michael Ray Short b. Apr. 25, 1962 and George Leverette b. June 16, 1964. Dorothy was later married to Lawrence William Fluke. Their child was Christopher Fluke b. Oct. 14, 1971. Grace's second child was Leverette Wayne Hodges b. Aug. 11, '48, who married Judy Lindsey. They had a son Linsey Hamrick Hodges b. July 11, 1975. To Leverette and his second wife was born Shannon Hank Hodges on Feb. 16, 1979. Grace's third child was Patricia Jean Hodges b. Dec. 2, 1955, who married Tommy Kendall Land. Their only child was Kendra Melissa Land b. Feb. 8, 1975. Patricia later married Hershel Wade Pearce, a contractor in Dublin, Ga.

Lloyd Jones Hamrick b. 1916, was married to Stella Mae Smith b. Dec. 12, 1915. Their daughter, Marjorie Lou, b. Feb. 27, 1936 married Walter Reid Skinner b. Dec. 28, 1929. Their children are: Joseph Reid

H. b. Sept. 13, 1913, Lloyd Jones H. b. d. 1916, George Rush Jr. H. b. d. 1918. Twins Shedrick G. and Fredrick C.H. b. Sept. 4, 1922 (Shedrick d. Aug. 1980.), and Grace Madeline H. b. July 25, 1924.

Tom Watson Hamrick married Sarah Ellen Thrift, b. Oct. 27, 1917. Their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, b. Oct. 19, 1940, married Samuel William Turner Sr. on Dec. 23, 1962. To this union were born Samuel Jr. b. May 13, 1964, and a daughter, Mary Elizabeth b. May 12, 1966. Tom Watson Jr. b. Oct. 27, 1943 married Linda Marie Gold on Mar. 28, 1964. To this union were born two sons: Tom Bradley H. b. Dec. 3, 1965, and John Kalan H. b. Oct. 4, 1968. Tom Watson Hamrick Jr. and Lynda were divorced and he married Amy Horton Lee b. Nov. 12, 1952, on Jan. 15, 1978.

for many years.

On father's side, our grandfather, Noah Hamrick, who was a medical doctor, was at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania during the Civil War.

— Marvin A. Hamrick, Sr.
and Louis Clyde Hamrick, Jr.

MARY ETTA PUTNAM HAMRICK

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Mary Etta Putnam, daughter of Benjamin F. Putnam, was born Mar. 28, 1889, d. Dec. 10, 1947, married George Rush Hamrick, b. Oct. 15, 1887 d. Mar. 1, 1968. Children born to them were: Tom Watson H. b. Dec. 21, 1907, Selma Lee H. b. Apr. 11, 1910, Addie Louise

Skinner, b. June 11, 1956, Pam Sanford Skinner, b. May 10, 1957, William Reid Skinner, b. Nov. 21, 1974, Dena Skinner b. June 21, 1976, Larry Dean Skinner, b. Apr. 16, '58, who married Sonia Price, b. Sept. 4, 1962 on Oct. 10, 1981, and Sandra Jean Skinner, b. Feb. 28, 1963 who married Quinton Daniel Macon, b. Apr. 25, 1961, on Oct. 24, 1981.

George Rush Hamrick Jr. was born in 1918.

Twins: Shedrich G. and Frederick C. were born Sept. 4, 1922. Shedrick died in Aug. 1980. Frederick lives in Macon, Ga.

— T.S. Putnam
Edna Putnam
and Tom Watson Hamrick

OLIVER PAUL HAMRICK

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My grandfather, Oliver Paul Hamrick, was born on December 23, 1881 in Cleveland County, when the Boiling Springs community was beginning to bounce back from post Civil War turmoil. He was one of seven children born to E.B. and Galena Greene Hamrick.

"PawPaw" was the second student to enroll at Boiling Springs Baptist High School (now Gardner-Webb College). In 1911, he graduated at the top of his class, and in his senior year took all college courses except for 12th grade English. This enabled him to later earn his A.B. degree in English from Wake Forest College in only three years. He was immediately approached about returning home to become business manager and head of the English department at Boiling Springs High School.

Jessie Teresa Pangle came to Boiling Springs in the fall of 1916 from Jefferson City, Tennessee to teach art and expression at Boiling Springs High School. A romance during the first year ended in marriage to my grandfather on June 20, 1917. They had four children: Oliver Paul Hamrick, Jr., Maxwell Bly Hamrick, Teresa Ann Hamrick, and Audley Galbraith Hamrick. "MawMaw" was a very devoted wife and mother. She was also an excellent cook, teacher, and artist.

Boiling Springs High School had many financial problems because of the depression. "PawPaw" bought calves at the sale barn, raised them, and had them butchered so that the students could have meat to eat in the school cafeteria. He went without his salary for three years in order to help the school during its financial problems. This made an extreme hardship on his own family. To help supplement the family income during this time, the family raised cows and sold milk. "PawPaw" also sold fresh meat out of the trunk of his car. The children had a cotton patch and a paper route.

After serving at this school for 18 years, he began a 25 year tenure as principal of Boiling Springs High School in 1932. He taught English as well as serving as principal. He was well known for his dramatic presentations of the writings of Shakespeare. He was known in the community as "Mr. O.P." or "Fessor." He was also known for his absent-mindedness. For instance, one day he took

"MawMaw" to Shelby, let her out of the car to do some shopping, and drove back home without her.

During the first fifteen years of teaching, "PawPaw" augmented his salary by a part-time life insurance agency that he worked at on Saturday and during the summer vacation. He later began a small fire and casualty insurance business. He also built rental houses. They kept people in their home, especially students who could not afford dormitory fee.

"PawPaw" was active in all phases of community life. He served one term as mayor of Boiling Springs in the early 1930's and was an active member of the town board of commissioners at his death. He was very active in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church, serving in many positions. He strongly believed in being present any time the church doors were opened. He might go to prayer meeting with manure on his shoes, but he was there. He was a member of the board of advisors of Gardner-Webb College and a member of the board of trustees of Royster Memorial Hospital (now Crawley Memorial Hospital). He also belonged to the Cleveland County Historical Society as well as many other clubs.

"PawPaw" was very active in the Lions Club, attending many conventions. After "MawMaw's" death in 1960, he went to a Lion's International Convention in Europe and while there, suffered a heart attack in Florence, Italy. While lying there for six weeks, he had time to think. During this time, he inspired to write a book, "Born at the Crossroads." This book is an interesting documentary of the growth and development of Boiling Springs, the Hamrick family, and Gardner-Webb College.

The welfare of all people in the community was very important to my grandfather. He helped many people own their own homes by lending them money or selling them land at very low interest rates.

"PawPaw" died on February 25, 1968. His influence and guidance is still missed by those who knew and loved him.

This article was written by Mr. O.P. Hamrick's granddaughter, Teresa Hamrick Huggins.

Sources: O.P. Hamrick, newspaper, family sources.

— Teresa Hamrick Huggins

REBECCA HOLLOWELL HAMRICK

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Rebecca Hollowell Hamrick, wife of Alger Vason Hamrick, Jr., was born April 17, 1920, in picturesque Edenton, North Carolina, to Charles Thomas and Annie Gordon Hollowell (See account of Alger Vason Hamrick, Jr.).

Starting off to kindergarten at age three, she has been in school most of her life and loves it. After being graduated from Edenton High School in 1936, she entered Mars Hill College where she received her first voice lessons in exchange for getting up on bitter-cold mornings to light the fire for Zula Coon, Head of the Voice Department. For many years she also studied piano and organ in addition to voice.



Rebecca Hollowell Hamrick.

At Mars Hill while she was instructing a math class in the teacher's absence, she met her future husband, who was to adore her for the rest of his life. The class was putting math problems on the blackboard, and he did not think he could solve that particular problem, so she worked it for him. Less than five years later they were married. Meanwhile she had received her Associate of Arts degree from Mars Hill in 1938 and she had gone on to obtain an A.B. in English from Woman's College in Greensboro in 1940. Some years later, in 1959, she received her Masters degree in English from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro. She has continued her schooling with workshops, seminars, and summer work at various schools. In 1980 she held a fellowship at the University of North Carolina in Charlotte as part of the National Writing Project, after which she has made a writing consultant for the college.

Following college she taught one year in Taylorsville, and then she worked as office and traffic manager for Cooperative Mills in Statesville for several years. After the births of her two sons, Al and Greg (see Alger Vason Hamrick, Jr., account for children and grandchildren), she worked in the family business as bookkeeper and secretary for A.V. Hamrick and Company in Shelby. Since 1957 she has taught English at Shelby High School.

While teaching at high school, she has served in such capacities as head of the English Department, teacher of advanced placement English, sponsor of the yearbook, senior class sponsor, chairman of the steering committee for the Southern Association Accreditation, and a long time member of the curriculum and scholarship committees. Under her leadership, the English Department in bending with the times has made many curriculum changes in an effort to meet student needs. At Shelby High she has received such honors as the P.P.G. Star Teacher Award and the Shelby

City Schools Teacher of the Year in 1980.

A former student, Richard Hamrick, in writing to the Teacher of the Year Selection Committee, said this of her: "Mrs. Hamrick created an atmosphere in her classroom in which each student sensed that he was to perform to the best of his ability . . . Perhaps her most effective method of instruction was the example she set for us herself . . . This example served as motivation to read many different types of literature — and to think critically about the content. I have silently thanked her many times." She always has said that she expects nothing more from her students than the impossible. This has been a way of helping them to stretch to the ultimate.

In addition to her busy life at school, she is active in such organizations as N.C.A.E., North Carolina English Teachers Association, National Council of Teachers of English, American Association of University Women, Alpha Delta Kappa, PEO, Cecilia Music Club, American Legion Auxiliary, V.F.W. Auxiliary, and Cleveland County Choral Society. She has held key offices in these organizations. She has served as North Carolina State President of AAUW (1972-1974) and South Atlantic Regional Secretary-Treasurer of AAUW (1965-1969). She also served as North Carolina State President of Alpha Delta Kappa (1974-1976). These and many other similar positions have qualified her for listing in *Who's Who of American Woman* and *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*.

Always a woman of action, Rebecca Hamrick enjoys her church activities, especially the adult choir of First Baptist Church of Shelby. Her spirit of adventure has led her to thirty-six countries and five continents. She is a person who inspires others to be excited about life because of her many interests, her varied talents, her dedication to every task, and her devotion to her family.

Sources: Newspapers — *Cleveland Times*, *Shelby Daily Star*. 1980 Teacher of the Year Book of Shelby City Schools, family members.

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Sidney Hill Hamrick was born November 3, 1847 on a farm, five miles west of Shelby, near Beaver Dam Church. He was the second son of Street Hamrick (August 29, 1822 — June 29, 1900) and Elmira Bridges Hamrick (November 30, 1822 — November 9, 1897) and one of six brothers. His mother said she often would lie awake nights, planning activities to keep the boys busy and out of mischief.

Sidney's schooling lasted only a few months each year. He first attended a one room school at Beaver Dam. Later he went to a school in Boiling Springs. On the side he took up carpentry, learning enough so that when all the able-bodied men left to fight in the Civil War, he and his brothers could complete the addition to the family home.

As the war progressed and more men were needed, the seventeen year old boys volunteered. In March, 1865 Sidney left to fight for the Confederacy, a member of Company D,



Sidney H. Hamrick.

Second Regiment of the North Carolina Troops. One rainy night while training in Johnson County, North Carolina, he was sleeping on the ground under a wet blanket. The next morning he had broken out with measles. He arose and started for home, walking from Smithfield to Shelby — a distance of approximately one hundred eighty miles.

After the war was over, Sidney tried his luck at teaching. While he enjoyed it, his main interest proved to be farming and about this time, he bought himself a farm.

Soon he met Elizabeth (May 9, 1856 — October 6, 1890), a tall, slender, auburn haired girl from Lattimore, the daughter of Drewery Harrill (1835-1862) and Jane H. Harrill (1835-1913). The couple's courtship was carried on with Sidney riding horseback to see Elizabeth. In 1880, they were married at the Harrill home. Elizabeth, an excellent seamstress, had made all of her trousseau. Home for the newlyweds was Sidney's farm.

Three daughters, Ida, Belva, and Darfer, were born to the couple; also, two babies died at birth. Tragedy struck the home in 1890 and Elizabeth, at age thirty-four, died from typhoid fever. Sidney took the three small girls and moved back to the home of his parents so that his mother and an aunt could help care for the children. After his mother's death they moved to his farm in South Shelby.

Six years later (1896) he remarried. This time to a young widow, Mrs. Patience Priscilla Washburn Cabaniss (October 21, 1870 — October 17, 1910), daughter of Charles Washburn (1826-1896) and Sarah Washburn (1834-1905). She had one son by her first marriage, Joseph T. Cabaniss. To Sidney and Priscilla were born two children, Phocian (January 17, 1901 — July 5, 1974) and Bernice (July 11, 1904 — January 4, 1941).

Sadness again came to the home. Priscilla died from tuberculosis. Ida, the eldest daughter, took over the responsibility of the home



Elizabeth H. Hamrick

and of rearing the children.

Through the years Sidney continued his farming, dealt in real estate and had interests in the textile industry. As long as his health permitted, he attended regularly the Baptist Church and was active in church work, at one time being choirister and later a deacon.

As the Hamrick children grew into adulthood, each married and made a home of their own. Ida became Mrs. Baxter Putnam; Belva, Mrs. Jeff Hamrick; Darfer, Mrs. Herschel Blanton (see related articles). Phocian married Sarah Leatherwood and in 1927 Bernice became Mrs. Clyde Hoey, Jr. At this time Sidney gave up his home and stayed with the three oldest girls, two weeks at each home.

While living with his daughters he refrained from telling them how to rear their children and never did he criticize their home-life. As Christmas rolled around he gave a shining, silver dollar to each grandchild.

Sidney followed a simple way of living, believing this helped prolong his life. During his last years he looked forward to his birthdays, and particularly to his ninetieth. However, illness overtook him and when he reached his ninetieth birthday, he was too sick to realize it. On November 9, 1937 he passed away and was buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Sources: Family records.

— Louise Hamrick

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Lloyd Hamrick's grandfather, Thomas Hamrick, born July 3, 1827, died November 15, 1909, was a descendant of pioneer George Hamrick and Nancy Cook. Thomas was born near Stice Shoals south of Shelby and married Rebecca Marks May 22, 1856. She was born January 31, 1840, died December 18, 1915.

Although only about five feet tall, Thomas

served in the Civil War, Cleveland County Company D, 55th Regiment. Shortly afterwards the Hamricks came to Shelby where he was a skillful tailor of men's clothes. They bought one of the first and most historic houses from a Mr. Tidwell, who had bought it before the war. Located in the 300 block of North Lafayette Street (west side), the house had four rooms, two upstairs and two down, with the large chimney in the middle. Kitchen and dining room across the yard (for fire safety). When the Charleston earthquake occurred in 1886, the chimney was so badly damaged that it had to be replaced. Then the kitchen and dining room were added to the house.

The ten Hamrick children of Thomas and Rebecca Hamrick were: William Franklin, Hudson, Sarah, Lilly, Jessie, Eulas, John, Charles and Thomas Wells Hamrick.

Frank and Wells built on either side of the homeplace. Frank worked around 1900 in Asheville as linotype operator for the Citizen and was sent to New York to learn how to operate a new machine which he brought back, the first linotype machine in North Carolina. In 1900 Wells Hamrick founded the first jewelry business in Cleveland County. Frank joined him as optician in 1902. Sister Jessie assisted several generations of brides with wedding rings, gifts and other lines from the world's best markets.

Hudson McBrayer Hamrick, born August 30, 1879 — died June 19, 1955, third child of Thomas and Rebecca attended the local school and was married to Zoe Estella Hartgrove November 1, 1906. After losing money in a furniture plant partnership, Hudson made custom furniture and repaired antiques. Zoe died July 4, 1954.

The Hudson and Zoe Hamrick children were: Claude, Melva, and twins Herbert Lee and Lloyd Jackson Hamrick.

Herbert and Lloyd were born May 2, 1914 at their parents home on North Washington Street where they still live. Both attended Shelby schools and served in World War II. Herbert in a Tank Division and Lloyd in the Signal Corps.

Lloyd became an early teenage "movie addict," quitting school for odd jobs at the Princess Theater (later Carolina) where he sold tickets to the balcony for colored patrons, and later ran the projector there; later moved to the new State Theater on South Washington Street in 1939. Retired in 1959 — because of ill health.

On February 6, 1954, Lloyd married Lillian



Thomas Hamrick Home. Built before the Civil War.

Alice Melton, born July 2, 1915 in Rutherford County, and she was employed by J.P. Stevens in Shelby until it closed in 1981. The Hamricks are members of Central United Methodist Church, and photography has been a hobby of his since retirement. Lloyd has an extensive collection of Cleveland County early pictures — people, cemetery markers and interesting historic places. As a member of the Historical Association he has run the projector for historical films and programs, given and furnished pictures for special displays.

Sources: Thomas Hamrick family, *Cleveland Star*, 1940 special edition. Hamrick genealogy.

— Lloyd J. Hamrick

T. CARL HAMRICK and FAMILY

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Thomas Carl, born July 12, 1884, was the oldest son of E.B. and Galena Green Hamrick. Their story with ancestry appears in this book.

One of seven children, he learned in childhood the necessity of work. He did farm work, hauled freight for his father, and helped his mother with housework. (He was an unusually good cook!) Fortunately, he enjoyed work and took pride in doing things well.

He attended Massey's Business College in Richmond, Virginia. Upon completing his studies, he became bookkeeper for Gordon Coal and Coke Company in Eagle, West Virginia. Subsequently, he worked for Craddock-Terry Shoe Company and Harris-Woodson Candy Company. A super salesman, he traveled throughout North and South Carolina.

On May 27, 1908, he married Marietta Moore born in Rutherford County October 1, 1887. She, daughter of John F. and Susan Holland Moore, had attended State Normal, now UNC-G, and taught one year. These two, with contrasting personalities, were our parents. He was very talkative; she, quiet and reserved.

They lived in Lattimore two years, but moved into a small house on her parents' prop-

erty while our house, east of Boiling Springs, was under construction. Wishing to spend more time with his family, he gave up traveling and came home to farm and was active in North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association.

He farmed, operated a gristmill, made sausage and hominy, and grew marvelous gardens. Desire for his strawberries, peanuts, and watermelons was widespread. He worked hard and expected the same of us; but picking cotton was not our favorite pastime.

Active members of Boiling Springs Baptist Church, he was chairman of a building committee in 1920 when construction of a \$65,000 church, later sold to Gardner-Webb, began. A church history refers to his "energetic, aggressive leadership and great liberality."

Full-time farming ended with the opportunity to travel for Kendall Medicine Company. Having a local territory enabled him to continue gardening and oversee the farm.

Our parents wanted us to become self-sufficient, contributing citizens. Their aim, to educate us, was achieved. Seven children as college graduates is impressive. Felix's health prevented his graduating; but six others received advanced degrees in chosen specialties.

Our father died November 27, 1944; our mother, January 5, 1981. Both are buried in Boiling Springs.

The current status of children and grandchildren follows. 1. Marie Elizabeth living in Charlotte, widow of Hugh J. Mack of Buffalo, New York, has retired as Art Director, Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools.

2. Dr. John Carl Hamrick, retired surgeon, and wife Rose Thurman of Richmond, Indiana, live in Shelby. Children are: Dr. John Carl Hamrick, Jr., orthopedic surgeon, lives in Shelby with wife Margaret Ann Neal and children Anne Neal, John Carl III, Mary Margaret, Howard Tucker; Martha Rose, a counselor, and husband Wesley Dell Hood, a psychologist, in private practice of psychological services, live in Greensboro with children Lelia Rose, Van-



Thomas Hamrick, 1827-1909 and Rebecca Hamrick, 1840-1915.

diver Kelly, Charles David, Stephanie Helen; Susan Lucile, Supervisor for Advertising Trainees for Union Oil, and husband William Robert Mole, a Lockheed executive, live in Duarte, California.

3. Felix Elijah, deceased, 1966, was married to Irene Bogue who lives in Boiling Springs. Daughter Edith Suzanne and husband Peter E. Morrisett with Tennessee-Eastman live in Kingsport, Tennessee. Their children are Mary Catherine, Laura Helen, Julia Lynn, Janet Irene, and John Gregory.

4. Helen Virginia, living in Greensboro, has retired from Greensboro Public Schools as a teacher of English and department chairman.

5. Edith Holland and husband, Dr. John David Bridgers, a pediatrician, live in High Point. Their children are: John David, Jr., Captain, United States Army, married to Jeanclaire Larsen, and father of Kathy and Griffin Holland; Samuel Leon, a resident in neurology at Yale; Carl Hamrick, an architect in San Francisco; Raymond Siegfried, movie editor with Bell Productions in Los Angeles; Barbara Jean, graduate of American Conservatory Theatre, in theatre in New York; Ellen Holland, French major, a senior at UNC-Chapel Hill.

6. Sadie Moore, CPA, and husband Wilburn Worth Williamson, Jr. live in Charlotte. She is associate professor of accounting, UNC-C; he, manufacturers' representative.

7. Cora Margaret (Kerr), an account executive with Merrill Lynch in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, has two daughters: Virginia Margaret, completing a doctorate in art history, University of Chicago; Cynthia Susan, Director of Production and Planning for Knoll International, East Greenville, Pennsylvania.

8. Marietta, widow of James Lawrence Heinlein of Denver, Colorado, is department chairman and science teacher in Littleton. Her daughters are: Katherine Joan, engineering senior, Colorado School of Mines; Jamie Lynn, drama major, a junior at Loretta Heights College, Denver.

Sources: Family Bible, family letters, "Centennial of Boiling Springs Baptist Church," personal knowledge.

— Dr. John C. Hamrick and Helen V. Hamrick

THE WILLIAM HAROLD HAMRICK FAMILY

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William Harold Hamrick was born on June 22, 1908 in Shelby, North Carolina. Harold, as he was called, was the eighth child of nine children born to William Smith Hamrick and Mary Lee Etter Roberts Hamrick. His siblings included Maude Edwina, Clara Belle, Fannie Roberts, Mark Quinn, Vera Loila, Palma Leer, Eva Rebecca and Mary Mable.

Harold was a direct line descendant of the first Hamrick to come to America. This was George Hamrick (the first) who came to America in 1731. George Hamrick (the first) was Harold's great-great-great-great-great-grandfather. Harold's forebearers after George Hamrick (the first) include George Hamrick (the second), Samuel Hamrick, James Hamrick, William Hamrick, Thomas Hamrick and



Thomas Carl Hamrick.

Harold's father, William Smith Hamrick. Samuel Hamrick was probably the first forebearer of Harold's to enter Cleveland County. In S.C. Jones' book, "The Hamrick Generations: Being a Genealogy of the Hamrick Family," it is quoted that "Samuel Hamrick entered land in 1797, one-half mile from Mt. Sinai Church and settled about two hundred yards from the old McSwain graveyard. In 1814 he entered land one-half mile east of Boiling Springs Church, just where George Robertson Hamrick lives. He was buried at what is known as the Katie Hamrick oldplace, two miles east of Boiling Springs Church."

Harold grew up in Shelby, North Carolina and graduated from Shelby High School. On May 20, 1928 he married Sarah Adelaide Houser in Gaffney, South Carolina in front of a Justice of the Peace. Sarah Adelaide was the daughter of Charles John Houser and Mary Elizabeth Anthony Houser. Harold was rejected from serving in the military because of his age and the size family he had and, after his education in the Shelby Schools, began selling mill supplies for Shelby Supply Company whose owner was C. Gerald Morgan.

Harold's greatest ambition in life was to be a carpenter and wood craftsman and to open up his own wood working shop. His short life disallowed the full realization of this dream but his skill can still be attested to today by viewing a table and chair set and a desk in the possession of his wife, Sarah Houser Hamrick.

Probably one of Harold's first contacts with the church is witnessed in a certificate naming him a member of the "Cradle Roll" of the First M.E. Church of South Shelby. He was enrolled to this "Cradle Roll" on February 13, 1910, a little over a year and a half after he was born. This certificate was attested to by the Superintendent of the "Cradle Roll," Mrs. W.R. Newton; the Superintendent of the Church, J.F. Roberts and the Pastor, Reverend C.F. Sherill. Being raised as a God-fearing person, it was only natural for Harold to be a good Methodist. For most of his adult life, he taught

Intermediate Sunday School at Central Methodist Church in Shelby, North Carolina.

Besides being a devoted church goer, Harold was a devoted Mason in Shelby. Few details are known by the author of his work in this area so little can be written of it.

William Harold and Sarah Houser reared four children, all born in Shelby, North Carolina. Jimmy Roger was born July 18, 1929; Larry Dean was born May 30, 1931; Harold Joe was born April 10, 1935 and Sara Elizabeth was born April 21, 1945. All of the children grew up in Shelby and several still make their home in the area.

Jimmy Roger married Patricia Ann Crenshaw of Spartanburg, South Carolina and bore two children, Ellen Crenshaw and Jamie Crenshaw. Larry Dean married Evelyn Gertrude Spencer of Raleigh, North Carolina and bore two children, Larry Dean and Patrick Spencer. Harold Joe married Marjorie Jane Lutz of Shelby, North Carolina and bore two children, Mary Kimberly and Kelli Jane. Sarah Elizabeth married Marshall Stuart Blanton of Shelby, North Carolina and bore two children, Kevin Stuart and William Brandon.

Having lived a fulfilling, but short life of 45 years, William Harold died suddenly of a cerebral hemorrhage on August 1, 1953. His grave is located in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: "Hamricks of the Past and Present, 1731-1975" by S.C. Hamrick, quoted sources in the article, family records, personal knowledge and interviews with family members.

— Larry Dean Hamrick, Jr.

ABRAHAM HARDIN

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Much of the biography of Abraham Hardin was obtained from letters by him to Lyman Draper, author of "Kings Mountain and Its Heroes." While Draper of Wisconsin was writing the book he visited this area, staying at the home of Abraham Hardin. Hardin states much



Marietta Moore Hamrick.

of the information he knew about the battle of Kings Mountain was obtained from his grandmother Jennet Sharp Glenn. Jennet Sharp, a very young girl removed from Virginia in the company of the Hardins, Hambrights, Kuykendalls, McAfees, etc. She stayed at the homes of the Hardins and Hambrights for several years. She was staying at the home of Colonel Frederick Hambright at the time of her marriage to William Glenn. William Glenn was taken prisoner by the British at the defeat at Briar Creek. It is stated he died in confinement.

Hardin states he was born on Hickory Creek, Rutherford (now Cleveland) County June 22, 1789 of poor parentage. There were no schools, so he had to labor on the farm and shop all day, read and study at night without help, except God's blessing of good health and a retentive memory. In 1814 he bought a little tract of land in York County where he served the Antioch Baptist Church as deacon and Sunday School Superintendent for sixty years. He was civil magistrate for forty two years, and was surveyor for York County for about the same length of time. He taught others the profession, among them was John R. Logan. He served in the state legislature eight years. He was also a carpenter — made coffins, making one for his wife and one for himself.

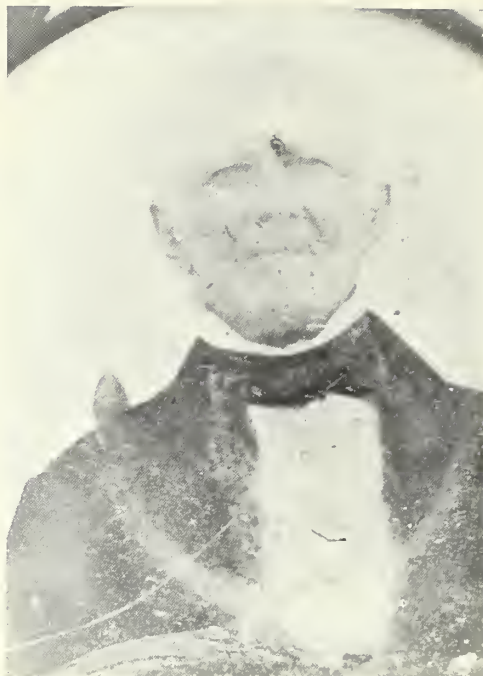
The first Sunday School in this area was started in 1826 and Abraham was among the ones who kept the banner floating in the breeze. The work consisted of reading the scriptures from the Old and New Testaments by the older ones, while the younger brought their spelling books. Perhaps the most prominent feature was the memorizing and reciting passages of scripture. The number of verses thus recited was said to be astonishing. Thomas Carroll, the clerk, says that in three or four years seven thousand four hundred and thirty verses were committed to memory.

The first church library in this area was started in April 1854 at Antioch Baptist Church. Twenty five dollars was given to buy books. A committee was appointed to select the books and a committee was appointed to draw up rules by which the books should be distributed and returned. Abraham was instrumental in getting this library started.

In the book "Men of Mark of South Carolina" a sketch of Abraham Tracy Hardin, Vice-President of New York Central Railway, it is stated that Tracy's father was Ira Hardin of Blacksburg, South Carolina. His grandfather was Abraham Hardin and his great grandfather was Davis Hardin. They came from Patterson Springs, Rutherford (now Cleveland) County in 1814.

Davis Hardin married Patsy (?) Glenn. The father of Davis was probably Jonathan who came from Chatham or Orange County, North Carolina.

Abraham Hardin married Rachel Whisnant, daughter of George and Sarah Amanda Wells Whisnant. Their children were: Martin C. married Elizabeth Sepaugh, Noah married Harriet B. Camp, Sarah married Rufus U. Patterson, Mary Elizabeth married John Wm. Stein Tate, Fannie married W.C. Goforth, Jane married Daniel Dunn, Ira married Elizabeth Hamilton, Dr. James Monroe left and perhaps went to



Abraham Hardin, 1789-1881.

Texas, then back to Alabama from there to Georgia, Frances was fifteen according to 1850 census, no further record.

Abraham lived to be ninety two and was always active in his church and community. He died July 11, 1881, his wife died January 16, 1881.

— Miss Vera Hardin

W.K. HARDIN

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W.K. Hardin, my grandfather, born September 7, 1831, seems as if he loved a girl and she married someone else; so she told him she would give him her first daughter. He waited until she was born and old enough for marriage — 20 years later. She was Laura Roberts, born September 1, 1851. To this union, seven children were born. My father, Clarence Tret Hardin was born the second child — first male child, on February 2, 1872. This family farmed the land, built a two-story house in front of the three room log house they lived in. Grandfather W.K., also built a rock wall around a spring where they got water. He built a milk box for milk and later he dug a well and completely lined it with rock to the top. They are both still in good shape. The house is still being used by Hardin descendants.

Clarence Tret Hardin was corporal in Co. G of the 1st Regiment of NC Volunteers. He served in the Spanish American War and went to Cuba on a cattle boat. He married Elizabeth Logan, daughter of B.F. Logan and Janie Hogue on July 19, 1899. (B.F. Logan served as sheriff of Cleveland County from 1870-80). To this union, seven children were born. Clarence Tret Hardin, Jr. married Floy Wells, they have one daughter, Nell; Mabel Hardin; Lillian Hardin married Earl Hopper, four children were born, Elizabeth, Charles, Jimmy, and Joyce; Mary Hardin married Durham Bridges, they have five children, Billy, Marjorie, David, Tret, and Ralph; Virginia Hardin married Clyde

Wilson, they have two sons, Clyde and Benjamin, Virginia is now married to Garron Gordon; Gus Andrew Hardin married Elizabeth Anthony, they have two sons, Ronald and Vance; Kathryn Elizabeth Hardin married E. Vaughn Whitaker, they have two children, Cilda and Gary.

Our father died in 1923. My mother was left to raise seven children but the fine spirited woman she was, she did just that! For my father serving in the army, she received a small pension, with that help and the family farming the land, we made a go of it. She was always happy and no one could have had a better mama than we did. She lived at home until she died in 1953.

A great many of these descendants live on this farm which has been divided into small tracts. Most of the descendants who have passed away are buried in Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church Cemetery.

— Kathryn Whitaker
and Mary Bridges

ANNIE EUNICE PLONK HARMON

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Annie Eunice Plonk was born on September 17, 1885 in Cleveland County six miles north of Kings Mountain, North Carolina to William Lafayette and Martha Regina Ware Plonk. When she was a young girl, the family moved to Kings Mountain where her father had established a retail store in 1899. After her mother died in 1904, she helped her father with the rearing of the younger children, especially Mary who was only two. Through her life she remained interested in her family and helped when they were sick or needed assistance in other ways.

In 1908 Annie Eunice Plonk graduated from Lenoir College (now Lenoir-Rhyne College). After teaching in the Kings Mountain public schools for several years, she took nurse's training in Charlotte, North Carolina and became a registered nurse. She worked as a private duty nurse until she married a Kings Mountain merchant, Martin Luther Harmon, on November 16, 1918. After selling his store, he continued to work in the retailing of groceries at Plonk Brothers' Store until his retirement. He died on June 30, 1969.

After her marriage, Eunice Plonk Harmon, as she was known, became a full-time homemaker. She was an active member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, taught Sunday school classes and participated in women's missionary society. She was a member of the Kings Mountain Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. On December 21, 1973 she died. Until the day of her death, she lived in the home in Kings Mountain that she and her husband built in the 1930s.

One child, Martin Luther Harmon, Junior, was born to the Harmons on May 8, 1920. Martin attended Kings Mountain city schools and graduated in journalism from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina in 1940. While he was a student, he was the editor of the student newspaper Tar Heel



W.K. Hardin Home. L to R: Georgie Byers, Clarence Tret (on horse), Laura, Virginia Patterson, Hattie Patterson, W.K., Gus.

during his senior year. Upon graduation he worked in Albemarle, North Carolina. During World War II, he served as an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve.

On March 2, 1945, Martin Harmon bought the Kings Mountain Herald, a weekly newspaper, and published it until he sold it September 1, 1974. In addition to news stories, he wrote the editorials. His weekly column titled "Martin's Medicine" included human interest accounts about local people and visitors to the area.

Martin Harmon married Mary Ann Jones in Woodruff, South Carolina, on August 21, 1948. She had come from Woodruff to teach piano in Kings Mountain.

Martin Harmon was a conversationalist and enjoyed talking with and exchanging ideas with people. He died in a house fire on April 16, 1975. Both he and his father were members of Boyce Memorial Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. He and his parents are buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Sources: Whitesides, Martha Elizabeth McGill. *History of the McGills of Gaston County and Roll of Descendants of Thomas Porter McGill and Martha Dickey*. No date or publisher. Wolfe, Annie Lee; Carpenter, Ellen McGill; Gamble, Jean McArver; and Harmon, Martin. Originally compiled by Martha Elizabeth McGill Whitesides, 1940. *History of the McGills of Gaston County and Roll of Descendants of Thomas Porter McGill and Martha Dickey*. Revised 1972. Personal knowledge, cemetery records, correspondence with Registrar, Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina, March 5, 1982.

— Martha A. Plonk

THE HAYWOOD HARMON FAMILY

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Haywood Harmon was born September 2, 1808 in Lincoln County. In 1837 when he was 25 years old he bought 77 acres from his father, Henry, located on the waters of Beason's Creek in Cleveland County. It joined lands owned by Thos. Roberts, William Lacky and others of the East side of Charleston Road.

In 1844, he bought 32 additional acres from Jacob S. Harmon on Beason's Creek joining land with Widow Fulton, J.M. Patterson, and others on both sides of the creek. He became one of the largest planters in Cleveland County, and was well loved and respected.

Haywood married Mary Katherine Branton, who was born December 4, 1809. They had eight children. The children were: John Jake Harmon, Nancy Ann Harmon Thornburg, Lydia Catherine Harmon Davis, Alex Harmon, William Avery Harmon, Robert Harmon, Ben Henry Harmon, Phillip Ray Harmon.

Mary B. Harmon died October 12, 1897 at the age of 88. Haywood Harmon was 90 when he died the next year, 1898.

Nancy Ann Harmon was the only woman field recruit for the Confederate Army. She was a good kettle drummer and beat the drums for the recruits to drill by in the El Bethel community. She was also an excellent horsewoman. Nancy Ann married Jonathon Thornburg and he also served in the Confederate Army and received a citation at Weldon, N.C. for holding a bridge against his commanding officer. Nancy Ann and Jonathon had 12 children.

John Jake Harmon, Nancy Ann's, brother served with Company G, 49th North Carolina Regiment of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War.

On November 27, 1866 John J. married Elizabeth Jane Thornburg. They had seven children. Their children were: Mary Catherine (See Joseph Anderson Falls Family) William Lee Harmon, Martha Adeline Harmon Fall, Margaret Ann Harmon Lynn, David Alexander Harmon, Elizabeth (Eliza) Jane Harmon Bridges, Frances Regina Harmon Ford. Elizabeth Jane and Frances Regina were twins.

— Mrs. Charles Edwards

COLONEL CHARLIE HEWITT HARRILL (D.D.S.)

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Dr. Charlie Hewitt Harrill (son of Robert Lee and Julia Jane McSwain Harrill of Cleveland County) was born September 13, 1900. He attended old Boiling Springs High School in 1919 and Atlanta Dental College in Atlanta, Georgia, receiving his D.D.S. degree in 1923. After graduation from dental school, he practiced for a few years in Shelby and Lattimore before settling in Lincolnton, North Carolina.

On December 31, 1927, he married Laura Dry of Albemarle, North Carolina, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G.N. Dry. In November, 1928, Dr. Harrill entered the Army Dental Corps, receiving a commission as First Lieutenant. He was promoted to Captain three years later. He went on extended active duty in September, 1940, at Fort Jackson, South Carolina with the Medical Department of the 105th Engineers, Thirtieth Division. While serving at Fort Jackson, in February, 1941, he was made a major.

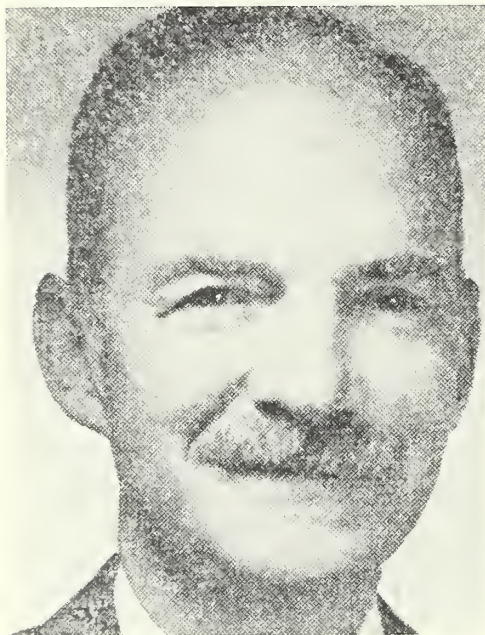
Col. Harrill left the Continental United States in May, 1942, for New Zealand, where he became Dental Surgeon of Headquarters of the Service Command. He served from August of that year until January, 1944, with a Station Hospital Unit at Guadalcanal. He was then transferred to New Caledonia in the South Pacific; here he was promoted to lieutenant colonel in the dental corps, while serving as the dental surgeon of the service command. Before he retired from active service he was promoted to full colonel.

Dr. Harrill became active in the Kiwanis Club in 1923. He was President of his club in 1949 and Lieutenant Governor of Division II in 1957. In 1959 he was serving his second consecutive year as District Chairman of the committee on Circle K clubs, a capacity in which his record was rated as superior.

He was described as an outstanding Baptist layman. He was also a Mason, a Shriner, and a Pythian. Dr. Harrill served as a member of the Board of Trustees of Gardner-Webb College, and was serving as assistant treasurer at the time of his death. He was known as an avid gardener. He also raised ponies and cattle on his farm "Tooth Acres". His friends described him as a quiet fellow, but with a lot of humor and dry wit, and all-around good fellow that was liked and respected by everyone. He was a tall handsome man, wore a mustache, and usually wore conservative suits, a red tie and red socks. He enjoyed collecting antiques. He died August 19, 1972, and is buried in the Lattimore Church cemetery.

Dr. and Mrs. Harrill's two children are: Barbara Caroline, born August 3, 1934, married Donald Neal Graham, son of Mr. and Mrs. N.C. Graham of Concord, North Carolina. Barbara and Donald live in Harrisburg, North Carolina. Charlie Hewitt Harrill, Jr. was born May 3, 1940. He married Sherril Blair, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J. Allen Blair of Charlotte. Hewitt is Chief of Communications of the Panama Canal in Panama. He and Sherril have three sons: David, John, and James.

— Mrs. S. Arnold Ramey



Col. Charlie H. Harrill, D.D.S.

THE HOUSAND HARRILL FAMILY

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Housand Harrill, the progenitor of the Harrills in Cleveland and Rutherford counties, was born in Virginia (ca 1731-1809). The first records find him in Bedford County Virginia with a family and paying taxes. He owned cattle and horses during the years 1779 to 1784 (auditors account book 1779 p. 230). He moved to Rutherford County, N.C. before 1786. The records of Sandy Run Church show that Housand Harrill and wife were received into fellowship of the church by letter March 3, 1786. The 1790 U.S. Census of Rutherford County, N.C. shows Housand Harrill living in the Morgan district with eight children, four boys and four girls.

He married Frances Philadelphia Street (1748-1833, tombstone) of New Kent County, Virginia. She was the daughter of John and Hannah Waddy Street (William & Mary Quarterly, her birth is listed here as 1747).

The D.A.R. records show Housand Harrill to have been a Private in the Revolutionary War, serving in the Virginia Militia.

On June 2, 1789, Housand Harrill was ordained as a deacon of Sandy Run Baptist Church and remained an active member as long as he lived. He was cited as one who would try to help settle the problems of the church members when called upon. He always

represented the church in the associational meetings.

In 1804 Housand Harrill was elected as a representative in the North Carolina lower house, then known as the House of Commons. It has been said that he bought his first saddle and rode horseback to Raleigh to serve his term.

He lived on Beaver Dam Creek near the present Beaver Dam Church, Cleveland County, N.C. Housand was a prosperous farmer and a great church worker. He died sometime between July 1, 1806, when his will was written, and the July term of Rutherford County Court in 1809, when his will was probated. Both Housand and his wife Frances are buried in the family cemetery near the old homeplace in Cleveland County. Their children: Dicey, a daughter b. 1771 in Virginia; Samuel b. 1772 in Virginia, married Susanna Hamrick; John b. 1777 in Virginia, married first Nancy Bostic, second Susanna Washburn; Street; Richard; Philadelphia "Delphy" married William Street; Elizabeth married John Johnston; Edy married David Smith; Gilbert born 1784 married Martha Washburn, a sister to Susanna; Phebe born (ca 1786) married Thomas Reynolds.

Sources: Housand Harrill's will, tombstones, Sandy Run records and Jones' Hamrick Generation.

— Mrs. Arnold Ramey

REVEREND ISAIAH DURHAM HARRILL

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Isaiah Durham Harrill was born October 15, 1872 and died December 18, 1932. He married Georgia Etta Lattimore December 6, 1896. Georgia was born December 12, 1874 and died March 15, 1963. Both were buried at the Lattimore Baptist Church cemetery.

Isaiah and his wife settled on the tract of land just north of Lattimore which had been purchased by his father, William, before the Civil War. There they reared three children: William Bunyan, Franklin Hugh and Edith Jane.

Ollie, daughter of Isaiah's brother, Washington, was reared and educated along with his other three children, after her father's death.

The bigger part of Isaiah's life was spent at the home site where he was born, and from which place he served numerous country churches in both Cleveland and Rutherford counties. He loved the land, and since he had no study, he spent numerous hours in the fields gathering from all nature about him supplementary material for his scripture-filled messages.

He uprooted his family only twice during his long ministry. Once to Lattimore, while serving the Lattimore Baptist Church there, and once to Boiling Springs for the express purpose of giving his children a high school education.

Higher education was very important to him, since in his chosen profession he so keenly felt the lack of it. However, if he felt the lack, no one else seemed to notice, or mind. He knew the Bible and could present its histo-

ry, stories, and moral lessons in such a profound, vivid, dramatic, inspirational way, that all who heard were both impressed and blessed. Perhaps Mr. Gideon Price, of Lattimore, who often accompanied him on his Sunday morning preaching missions, expressed it best when he said, "I have never heard I.D. Harrill preach a sermon that was not worth hearing again."

In his early ministry Isaiah preached at a little Baptist church located at the foot of the mountains. In those days, the distance was great and transportation slow. In order to be rested for the Sunday morning service he would hitch his horse, Dave, to his buggy and make the trip there on Saturday afternoon. Some good accommodating church family would care for him overnight. His son, Hugh, remembers those trips, and particularly the horse, Dave, who knew the road so well, he could be trusted to bring the "napping" preacher safely home either night or day.

A 1932 newspaper clipping headlined *Reverend I.D. Harrill Minister for 30 Years Is Dead*, stated:

"Deceased had been in the Baptist Ministry in this section and other sections of Western North Carolina for 30 years, having held many pastorates in Cleveland and Rutherford Counties, serving some of the most active and progressive churches in this section.

"At the time of his death he was holding pastorates at Concord and Race Path Churches in Rutherford County, and Bethel Church at Ellenboro. During his ministry hundreds have been converted and under his leadership B.Y.P.U. work and other church activities have become more helpful and useful in the churches he served. "He was a lover of young people and their work, and made his appeal to them in such an understanding manner that he was greatly loved by the young people as well as the adults.

"Many wedding ceremonies have been performed, and many funeral services conducted by this good man. He was taken home on



Rev. Isaiah Durham Harrill.

Sunday, the day of the week that made his life most useful; and the beautiful log and stucco home which he built in the edge of the woods was covered and surrounded with snow which seemed symbolic with the beautiful and pure life he lived to live and to show others how to live."

Reverend Harrill once stated that his heart's desire was that the mantle of Reverend Thomas Dixon Senior would fall upon him. A newspaper article written December 24, 1906, on Reverend Dixon's 86th birthday states, "the spiritual excellency of Cleveland County" was largely due to the 60 years ministry of this great man.

Surely I.D. Harrill's heart's desire came true and the mantle was worn with dignity, pride, and great humility throughout his long preaching ministry.

Sources: Family History, *Bible*, Newspaper articles. The articles written on the Reverend Isaiah Durham Harrill and Family History were done by Aileen Padgett Harrill, wife of Reverend Hugh Harrill. I am deeply indebted to the extensive research and work done by Ollie Harrill Hildebrand, niece of Isaiah Durham Harrill, in her yet unpublished work, *The Ancestry of William M. Harrill and his wife Nancy Jane Durham*. Further information was taken from records found in the Harrill Family Bible, clipped and preserved newspaper articles and "word of mouth" stories handed down by various family members and my own observations and impressions of Isaiah Durham Harrill while a member of the Bostic Baptist Church in Rutherford County, which he served as pastor.

— Mrs. Hugh Harrill

JOHN HARRILL

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John Harrill, Esq., son of Housand and Philadelphia Street Harrill, was born in Virginia (1777-1836).

He came with his parents to Rutherford County, N.C. (now Cleveland) around 1785 and settled near his parents on Beaver Dam Creek. John's farm was north of the present Beaver Dam Church. He was first married 31 July, 1797 to Nancy Bostic, daughter of Charles Bostic, Esq. Three children were born to this union, James, Polly and Betsey. Betsey was married on January 17, 1821 to Jesse Bridges. After Nancy's death, John Harrill married 8 Dec., 1819 his neighbor, Susanna Washburn (1796-1872) daughter of Gabriel and Priscilla McSwain Washburn.

John Harrill was a prosperous farmer and worked very hard to rear their large family. Their children were: Abraham Gabriel (1820-1900) married February 16, 1843 to Barbara Adeline Coble of Lincoln County. They moved to Lincoln County, N.C. and reared a large family; Nathaniel S. born in 1821, married October 10, 1854 to Susanne Lovelace. He fought in the Civil War; Hosea Holcum (1822-1871) married October 29, 1856 to Louisa Caroline Webb, daughter of Loranzo Dow and Martha "Patsy" Irvin Webb; Sarah, born 1824, married 23 March 1843 Isaac Price. They moved to Chimney Rock, N.C.; Housand H. (1826-1851) married 25 April 1845 Cinthia McSwain; Dicey, born in 1828, never married; John Thomas was born 1829, married 7 April 1859, Lucindy Hamrick; Priscilla, born 1831, married 3 August 1856 to Henry Champion; Robert E. born 1833 married Margaret Wesson; Delphia Street, born 1835, married

27 January 1857, David McSwain; Daniel the youngest son never married.

John Harrill died 18 November, 1836. He is buried with his first wife, Nancy Bostic Harrill, along with his father and mother in the Housand Harrill Cemetery north of highway 74 near Beaver Dam Church. Susanna, the second wife of John Harrill, is buried with her son Hosea Harrill at Beaver Dam Baptist Church, Cleveland County. It was her request that she be buried in the church cemetery. Susanna, her children; Nathaniel, Hosea, and Thomas, along with their grandmother, Frances Philadelphia Street Harrill, were charter members of Beaver Dam Baptist Church. Her husband, John Harrill died before Beaver Dam Church was organized.

Sources: tombstones, *Bible* and court records.

— Mrs. Arnold Ramey



Dr. John Aberdeen Harrill, 1850-1936.

THE FAMILY OF DR. JOHN ABERDEEN and HARRIET SUSAN BLACK HARRILL

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My father, Dr. John Aberdeen Harrill, was born on a farm in Cleveland County, North Carolina, on September 28, 1850. He died October 19, 1936. He was the son of John and Elizabeth Jane Wray Harrill. When he was two years old, his father died, leaving his mother to rear him and an older brother, Lawson Hill Harrill. In his early twenties, he began to study dentistry under Dr. Turner, a Shelby dentist. After completing his training, he practiced dentistry for many years in the town of Shelby.

In 1900, his health began to fail. He retired from dentistry and moved to a farm where he remained until his death.

In 1893, he married Harriet Susan Black and to this union were born six children.

My mother, Harriet Susan Black, was born on a farm near Kings Mountain, North Carolina on July 12, 1870. She died October 14, 1964. She was the daughter of Jefferson and Eliza Borders Black. She was educated at the All

Healing Academy, located between Kings Mountain and Gastonia, North Carolina. This academy later became Linwood College.

Not only was she a dedicated wife and mother, but also a caring and helpful neighbor. Because of my mother's excellent skill in cooking, and her warm hospitality, our home became a favorite meeting place for our relatives and friends.

My father was a life-long member of First Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina. My mother joined the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Kings Mountain at a young age. She continued her membership in that church until our family bought our present homeplace around 1910. My mother joined Sulphur Springs Methodist Church, which was located near our farm. She realized the convenient location of this church would assure her



Harriett Susan Black Harrill, 1870-1964.

that her children would be able to attend church regularly. A devoted Christian, she wanted her children to be brought up under the influence of a Christian church. I, along with several nieces, nephews and great nieces and nephews, are still active members of this church. My parents are buried in the church cemetery.

The children of this union are:

A. Lawson Herbert Harrill (b. March 7, 1895 — d. April 24, 1948). He married Aileen Austell (November 3, 1901 — November 27, 1979). They had three children. (a-1) Sarah Aileen Harrill (August 19, 1925) married Curtis David Baysinger. They have three children: Curtis David, Jr. (November 18, 1957); Karen Leigh (November 30, 1959) and Bruce Malcolm (September 21, 1961). (a-2) Robert Austell Harrill (October 8, 1927) married Mary Anne Byers. (a-3) Thomas Lawson Harrill (May 24, 1939) married Olivia Anne Conway. Their children are: Thomas Lawson, Jr. (April 18, 1969); Paula Anne (December 7, 1972) and Joshua Austell (April 19, 1980).

B. John Aberdeen Harrill, Jr. (September 18, 1896 — August 23, 1969) married Hazel Jones (August 21, 1903) and they have two

children. (b-1) Harriet Ann Harrill (December 29, 1937) married David Harvey Tisinger. Their children are: John David (December 18, 1969) and Joel Wesley (June 12, 1971). David and Harriet were divorced and she is married to Roy Bogue. (b-2) Dr. John Aberdeen Harrill, III (June 12, 1942) married Lou Ann Facey. Their children are: John Aberdeen, IV (July 17, 1969); Andrew Menzies (August 4, 1972) and Ann Marie Jordan (July 21, 1978).

C. Ruth Harrill (November 6, 1898) married Matthew Moody Mauney (September 26, 1900 — February 23, 1955).

D. Jay Black Harrill (January 14, 1902 — February 2, 1967) married Mary Byers (October 28, 1908). To this union were born two children. (d-1) Jay Black Harrill, Jr. (November 29, 1938) married Janice Talbot. Their children are: Jay Black, III (November 7, 1966) and Lynn Talbot (September 1, 1969). (d-2) Mary Lois Harrill (December 22, 1942) married Langdon McIlroy Cooper. Their children are: Marya Ladd (August 17, 1970) and Abigail Harrill (April 14, 1974).

E. Thomas Carroll Harrill (June 22, 1904 — August 13, 1972) married Inez Mull New.

F. William Stowe Harrill (March 11, 1913) married Lalage L. Sperling (August 7, 1914). They have three children: (f-1) Susan Jane Harrill (May 23, 1946) married Stephen Allen Greer. Their children are: Stephen Allen, Jr. (November 20, 1971); Jefferson Matthews (March 13, 1975) and Michael William (April 29, 1978). (f-2) William Stowe Harrill, Jr. (June 7, 1949) married Pamela Elizabeth Smith. They have two children: Laura Elizabeth (May 17, 1975) and Frances Louisa (September 20, 1979). (f-3) Ruth Louisa (January 3, 1952) married Dr. Jennings Larry Stroud.

My surviving brother, William Stowe Harrill, Sr., joins me in expressing our love and thanks to our parents. We are proud to have been a part of the growth and development of Cleveland County.

— Ruth Harrill Mauney

ROBERT LEE HARRILL

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Robert Lee "Bob" Harrill was born 22 February 1863 to Hosea Holcum Harrill, 1822-1871 (son of John, 1778-1819, and Susanna Washburn Harrill, 1796-1872) and Louisa Caroline Webb Harrill, 1836-1897 (daughter of Loranzo Dow, and wife Martha "Patsy" Irvin Webb. Martha "Patsy" Irvin was the daughter of the Revolutionary soldier, James Irvin, 1765-1845, and wife Rebecca Hardin Irvin, 1774-).

Robert "Bob" Harrill's father died when "Bob" was eight years of age. His mother managed to rear the three children, William, Charlotte and Robert Lee. Their home was on the "Big Road" near Brushy Creek bridge, on the north side of what is now known as highway 74, Cleveland County. His father Hosea Holcum Harrill, became ill while serving in the confederate army and was brought home in a "Carryall Wagon" by his wife Caroline. This illness led to his death. It is said that he died of yellow fever.



Robert Lee & Julia Jane McSwain Harrill.

At an early age Bob had to go to work to help earn a living. The war had robbed the family of almost everything that they had, such as food, farm products and livestock. His formal schooling was short, but he was taught at home.

On 5 March 1885 Bob Harrill married Julia Jane McSwain (daughter of John David, 1847-1913, and Lucy Harriett McSwain, 1847-1903, and great, great granddaughter of the Revolutionary Patriot Joe Wright). With only fifty cents in cash and a few acres of land that he inherited from his father, he started out to make a living and raise a family. It was while living near his father's homestead that he made all kinds of furniture, even bed springs. He was considered the best man available to build a chimney. In his spare time he operated a blacksmith shop.

In early manhood he was ordained as deacon at Beaver Dam Baptist Church. He also served the church as its first organist. He organized a small brass band made up from members from Boiling Springs and Lattimore.

He farmed on a small scale which was hard work. There was no farm machinery available, only mules or horses, plow stocks, hoes, mowing blades, and grain cradles. Even though he believed in hard work, he tried to combine work with recreation. He had a fish pond where the children would go fishing and catch bullfrogs.

The Darfer post office was in his home (1898). It consisted of a box with a few "pigeon holes" in it. It was placed on top of an old chest of drawers that had belonged to his grandfather, Loranzo Dow Webb. This chest had been badly damaged by the Yankee soldiers as they passed through Cleveland County on their way south.

He would walk three miles from his home to Lattimore to his work. He also became a clerk in George DePriest's store in Lattimore and a

few years later he worked at the Verner Oil Company. His salary was one dollar a day and that was considered good pay at that time. When weather permitted he would ride his bicycle the three miles to work.

In 1906 Bob Harrill moved his family into the new seven room house that he had built in Lattimore. He was anxious for his family to have an education and the advantages that Lattimore had to offer. He became very active in the Lattimore Baptist Church and Community, serving as deacon, town councilman and school-board member.

In 1920 he retired from public work, doing only small repair jobs. He spent most of his time in his shop making violins. Each of his children received one as a gift. He died 6 September 1925 and is buried with his wife, their sons, John, Charlie, Colin, and Howard and daughter Stella in the Lattimore church cemetery.

Their children were: Alma (1888-) married Dr. Robert Lee Hunt; Garva (1891-) married John Samuel Blanton; Stella (1893-1959) married William Thomas Davis; John (1896-1976) married Ruth Allen and owned and operated a hosiery mill; Leary (1897-1978) married Laura Weatherpoon and was North Carolina's 4 H Club leader; Dr. Charlie (1900-1972) married Laura Dry and was a Dentist and U.S. Army Colonel; Colin (1903-1981) married Pauline Dedmon and was a clerk and buyer for Campbells' Dept. Store in Shelby; Lucy Lee (b. 8 Feb. 1905 died in infancy); Robert Howard (b. 28 July 1907; d. 29 Jan. 1971) married Frances Dillingham. He was a real estate broker in Coral Gables, Fla. He served as a captain in World War II; Ora (b. 17 Aug. 1915; died in infancy). For information on Alma, Garva, Leary and Dr. Charlie see related articles.

— Mrs. John S. Blanton



Robert Lee and Julia Jane Harrill.





Sons and Daughters of "Bob" and "Julie" Harrill. L to R: Alma, Garva, John, L.R., Charlie, Colin and Howard. (Stella deceased).

MICHAUX DEWITT HARRILL and DESCENDANTS

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Michaux DeWitt Harrill was born on March 20, 1895, the second of seven children of Franklin Harrill and Rixie Carolyn Stuard.

The Harrills are of Scotch-Irish and German descent. Franklin Harrill was born February 1, 1866 and died September 6, 1931. He lived in the Lattimore community and was married Rixie Carolyn Stuard who was born March 20, 1876 in Memory, North Carolina and died November 5, 1941. They were married by Reverend A. C. Irvin on June 15, 1892. Both are buried in the Double Springs Baptist Church cemetery.

Michaux grew up in the Lattimore community leading the usual life of a boy in those days — attending school in the community, doing chores on the large cotton farm and enjoying the good meals his grandmother prepared. She was a good and generous cook and preferred doing the cooking while his mother took care of Franklin, the children and the sewing.

Michaux served his country during World War I and after receiving an honorable discharge, came home shortly after Armistice, November 11, 1918.

On December 23, 1919 Michaux was married to Essie Fay Horn (see James Alexander "Cobb" Horn and Descendants) who was born October 4, 1895, the daughter of James Alexander and Loucreasa Lattimore Horn. They were married at the Horn home by Reverend John W. Suttle who was also the minister for the marriages of two of their children, Ralph and Evelyn.

Michaux and Fay began housekeeping only one half mile from the Horn homeplace on one hundred acres of land given them as a wedding gift from her father.

After the birth and death of their first child, William Eugene, who was born on May 21, 1922 and died June 4, 1922, they built a new

house where two other children, Edwin Ralph and Evelyn Elaine, were born. Michaux was of good stature being six feet and one inch tall, having dark hair, blue eyes and being very strong. He was a successful farmer, acquiring more land and using his skills of management to provide for his family which was one of his goals. He was a loving, soft spoken man and it was often said "He only spoke when he meant to." He attended Double Shoals Baptist Church with Fay and his children.

In 1937 the original house located on Harris Creek Road in Cleveland County was remodeled to make it two storied and modernized for the comforts of his family.

Michaux continued until in March of 1951 when he accidentally cut his leg while marking trees and after six months died at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, North Carolina on September 29, 1951. He is buried in the Double Shoals Baptist Church cemetery. Fay was a devoted wife and stayed by her husband's side during his illness. They were married for 31 years.

Essie Fay Horn Harrill has constantly lived within one half mile of her birthplace. She attended Union School and Piedmont School as a boarding student. She is a friendly person, a good neighbor and did all that was necessary to help her husband with the farm and family in the early days of homemaking. Many times, as was the custom, she fed the men who came to combine grain or thrash the wheat on the farm. It also was customary for her and her two sisters, Bessie Jane Horn Cabaniss and Verdie Mae Horn Dedmon, to meet and bake numerous fruit cakes for the Christmas season.

Fay is a member of Double Shoals Baptist Church and was a member of the Polkville Home Demonstration Club for as long as it existed. As a mother she excels in encouragement, in teaching a generous and honest way of life to her children and grandchildren and revere her upbringing with love and a high

regard for her parents. She has always displayed a positive attitude and a very keen sense of humor which is indicative of her happy way of life.

Fay and Michaux have two surviving children: Edwin Ralph Harrill born October 8, 1924 and Evelyn Elaine Harrill Spangler born October 18, 1926.

Edwin Ralph Harrill married Eva Lee Roberts on December 5, 1948. Eva Lee Roberts Harrill was born on March 30, 1930. Their three children are: an infant who was born and died on March 5, 1950; a son, Edwin Ralph, Jr. who was born November 28, 1951; and a daughter, Mary Jane who was born on February 16, 1954.

Edwin Ralph Harrill, Jr. married Pamela Jean McEntire (born August 28, 1953) on May 26, 1974. They have two sons: Edwin Ralph, III born November 12, 1977 and Michaux Alexander born November 8, 1980.

Mary Jane Harrill married Michael Ralph McSwain on August 9, 1979. Michael Ralph McSwain was born on January 23, 1954.

Evelyn Elaine Harrill married Earl Webb Spangler (born January 2, 1927) on December 17, 1950. Their four children are: Joan Harrill Spangler born February 5, 1952; Patricia Anne Spangler born August 12, 1953; Ernest Webb Spangler, II born August 5, 1954 and Carol Elaine Spangler born July 24, 1956.

Joan Harrill Spangler married Robert Lee Means, Jr. on December 20, 1975. Robert Lee Means, Jr. was born April 5, 1952. Their two sons are: Nicholas Lee born September 27, 1979 and Landon Alexander born August 26, 1981.

Patricia Anne Spangler married David Phillip Russell on July 15, 1978. David Phillip Russell was born August 3, 1951. They have a daughter, Julie Anne born February 12, 1981.

Ernest Webb Spangler, II married Clara Joan Howell on October 21, 1978. They have one son, Ernest Webb Spangler, III who was born March 17, 1980. Clara Joan Howell was born September 1, 1956.

Carol Elaine Spangler married Charles Phillips Henry on March 6, 1982. Charles Phillips Henry was born July 31, 1950.

Sources: Horn Family Bible; Harrill Family Bible.

— Mrs. Earl Webb Spangler

WILLIAM CROWELL HARRILL and FRANCES SUSANNAH JENKINS HARRILL

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My father William Crowell Harrill was born September 20, 1859 died May 29th, 1942. He was born and grew up at the old home place on Brushy Creek, which is now part of the Blanton Farm. He was the oldest son of Hosea Halcombe and Caroline Webb Harrill. He had one brother Robert Harrill of Lattimore and a sister Charlotte. Uncle Bob married Julia McSwain and Aunt Charlotte married John Hamrick from the Poplar Springs Community.

Pa attended a one room school where he learned the three R's. His teacher was John Irvin, a relative. He used a modified Spencerian handwriting as long as he lived.

He and his younger brother and sister were left at home with their mother while his father was away in the Civil War.

Pa used to tell us stories about things that happened during the war. My favorite was the one when the Yankee Soldiers stood on a pile of wood chips out at the wood pile and talked to Grandma. The soldiers never dreamed that she was standing on her winter supply of ham, lard, potatoes and turnips. Her horses were muzzled and tethered down in the cane-break by Brushy Creek. The soldiers left, never knowing what they had missed.

It is told Grandpa died from pneumonia caused by exposure to the cold and rain during the war. Grandma was left with three young children under twelve years old. She moved in with her parents and her land was tended, and taken over by a friend who paid the taxes.

Pa grew up to be tall and handsome with auburn hair and "twinkly" blue eyes. He didn't like the farm so he tried working on the railroad and in the cotton mills. He also found time to be a deputy sheriff.

He married Frances Susannah Jenkins (b. March 31, 1874, d. February 12, 1940), the youngest daughter of James Edward and Nancy Elizabeth Eskridge Jenkins. Nancy was the daughter of Edward Jenkins born March 15, 1811 and Frances Scott Jenkins born August 9, 1814. When great grandpa Edward died, my great grandma, after having her husband prepared for viewing and burial, bathed and put on her burial clothes, lay down on the couch, folded her hands and died also. This happened on January 13, 1872.

On January 1, 1889 Pa, dressed in his gray suit, wearing a John B. Stetson black hat, and Ma wearing a lovely forest green dress with a basque waist and Leg-O-Mutton sleeves, started to York, South Carolina to be married. Two couples, Bob and Angelina Bridges and Jim and Athie Pinson from Boiling Springs, N.C. made the trip with them to be their witnesses.

Their trip to York from the Beaver Dam Community where Ma lived was a two day overnight trip over rough muddy roads. Their mode of travel was by horse and buggy. They spent the night in York's finest "Hotel". Separate rooms were created by hanging heavy curtains for partitions. A wash-stand with a pitcher of water, a bowl and towels were provided by the hotel. The toilet facility was outside.

The expression "Marry in green; you'll be ashamed to be seen" was not the case with my mother. She was a very out-going, out-spoken lady. I suppose this was balanced off by fathers quiet and retiring ways.

Ma and Pa tried living in the then "Boom Town" of Henrietta, N.C., but neither of them could take life in the dusty cotton mill, so they bought the Old Hamrick Farm west of Lattimore on Sandy Run Creek.

Ma ran the farm and raised us kids while Pa traveled for the W.T. Raleigh Co. His wagon looked very much like the Kraft Cheese Wagon seen on T.V. today. Later he traveled by buggy. His territory covered Rutherford County. There were no motels so he stayed overnight with friendly customers.

I will always remember the wonderful feeling of hearing the hoof-beats and the rattle of the wheels as Pa came up the driveway, and the knowledge that the minute he stepped out of the buggy there would be a pat on the head and a bag of fruit or candy. Sometimes a delicious wedge of cheese bought at some special country store.

We raised cotton and almost everything in the way of food. We canned berries, vegetables and meat. We made pickles, preserves and dried apples and peaches. There were peanuts for roasting, corn for popping and ham to broil on the open fire on cold winter nights. In the summer we had all kinds of fruits and melons and the best home-made ice cream on earth.

Life on our small farm required hard work from the oldest to the youngest. Whenever we had problems we had to use common sense and our God-given abilities to see us through, because during these depression years there was no money for outside help. In spite of all the hardships we managed to have time to sing and play together. The smoke-house, barns and granary gave us wonderful places to play. Our Easter egg hunts, swinging on grapevines, and playing in the branches and creeks are unforgettable.

By most standards we were considered poor, but those six boys and girls who grew up on that small farm, know we were very rich. The experiences we had and the values we learned are priceless.

The children of Bill and Fannie are Clifford, Vera, Elizabeth (Lizzie), Wade, Edna, and William (Bill). (See descendants of William Crowell and Frances Susannah Jenkins Harrill).

Sources: Family Bible, Family Records, Personal Knowledge and memories, also conversations with family members.

— Edna Frances Wade

WILLIAM CROWELL and FRANCES SUSANNAH JENKINS HARRILL and DESCENDANTS 561

Bill and Fannie Harrill's first child was Clifford Oren, born March 31, 1894 and died November 12, 1949. He attended Berea College and then a farm school called "The Willows" near Swannanoa, North Carolina. He was there during the Catawba River flood in 1916. He taught at Mt. Pleasant in Rutherford Co. and at the Golden Valley Institute. He later went to Battle Creek, Michigan, where he worked in the Kellogg Sanatorium for many years. Clifford's bride to be Dolly Manley, died just days before their wedding day. Clifford never married.

Vera Madge, their second child was born February 27, 1899. She was a teacher in the Old Lattimore School until she married Carl Casto Jolley on March 12, 1921. Carl was the son of George and Julia Robison Jolley of Cliffside, N.C. Carl's family was very talented in music. Carl died December 29, 1965. Vera lives at the home place near Rutherfordon,

N.C. Carl and Vera had four daughters and one son.

Their oldest child, Frances Julia, was born January 12, 1922. She married Robert Franklin Wood of Bristol, Maryland, the son of Edward and Ella Moreland Wood. Frances and "Woodie" have one son, Robert Franklin Jr., b. August 12, 1953, and a daughter, Julie Elizabeth, b. October 4, 1955. Julie married Wesley Merchant of West Virginia and Maryland. Frances worked for American Red Cross and taught in Prince Georges Public Schools.

Martha Jane, their second child, was born November 13, 1923. Martha married Marvin Young Kirk of Mt. Pleasant, N.C. They have one daughter, Marsha Jolley Kirk, and one son, Max Parker Kirk. Martha was rated Teacher of the year in her County for 1981-1982.

George William, the third child, was born August 12, 1925; died May 14, 1980. George married Jacqueline Buttler, daughter of Marvin and Ethel Padgett Buttler of Rutherford County, N.C. George and "Jackie" traveled extensively throughout the eastern U.S., appraising property for tax assessment purposes. "Jackie" lives near Rutherfordon, N.C.

Alma Jean, the fourth child of Vera and Carl, was born August 12, 1930. She attended Gardner Webb College and Ohio State University and is a Reading Specialist in Columbus City Schools, Columbus, Ohio. Alma married Richard Dolliver Riley, February 19, 1955 in Washington, D.C. They have three children:

Jeanne Catherine, born October 23, 1956 in St. Johns, Newfoundland; David George born March 20, 1958; Mark Robert born July 16, 1959. Richard Riley was the grandson of Catherine Poraska Doliva of Warsaw Poland (b. November 25, 1871, d. December 31, 1967) and Alexander John Doliva, Black Village Poland. He was born February 26, 1869 and died in 1955. Grandma Doliva was a member of a Polish royal family. She ran away from home to marry Grandpa Doliva.

Suzanne Jolley was born May 9, 1944. She married Darrell Gibson, son of William and the late Beeda Gibson of Henrietta, N.C. They have one daughter, Shannon Lee, born April 16, 1969, and one son, Darrien Kirk Gibson, born June 2, 1975. Suzanne is a Speech Therapist Supervisor in Rutherford County Public Schools.

The third child of Bill and Fannie is Elizabeth Louise Harrill Walker Self. She was married to Stennett Walker of Bostic. Elizabeth had a lovely daughter Madge Harrill Walker, b. December 24, 1922, d. February 3, 1935 at the age of thirteen. Elizabeth later married Erastus G. Self of Belwood, N.C. Erastus died March 16, 1981. "Lizzie" lives at the old home place west of Lattimore, N.C.

Wade Eskridge Harrill was the fourth child of Bill and Fannie, born January 27, 1907. He married Goldie O. Talley September 19, 1946 from Indiana. Wade retired from Chrysler Corporation and moved to Wildwood Florida.

I, Edna Frances, am number five of the brood and was born November 28, 1913 at Lattimore, N.C. My birth was the first to be registered in the State of North Carolina. I grew up on the farm near Lattimore and attended

Lattimore School. I went to Appalachian State Teachers College for two years and graduated from the University of Maryland. My teaching experiences were in N.C., Florida and twenty-six years in Prince George's County, Maryland.

I met and married Erwin Middlebrooks Wade March 15, 1941. We are retired and live with our twin granddaughters in Riverdale, Maryland. My activities in civic organizations, church and local politics keep me very busy.

Erwin and I have two daughters, Charlotte Anne, b. December 16, 1945 and Irene Frances (adopted), b. March 26, 1947.

Charlotte graduated from the University of Maryland and taught in Maryland Public Schools. Charlotte married David M. Roberson on June 30, 1967, son of Edward and Mildred Marshall Roberson. Edward was born in Guilford County, N.C. Mildred was born in Kentucky. Charlotte and David had two sons: Matthew David b. December 4, 1972, d. November 19, 1976, Craig Daniel b. November 21, 1974 d. December 26, 1979. They have one daughter Alissa Joy born October 12, 1978. They are now living in California.

Irene Frances Burracker (adopted) is the daughter of Paul and Mamie Burracker of Luray, Va. Irene married Lynn Monroe Garbrick, son of Ruben Garbrick of State College, Pa. and Ann Clark of Kentucky. Lynn and Irene have four children: Charlotte Anne and Lynn Marie (twins) born December 3, 1967, Michael Erwin born October 27, 1969, and Stephen Lee born April 3, 1971. Michael and Stephen live with Irwin and Lynn Alsop in Riverdale, Maryland.

William Lee Harrill, the youngest child, born February 18, 1916, died November 27, 1975. Bill farmed and also worked in a textile plant. He married Mary Kathleen Jones on November 21, 1943. Kathleen is the daughter of Bunyan and Elva Barnett Jones of Poplar Springs.

Bill and Kathleen have one daughter, Nancy Lee, who graduated from the University of N.C. She taught art in Cleveland County Schools. She married Joseph Godwin, son of Dr. Joseph and Lucille Strickling Godwin of Mars Hill. Nancy and Joe had one son, Lee Christopher, b. December 5, 1971 and a daughter, Ashly Elizabeth, b. May 28, 1973, d. September 22, 1975.

Nancy later married Jerry Neinow from Minnesota.

After Jerry's death, Nancy married Ray Fisher of Greensboro on January 23, 1981. He has two lovely daughters, Stacy and Kristian. They live in Julian, N.C.

Sources: Family Bible, Family records, personal knowledge, personal interviews.

— Edna Frances Wade

ISAIAH DURHAM HARRILL ANCESTORS and HEIRS

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Isaiah's father was William M. Harrill, born June 23, 1827, died April 27, 1909; married Nancy Jane Durham July 12, 1859. Nancy was born August 16, 1835, and died March 14, 1891.

William purchased a tract of land just north



Rev. Hugh Harrill, son of Rev. Isaiah Durham Harrill.

of Lattimore. There he built the old Harrill homestead to which he brought his bride before going away to the Civil War. The house still stands, owned and occupied by his grandson, Hugh.

Six children were born to William and Nancy: Columbus, Washington, Franklin, Maggie, an infant son living only one day, and Isaiah Durham.

Isaiah's grandfather was Housen and his great grandfather was Gilbert Harrill.

Housen was born January 16, 1804; died November 26, 1887; married Abrilla Beam February 12, 1825.

Gilbert was born in 1783 and died in 1820. He married Martha Washburn.

Housen Harrill was Isaiah's great great grandfather, born in 1731; died in 1820. He married Frances Street, born 1748; died 1835. Their children were: Street, Richard, Philadelphia, Dicy, Samuel, Elizabeth, Edy, Phebe and Gilbert.

Housen came to North Carolina from Suffolk, Virginia about 1780. He settled near Beaver Dam Church in Cleveland County. He was a member and deacon of the Sandy Run Baptist Church in Mooresboro.

William Bunyan, son of Isaiah and Georgia Harrill was born September 18, 1899; died December 31, 1978; married Thelma Hawkins February 1, 1929. Thelma was born December 24, 1901. They had no children.

After graduating from Wake Forest College, W.B. began his life's work as an educator. At one time he was principal of Glennwood High School in McDowell County, and Fayetteville High School in Cumberland County.

The latter part of his life was spent as Educational Instructor, Acting Dean and Dean of Western North Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina. The "William Bunyan Harrill Dormitory" stands on the campus today, an impressive monument to his work there.

Edith Jane, daughter of Isaiah and Georgia Harrill, was born December 21, 1905. She married Samuel Dawson Maddox July 4, 1936. She is now retired from the nursing profession and makes her home in the log home her father built in 1929.

Franklin Hugh, second son of Isaiah and Georgia Harrill, was born November 18, 1900. He married Nellie Aileen Padgett of Bostic, North Carolina June 21, 1930. Both graduated from Wake Forest College in 1940. Both pursued a life of service — he as a Baptist minister and she as an English teacher.

Hugh's ministry covered a period of 30 years. While at Wake Forest, he was pastor of three churches: Perry's Chapel in Franklin County, Tally Ho and Knapp of Reeds in Granville County.

After graduation from Wake Forest he was called to Johnston County where, for three years, he pastored Four Oaks and Blackmon's Grove Baptist Churches.

A call from the Lattimore and New Hope Baptist Churches brought him home to Cleveland County in 1944.

The last years of his ministry were spent at Sandy Plains Baptist Church, which he served for 21 years.

Barbara Jean Harrill, granddaughter of Isaiah, was born to Hugh and Aileen May 15, 1931.

She was graduated from Wake Forest College in 1953 and chose teaching as her profession. She taught in both North and South Carolina and at present is head of the Science Department at Crest Senior High School in Cleveland County, where she teaches biology.

Barbara married Sergeant Major Robert Wallis Hawkins, a professional soldier, July 6, 1958. They have three children: Katherine Aileen, Sarah Elizabeth and Susan Jeanette.

Richard Durham Harrill, grandson of Isaiah, was born to Hugh and Aileen May 21, 1934. After graduating from Appalachian State University in 1958 he began teaching in Charlotte, North Carolina.

During the summers he was affiliated with all phases of the Charlotte Y.M.C.A. youth program. This led to full time work at the Y.M.C.A. where he became Director of Adult Programs and Director of the East Branch of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Y.M.C.A.

Richard became Executive Director of the Cherokee Family Y.M.C.A. in Gaffney, South Carolina in 1974. There he established the first Y.M.C.A. in Cherokee County and was instrumental in effecting the subsequent merger of the Y.M.C.A. and Limestone College.

On August 1, 1961 he married Kathryn Hannah Ross. They have two children: Allison Lee and Richard Hugh.

Sources: Family History, Bible, Newspaper articles

— Mrs. Hugh Harrill

THE WYATT L. HARRILL FAMILY

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Wyatt L. Harrill (b. January 4, 1858 — d. December 30, 1932) was the grandson of Richard Harrill and Artaminsee Dobbins Har-

rill. On November 23, 1882, Wyatt was married to Selma Lee Champion.

This couple were the parents of eight children: Ector (b. September 4, 1883 — d. April 26, 1961); Essie (b. February 22, 1885 — d. November 25, 1976); Bertha (b. January 18, 1888 — d. September 10, 1961); Alice Burna (b. June 20, 1892 — d. October 24, 1959); Infant Son (b. April 14 — d. April 16, 1894); Ocie (b. June 19, 1896); and Clive (April 5, 1902 — d. April 10, 1966). These children made a wonderful contribution to Cleveland County in that many of them pursued a higher education and even became professional people.

Ector went to Wake Forest College and then practiced law in Kings Mountain for many years. He married Martha Simoton on October 12, 1915. They had two children: Thornton S. Harrill (b. October 7, 1917 — d. March 9, 1977) — married to Dorothy Cooper Harrill on April 20, 1949 — (children — William Eric Harrill and Mary Ellen Harrill; grandchildren — Rachel Nicole, Jason, Tonie, and Ryan William); and Saralee Harrill (b. December 30, 1919) — married to Jason W. Dorton.

Essie studied at Oxford College and then became a teacher. She remembered, even at age ninety, her many school experiences as a teacher. She began teaching in 1908 and taught for twenty-seven years in the Free Schools of Cleveland County. Her first school was at Elliott's Church in Polkville where she had sixty pupils. This was a one-room school with grades one through seven. She said the children worked and did not try to be unruly. They sat on benches with the boys and girls segregated at different ends of the room. Students carried their own basket lunch which consisted of a meat, biscuit, and some kind of pie. They finished the lunch off with a baked potato. Upon being asked to what Miss Essie attributed her long life, she said hard work — house work, field work, and teaching school.

Bertha also went to school at Oxford College. Bertha married Thurman Hamrick on June 10, 1914. They had one daughter Selma C. Hamrick (b. January 10, 1918). Selma still resides in the large red brick house built by her father on West Warren Street.

Alice Burna married Marion Olive Moore on October 15, 1915. They had a family consisting of Bessie Moore (b. September 15, 1915 — d. November 29, 1968) who married John R. Hawkins on December 23, 1949; and Harrill W. Moore (b. March 24, 1920) who married Violet Early on April 7, 1950 (children — Elizabeth Ann Moore Allen and David Moore; grandchildren — Michael Allen and Stacey Allen).

Clive married Mardecia Eaker on June 20, 1942. They had no children. Clive studied at Wake Forest College and then later earned his Masters Degree at the University at Chapel Hill. For many years he was principal of the Number Three School in Cleveland County.

Three of the children of Wyatt and Selma never married. These were Essie, Mignon Schofield and Ocie Lola. Ocie went to the high school at Boiling Springs. Ocie has many wonderful memories of the family life and surroundings of the Harrills. They lived in the Mt.

Sinai Community until only a few years ago when they moved to West Graham Street in Shelby. They lived on beautiful farm land located between the Ellis Ferry Road and the York Road. Their first house was a log structure; weather boarded on the outside and sealed on the inside. The house was big enough to take in travelers, as was the custom of the day. The family was quite interested in those who passed by. Also, a few days before the end of each month, a large number of horses and mules would be driven by on their way to the Bone Yard to be sold.

Essie's memories of her early school days included the memory of a little red linen book which she carried to school her first day. It had the ABC's on it. She clutched this book fiercely in her hand, hoping no one would see it and try to take it from her. She really loved that little book. Miss Essie also remembered the trouble she had learning the difference between B and D. She finally conquered these letters, however.

Just below the Harrill house the old Stice Post Office was located. A Mr. Hawkins took the mail from Shelby to Mr. Dixon Randall who then distributed it there at the post office. Around 1912 they began delivering mail to the homes.

Traces of Indian flints and early iron and mica mining, old church and school buildings still standing, forgotten cemeteries grown up in weeds, and an ever-flowing romantic river enhance the memories of this old Cleveland County family.

Sources: Shelby *Daily Star*, Family Members

— Rebecca H. Hamrick

DENT and LOTTIE HARRIS

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Albert Dent Harris was born June 9, 1894 the eldest son of Joseph Suttle Harris (1856-1943) and Mary Ella Emmalissa Wood Harris (1866-1943). The grandparents were Rice and Louisa Byers Harris and William Smith Wood and Misenerah Humphries Wood. These families lived in Grassy Pond Community, Cherokee County, South Carolina.

Around 1910, the J.S. Harris family moved to Cleveland Mills, North Carolina to enable Dent, his two brothers, and three sisters to be educated at Piedmont School. Dent was one of Professor Littlejohn's outstanding algebra students.

Dent served in World War I. He had orders for overseas duty when the war ended.

He was a Cleveland County farmer. In the 1940's he established milk routes and hauled milk for Carnation Milk Company. The rattle of milk cans and the laughter of Dent Harris became familiar sounds along his route from New House to Boiling Springs. He retired as a salesman for Cleveland Distributors, Shelby.

Lottie Mae Crowder Harris was born January 18, 1897 the eldest child of William Albert (1873-1932) and Mary Etta (Molly) Boggs Crowder (1872-1911). The Crowder ancestors included her grandparents John K. and Biddie Walker Crowder; great grandparents Allen and Phoeby Grigg Crowder; and great-great-grandparents Bob and Lively Hastings Crow-

der who settled about two miles west of Polkville, North Carolina. The Boggs ancestors include grandparents Noah E. Boggs and Sarah Wilson Boggs and great grandparents Mr. and Mrs. William C. Boggs. The Boggs families lived near Belwood, North Carolina.

The Will Crowder family moved from Lawn-dale to Lattimore, North Carolina in 1907, where he became a successful farmer and ginner. Lottie was educated in the Lattimore schools; Asheville Normal, Asheville, North Carolina; Piedmont High School, Lawndale, North Carolina; and North Carolina Normal for Women at Greensboro.

She was a teacher at Fairview School, Polkville. It was her dream to be a Southern Baptist foreign missionary. However, arthritis prevented her from passing the physical examination. She often chuckled and said, "A handsome young man named Dent Harris convinced me to marry him and do home missions."

Dent and Lottie were married November 17, 1921 in the Crowder home, Lattimore. In 1922, they bought the Tom Heffner farm at Union Church near Polkville. They were active in Union Baptist Church. Both were B.Y.P.U. leaders, participants in singing schools in the 1920's and choir members in the 1950's. Lottie was Superintendent of Sunday School in the 1920's. During that time, Reverend Gordon Washburn was the pastor at Union Baptist Church, Lottie was a renowned and beloved Sunday School teacher for more than 50 years.

On February 21, 1982, Union Baptist Church Women's Missionary Union gave special recognition to Lottie Harris for 60 years of dedication, leadership, and service to the missions program. A Lottie Mae Crowder Harris Scholarship Fund was established in her honor. The fund will provide financial support for girls participating in special missions education events.

Their children were Mary Ellen born 1925; Joseph William born 1927; Thomas Cleveland born 1929; Fred Falls born 1932; Frances Boggs born 1935; and Clyde R. (1936-1939). Their grandchildren were children of Thomas and Marjorie Caudle Harris — Phyllis, David and Darrell (twins); children of Fred and Peggy Daves Harris — Judy and Donna; children of Frances and Minor Gettys — Eric and Myra.

Dent Harris died October 3, 1969 and Lottie Crowder Harris died February 22, 1982. They are buried in Union Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sources: Family Bible, records of Joe Washburn, military records, *Reminiscences of Richard Jolly*, personal interviews.

— Mary Harris

JOSEPH S. and ELLA HARRIS

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Joseph Suttle Harris (1856-1943) was a proponent of education. He studied at Holly Springs, South Carolina and Burnt Chimney Academy, Forest City, North Carolina. Receipts written on scraps of lined tablet paper read: "Received of Louisa Harris, Four Dollars and Sixty-five cents in full for schooling at Holly Springs for year 1866. A.J. Settlemeyer

February 23rd 1867" "Received of J.S. Harris, Twenty-two Dollars and 72 cents in full of Board and Tuition at Burnt Chimney (Acad) Spring Term, July 2nd 1881. J. Hyarbore"

Joe Harris was an avid reader. During his long lifetime, he continued his education through reading and study of the dictionary.

Around 1910, he and his wife, Mary Ella Emmalissa Wood Harris (1866-1960), moved their family of six children from Grassy Pond Community, Cherokee County, South Carolina to Cleveland Mills, North Carolina. This enabled their children and a nephew, Bevan Wood, to take advantage of educational opportunities in Cleveland County. Julia Irene (1892-1969), Albert Dent (1894-1969), Velma Verona (1896-), Allen Kent (1899-1973), Virginia Brown (1902-), and James Nesbitt (1907-1981) were students at Piedmont School. James graduated at Lattimore.

The nephew continued his education at Wake Forest College and earned a doctorate from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. In 1960, Dr. A.B. Wood (1893-1975) retired from Midwood Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina and returned to Shelby.

Three children and the nephew married Piedmont students who were Cleveland County natives. Dent married Lottie Mae Crowder from Lattimore. Kent married Mary D. Palmer from Polkville. Virginia married Fred Beam from Lawndale. Dr. A.B. Wood married Ollie May Gold from Zion.

In the book, *Reminiscences of Richard M. Jolly*, Ella Harris was described as "one in a hundred for work." She was industrious, persevering with any task she undertook, and frugal. She bartered milk, butter, and eggs with Piedmont School for tuition for the children and nephew.

Joe S. Harris was kind and gentle and a cotton farmer. According to the *Short Historical Sketch of New Bethel Baptist Church 1848-1948*, he served that church as a deacon. New Bethel recognized his ordination from Grassy Pond. Rev. John W. Suttle was New Bethel's pastor while Joe Harris served as deacon.

Joe and Ella Harris not only provided their children an education, they instilled a strong work ethic and spirit of service. Irene married Henry Dixon and they were Fallston's Stamey Store employees. Dent was a Cleveland County farmer and salesman; Kent a Cleveland County farmer and cattleman; James a Shelby businessman; and Virginia a Piedmont teacher. Verona married A.L. Poole and was a bank employee in Gaffney and Union, South Carolina. These children and their families have been identified with work in the churches, schools, and worthy projects in their respective communities.

The Harris grandchildren are the children of Henry and Irene Dixon — Robert, Boyd, Charles, Lester, and Betty Jane; children of Dent and Lottie Harris — Mary, Joe Bill, Thomas, Fred, Frances and Clyde (1936-1939); two daughters of Kent and Mary D. Harris died in infancy; and the children of James and Madge Mauney Harris — George and Dorothy.

Joseph Suttle Harris was the son of Rice and Louisa Byers Harris. Rice volunteered for ser-

vice in the Civil War and served in Company M, Fifth South Carolina regiment. He served through the Williamsburg battle and around Richmond. Joe Harris was six years old when his father died in Seven Pines battle.

Mary Ella Emmalissa Wood was a daughter of William Smith and Misenerah Humphries Wood of Cherokee County, South Carolina.

Joe Harris and Ella Wood married in 1890 and lived at Grassy Pond, Cherokee County, South Carolina until about 1910. They lived at Cleveland Mills, North Carolina for about ten years and returned to Grassy Pond for two years. In 1922, they bought the Curtis Weathers farm on the Double Shoals Road in Cleveland County. This was their home until their deaths. They are buried in Zion Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sources: family Bible, interviews with family members.

— Mary Harris

J. OLLIE HARRIS — FAMILY HISTORY

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Ollie Harris was born September 2, 1913, son of J. Frank and Jessie Hambright Harris in Anderson, South Carolina. His mother, Jessie Hambright, was a direct descendant of Colonel Fredrick Hambright who fought in the Revolutionary War and who served in the N.C. General Assembly of 1775.

Ollie Harris attended grammar school in Anderson and in 1927 he came to Shelby to live with his grandparents, J. Frank Harris, Sr. and Cenie Miller Harris. He attended Shelby High School and graduated in 1931.

In 1928 he attended school and worked at the Lutz-Jackson Funeral Home which in 1933 became the Lutz-Austell Funeral Home. He was employed by the Lutz-Austell Funeral Home until 1947.

In 1934 Harris married Abbie Jane Wall, daughter of Dr. Zeno and Ada Ramsey Wall. Dr. Wall was pastor of First Baptist Church at that time. To this union was born Ollie Harris, Jr., who now lives in Houston, Texas and who has two children, Ollie III, and Elizabeth Wall Harris.

A daughter, Jane Wall Harris, was born in 1938 and has two children, David and Kathy Hambright, all of whom live in Kings Mountain.

In September of 1934, Ollie Harris entered and graduated from the Gupton-Jones College of Embalming, Nashville, Tenn. He became licensed as an embalmer in 1935.

In 1943, Ollie Harris entered the U.S. Army, received his basic training at Camp Barkley, Texas and Surgical Technician training at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. He went overseas in the European Theatre of operation in October of 1944, serving in France, Belgium, Luxemburg, Germany, and Austria with the 65th Field Hospital as a Surgical Technician and Staff Sergeant. Sergeant Harris was serving in Bastogne, Belgium during the Battle of the Bulge in December of 1944. During this time he was awarded the Bronze Star for services beyond the call of duty. Sergeant Harris was discharged in December, 1945 at Fort

Bragg and returned to Shelby as an employee of Lutz-Austell Funeral Home.

In 1946, Harris assisted in the organization of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Shelby and became its first elected Commander.

In July of 1947, Harris became the owner of Harris Funeral Home of Kings Mountain, which business is continuing.

In 1946, Harris was elected Coroner for Cleveland County and was Coroner until 1970. In 1965, Harris was elected President of the North Carolina Coroners' Association.

In 1960, Harris was elected as President of the N.C. Funeral Directors' Association and served for one term.

In 1954, Harris was elected as a member of the N.C. State Board of Embalmers' and served as its president in 1958.

Harris has served as Commander of the Kings Mountain American Legion and the Kings Mountain Veterans of Foreign Wars. He has served as President of the Kings Mountain Lions Club, Kings Mountain Chamber of Commerce, Kings Mountain Country Club, the Kings Mountain Red Cross Chapter and a trustee of Gardner-Webb College for 1 term.

Harris is a member and former chairman of the Deacons of Kings Mountain Baptist Church.

Harris became a member of the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department in 1934 and a member of the Kings Mountain Volunteer Fire Department until 1969.

In 1970, Harris ran for the N.C. Senate, was elected and served in the 1971-1972 session. Because of an eye operation, Harris did not run in the 1972 session but ran in 1974 and has been a member of the N.C. State Senate for the 1975-1976, 1977-1978, 1979-1980, 1981-1982, sessions. Harris became Chairman of the Senate Human Resources Committee in 1977, 1979, 1981.

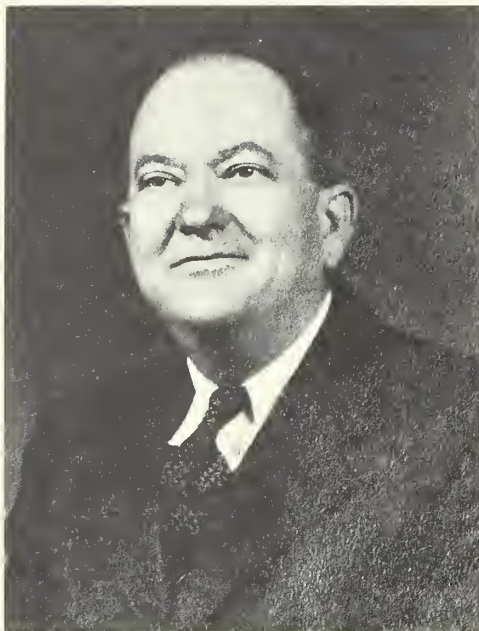
Due to his leadership in Mental Health he was awarded the Valand Award in 1979, the outstanding Legislator Award in the field of Public Health by the North Carolina Association of Health Departments in 1979, the outstanding legislator by the N.C. Health Care Association in 1979.

In addition to Chairman of the Human Resources Committee, he is vice-chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and Senior Citizens Committee. He is a member of the Senate Rules Committee, Banking Committee, Judiciary #1 Committee, Appropriation Committee and University Board of Governor Committee. He is a member of the Mental Health Study Commission, the Mental Health, Mental Retardation, Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission. He is also a member of the Governmental Operation Committee.

Harris who is 68 years of age at this time plans to run for re-election for his sixth term in the Senate, representing Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, and Rutherford Countiesm

Harris holds the record of holding public office longer than any other person of Cleveland County at this time, over 34 years.





Benjamin Audy Harry

BENJAMIN AUDY HARRY FAMILY

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Audy Harry (1-6-1891 — 7-1-1961), is the direct descendant of Martin Harry, who came to America in the 1740's from Germany. Audy's ancestors are referred to in the John Bishop Harry, Washington Marion Harry, and the David Filmore Clay Harry bibliographies. In 1916, Audy met a young school teacher named Bessie Frances Howard. He bought her box supper at a social and took her for a Sunday ride in Cap's Model T Ford. After courting Bessie, Audy married her on the last day of school, May 3, 1917. They took a train to Johnson City, Tennessee for their honeymoon.

Bessie was born March 5, 1891 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. She is the daughter of Wiley Perry Howard and Sarah Elizabeth Woody. She is the direct descendant of John Heyward (spelling changed in later generations to Howard) a member of the House of Burgesses of Virginia in 1654, 1659, and 1660 and a tobacco farmer from Middle Plantation, now Williamsburg. Her family continued John Heyward's tradition of tobacco farming all the way down to her father.

In 1902, when Bessie was eleven years old, her family moved to Fuquay Springs, North Carolina, (now Fuquay-Varina). At that time, there was not a Baptist church in Fuquay Springs. Her father started the First Baptist Church there, which had its beginnings in a railroad tool house. The Mills-Railroad was being built from Raleigh to Fayetteville and had only been completed to Fuquay Springs. Bessie is the only living person today that went to the first Sunday School in that tool house.

Bessie received her Bachelor of Science degree cum laude from Oxford College, an all girl school, in 1913. Her favorite subject was Chemistry. She wanted to teach in Fuquay Springs, but a tremendous hail storm had destroyed all the crops, depressing the area. She was forced to teach elsewhere after graduation.

Bessie taught in Granville County one year and then in Wilmington, North Carolina the next. She did not like Wilmington because "the water tasted like fish", and wanted to move elsewhere for the next school year. Her pastor, W.R. Beach, from Fuquay Springs had moved to Grover in 1916. He talked Bessie into coming to Grover to teach in high school.

Audy and Bessie lived at the old mill stream family house in the earlier years of their marriage. Audy worked making wooden tables, including mosaics of the different woods. Later, they moved to town in Grover where Audy had a wood-working shop. All of the saws, planes, and lathes were pulley driven and he kept all of them in perfect condition.

Audy died at the age of seventy of a heart attack on July 1, 1961. He is buried at the Grover Cemetery.

Bessie still lives in the same house with her youngest son, Philip, and his family. It is here that she has helped keep a prayerful and hopeful vigil for her granddaughter, Kelli, who has not fully recovered from injuries sustained in an accident as she was leaving Grover School, December 18, 1980.

Sources: Memory, personal interviews.

— Bessie Harry



Kelli Jean Harry

CHILDREN OF BENJAMIN AUDY and BESSIE HOWARD HARRY

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Audy and Bessie had seven children, Benjamin Donald on April 2, 1918; Sarah Jacquelyn on April 18, 1920; Thomas Howard on August 28, 1923; Bruce Audy on February 24, 1925; Jesse Frank on October 10, 1928; John Philip on April 10, 1930, and Myrtle Annette on July 16, 1933. They also raised Thomas Howard Harry, Junior (born February 10, 1945) from the time he was six months old.

Donald Harry, eldest child and son of Bessie and Audy Harry married Hansel Guest of Gaffney, South Carolina. They were married in Warms Springs, Georgia by Don's Uncle Grady, on October 10, 1939. They made their

home in Grover for a brief time after which they settled in Charlotte. Hansel is a teacher in the Mecklenburg Schools. She and Don have three sons and one daughter. Donna is a teacher; Bob a surgeon; Ben and George are electrical engineers. Don gave the handmade tools that John Bishop Harry had made many years ago to the museum. Hansel provided a picture of the money swamp. Ben has been a key researcher of the Harry family.

John Philip Harry, youngest son of Bessie and Audy Harry, was raised in Grover, North Carolina. He retired, after twenty-two years of service in the U.S. Air Force. Much of his army career time was spent in Germany, and it was there he met and married Maria Rzyttha on December 23, 1965. They have four daughters Elizabeth Annette (Litsa), Bettina Maria (Tina), Nancy Denise, and Kelli Jean.

Philip and his family live in his childhood homeplace. His mother makes her home with them in a separate part of the house.

Tom sailed the Seven Seas during World War II. He and his wife, Norma Browning Harry, have three children. Tom and Norma live in Shelby, North Carolina.

Bruce Audy also served in the Navy. He now lives in More Haven, Florida. He has two children.

Annette is the youngest daughter of Bessie and Audy. She married Don Woods. When Don and Annette return home from work they go to their Spanish-type country home at Ranch Court, Piedmont, South Carolina. They have one son and two daughters.

Thomas Howard Harry, Jr. (Butch), grandson of Bess and Audy, was brought up in their home. He also served in the Navy and made a Good Will Tour to several ports of the world on the *USS Bon Homme Richard*. He married Cindy Shillinglaw of Blacksburg, South Carolina, and they have one daughter.

See separate article on Sarah Harry McCarter and Jesse Frank Harry.

Sources: Memory.

— Bessie Harry

BESSIE HARRY

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Bessie Howard Harry was always active in the Grover community. She taught Sunday School, compiled an album of Service Men in World War II, and was the director of *A History of First Baptist Church, Grover, North Carolina*. For five years, 1949-1954, she was superintendent of Kings Mountain Baptist WMU. At the state meeting in Greensboro she was honored with a silver service as a token of the Association's appreciation.

She compiled a memorial booklet for Brice Holmes Harry, Jr. after his death in July, 1955. She had helped tutor him while he was confined to a respirator as a result of having polio in 1952.

Bessie continued her work at Minette Mills until many years after retirement time. She rode in the Grover Christmas Parade one year as Queen of Senior Citizens.

In 1968 Bessie visited her son, Philip, and his wife, Maria, in England and Germany. President Nixon was on his Good Will Tour to



Bessie Harry, 1975 Senior Citizen Queen.

over the land Bess has left her beauty spots.

She often says that God gives us memories so that we may have roses in December. Our memory baskets overflow with the memories Bess provides. She keeps on keeping on!

Sources: Memory.

— Bessie Harry

CHARLES FRANKLIN HARRY, JR. FAMILY

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In the summer of 1932 Stell Johnson came to Grover, North Carolina from Pike Road, Alabama to visit a friend, Mary McSwain. They had not seen each other since they were in school together in the fifth grade.

One Sunday they went to the annual Homecoming at Antioch Baptist Church. There Stell met Franklin Harry. They became engaged, but Stell went back to Alabama to finish college at the University of Montivello.

In July of 1933 Franklin went to Alabama. He and Stell were married July 8, 1933. They returned to Grover where they have been at home ever since.

Franklin was born in Grover, but Stell was born in Pike Road. She was the youngest child of Emma and Dr. Oscar Johnson. Stell's father was the typical country doctor, serving two counties for fifty years. There were no paved roads, so at first he made his house calls in a buggy or on horseback. Many of his fees were paid for with a head of cabbage, a chicken or whatever the people had. "Doc" married Emma McGowan in 1896.

Stell and Franklin had four children; Jean in 1934; C.F. Harry, III in 1936; Jim in 1940; and John in 1945.

Jean has two children, Philip and Debbie. Philip graduated from Clemson and is working with the Park Service. Debbie graduated from the University of South Carolina and is a pharmacist in Columbia, South Carolina.

Charlie and Ann Lutz Harry have two chil-



Charles Franklin Harry, Jr.



Mrs. W.H. Lowrance, "Sister Minnie"

dren, Robin, a sophomore at the University of North Carolina — Chapel Hill; and Scott, a junior at the McCallie school in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Jim and Shirley Youngblood Harry have four boys. Norman Phillips is a student at Clemson and the other boys are in high school.

John and Margaret Bryant Harry have one daughter, Ashley who is a student at the Day School in Gastonia.

Jean works in the business office at Cleveland Tech and the boys own and operate Grover Industries and Har-Ray Mills in Grover.

Franklin was born December 7, 1911. He died November 8, 1980 and is buried in the Grover Cemetery.

Franklin had a love affair with the "Old Minette Mill" where he started working when he was eight years old, the same year the mill began. He stoked the boiler, made the electricity for the town, swept the floors and gradually worked at all the jobs in the mill. He was Chairman of the Board for many years. Later he was chairman of the additional industries, Har-Ray Mills and Grover Industries.

The mill to him was not a thing; it was a being with soul and feelings. He watched over and nourished it from its infancy to maturity. Like his father before him, the employees were his friends first, then employees.

He was mayor of Grover from July 1, 1945 to November 1, 1975. During these years Grover experienced noted progress, paved streets, water works, street lights, fire department, and the rescue squad.

Franklin was a generous supporter of his Masonic Lodge, State Line Lodge #375; and his church, Shiloh Presbyterian where he had been deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, and treasurer. The Masonic Home for children in Oxford, North Carolina has The Charles Franklin Harry, Jr. Children's Playground established as a memorial to him.

After Franklin's father died the Minette Mill employees presented the family a handsome bronze plaque which ended with these words: Charles Franklin Harry, Sr. — Humanity's Friend. Charles Franklin Harry, Jr. and his family continue this trend.

Sources: personal experience

— Jackie Rountree

CHARLES FRANKLIN HARRY, SR. FAMILY

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Once upon a time a man was shot and his cousin went over to keep a watch over him. When he stepped upon the porch he could see someone putting out the midnight supper. He not only looked more closely, he gazed admiringly, and then affirmed, "That's the girl I'm going to marry!" And so he did.

The man who had been shot was Charlie Hughes, cousin to Charlie Harry who was to become my father. The soon-to-be-bride was Effie Jeannete Holmes who had come from Chester, South Carolina where she lived with her sister, Minnie Lowrance. She had come to look after her sister, Annie, who was married to Charlie Hughes. Aunt Annie was expecting a baby, and was going blind.

Effie went back to Chester to her job as bookkeeper for her brother-in-law, W.H. Lowrance, Aunt Minnie's husband. Charlie Harry kept the C & W Railway busy! He was either going to Gastonia to catch the C & W train to Chester to see Effie or sending letters by mail. Mama saved these letters in an old tin fruit cake box.

After many letters and many visits Charles Franklin Harry, Jr. (b. 10-21-1885) and Effie Jeanette Holmes (b. 9-2-1884) were married February 5, 1909 in the home of Mr. & Mrs. W.H. Lowrance. Afterwards they came to Grover where a wedding feast awaited. Daddy forever teased mama for choosing to eat hot cornbread, butter, and molasses on her wed-

ding night instead of the more gourmet.

In daddy's love letters to mama he usually teased her about the beautiful and lovely Turner girls of Grover or he would discuss their house and home plans. They began their housekeeping across the branch (Jake's) in a more than modest and small house. It is in ruins now, but the chimney still stands as a sort of monument to their beginnings as a family. They moved to town and progressed from one house to another until, finally, in 1928 daddy moved mama into the house she had planned to her liking.

In the meantime a mill, Minette, had been founded, seven children produced, the Great Depression was being overcome, and mama and daddy became greatly involved in all areas of civic, community, church and social activities. Mama helped Dr. Oates deliver babies, and then helped "lay out" anyone who died by placing them on a board and putting fifty cent pieces on their eyelids.

Mama was one of the first housewives to get an electric mixer — a Kitchen Aid. Before long folks from all about were bringing her the ingredients to make chow-chow, mayonnaise, angel food cakes, ice cream, and other things that required extra arm effort. In between these times she went to Eastern Star; Ladies Auxiliary; with daddy on trips to Coney Island, excursions and to local places . . . and then cheerfully fed and housed anyone daddy brought in, be they from New York or just down the street. She even prepared oyster stews for all the mill employees. Sometimes they would be in the sewing room part of the mill, at the house, or sometimes at the church.

The neighborhood folks would also come Monday through Friday evenings at seven o'clock to gather around the radio to listen and laugh with us over the antics of "Amos and Andy". We also had a combination victrola and Edison phonograph. It played thick and thin records. One of the thick records was about a "bar" (bear) and the narrator's punch line was "I wasn't sceered, but I thought I'd



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better go". I can hear Warren Hicks laughing over and over again everytime he'd come to the house to listen to it.

Mama's father, Benjamin Franklin Holmes, was a Methodist minister in Spartanburg County. He had been married before he married mama's mother, Mary Jane Pearson, who had also been married before. Each had his and her children and then their children. They were Lon, Etta, Annie, Perry, Esther, Minnie, and Effie. Esther died as a young girl. Lon was really a half-brother, but after their parents died, all the children more or less brought each other up. Her sister, Minnie, made her home with mama for the latter years of her life. She became affectionately known as "Sister" Minnie, and contributed a very gentle portion to the heritage of Cleveland County.

Daddy let himself be imposed on, but by and large, he thoroughly enjoyed it. His Christmas delight was to give away silver dollars to all whom he met or to those who came to the house to get theirs. We went to Shelby one day and while at the stoplight a lady backed her car out and into us. Daddy got out and apologized for even being in Shelby.

He was known mostly by "Cap" Harry, except on those occasions when mama's annoyance got the best of her and it was "Charlie Harry!!!". They tore up the pattern and the mold after just one of you." Some of the pattern and the mold carried over into their 18 grandchildren. As a result of these mama was now mostly known as "Nannie".

Cap tried to be an executive at times, but more times he was at his first love, the saw mill.

Times were changing and the pace of living becoming more speedy. Many of his old cronies had gone. On March 8, 1952 daddy went too.

Mama spent the last year of her life in Florida — maybe to prepare her family for a longer separation. She died April 8, 1958. The night after her funeral the children and families gathered together in the dining room of "mama's house." We got out the old tin fruit cake box and read daddy's love letters to each other. We laughed and cried and rejoiced that they were at home together forever.

Their Children — SaDelle Holmes Harry



Charlie and Effie Holmes Harry



Effie Holmes Harry

Uzzell, (Mrs. T.A., Jr.) Charles Franklin Harry, Jr., Minnie Frances Harry Barrier, David Lowrance Harry, Sr., William Benjamin Harry, Brice Holmes Harry, Sr., Effie Jeanette Harry Rountree (Jackie), (Mrs. G.R.)

— Jeanette Harry Rountree

CHILDREN OF CHARLES FRANKLIN HARRY, SR. and EFFIE HOLMES HARRY

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The seven children of Effie and Charlie Harry were born between the years December 13, 1908 and October 31, 1919. They are SaDelle Holmes, Charles Franklin, Jr., Frances, David Lowrance, William Benjamin, Brice Holmes, and Jeanette (Jackie).

SaDelle (Syd) has made her home in Asheville, North Carolina. She is married to Thomas Albert Uzzell, Jr., a retired lawyer. They have two daughters, Jeanette Pease and Corrinne Spencer, and five grandchildren.

Frances has made her home in High Point since leaving Grover in 1954.

David married (Oct. 31, 1936) Gladys Westbrook from Blacksburg, South Carolina, where they had been school mates. Gladys was the daughter of Robert Lewis Westbrook and Alice Walla Elliott. David and Gladys have one son, David Lowrance, Jr., and one daughter, Peggy Hidell. They have five grandchildren. Dave and Gladys maintain homes in Grover and Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Before retirement, David, along with his brothers and father operated the mill.

Bill (W.B.) had a unique arrangement while growing up. When he was six years old he lived in Chester, South Carolina with his aunt, "Sister" Minnie, and Uncle Willie Lowrance during the nine school months. In the summer months he came home to Grover to be with his family and to work in the mill. When he was in the ninth grade it was decided for him to remain at his Grover home.

He went to Blacksburg High School and

there met Katherine Bonebrake, daughter of Benjamin Snively and Louise Fayssoux Bonebrake. Bill and Katherine were married July 20, 1940. They have three daughters, Louise Neal, Susan Meares, and Billie Ann Kelly, and five grandchildren.

Before retirement Bill, too, was a part of the operation of the mill. They make their home at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina now. Katherine's mother, Louise Bonebrake (Mama Lou) keeps a home in Shelby waiting for them.

Holmes was a storekeeper from the time he was a kid. After a medical discharge from the Army, during World War, II he joined forces with his father and brothers in operating the mill.

Louise McMillan came to Grover to teach school. She and Holmes were married June 6, 1941. They had two sons, Brice and Robert, and a foster son, Maynard Pierce from the Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, South Carolina. Louise and her sister and two brothers, had been brought up at Thornwell. When Louise and Holmes' son, Brice, died July 7, 1955, they took Maynard into their home. Maynard is now married to the former Donna Mauney. They live in Shelby. Robert has a son, Brice, and a daughter, Kathleen.

Holmes died on July 23, 1970. He and his son, Brice, are buried in the Grover Cemetery.

See separate articles on Charles Franklin Harry, Jr. and Jeanette (Jackie) Rountree.

Source: Personal Knowledge.

— Jackie Rountree



DAVID FILMORE CLAY HARRY FAMILY

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David Filmore Clay Harry's second wife was Frances Sara Gold (b. 11-28-1847 — d. 5-2-1930). Frances (Fannie) was the daughter of Daniel Pleasant Gold (b. 2-11-1815 — d. 1-12-1879) and Margaret M. Jenkins (b. 10-31-1821 — d. 10-4-1878). Daniel and Margaret were married November 5, 1838.

The children of David and Fannie were Charles Franklin, Sr., Ralph Gold (b. 12-9-1886 — d. 12-19-1886), Woodfin Grady, Benjamin Audy, and Margaret (Maggie) Lee.

This family was reared on the old mill stream where there was a lake that gave the water power for a saw mill, table manufacturing and clearer rollers for textile mills, a Grist Mill and French Burrs flour mill. This was a popular place for swimming, all-day gatherings and baptizings. It has remained in the family. The "old homeplace" has been home for the families of David Filmore Clay, Audy, Margaret, W.B. and now, Jeanette (Jackie) Rountree — (Mrs. Glenn R.). Glenn has fashioned and placed in cement a bird feeder out of the old turbine wheel that Mrs. Audy (Bessie) gave him after Audy passed away. Today Jake's branch has been re-dammed for storage. With special pumps, and pipes, this same water supplements the water supply for the textile industries of Grover.

I remember hearing the family worrying about Grandpa (D.F.C.) taking so much "patent" medicine, and what all it was going to do to him. Being less than five years old I had no idea what patent medicine was — other than it must be a terrible and scary thing. Even with today's glamorous advertising, I approach "patent" medicine with caution. Grandpa's funeral must have been one of the last funerals



Children of Charles Franklin Harry, Sr., 1922. Seated front: Bill. L to R: David, Franklin, Frances, Holmes, SaDelle, and Jeanette.



Children of Charles Franklin Harry, Sr., 1967. L to R: Jackie Rountree, Holmes, Bill, David, Frances Barrier, SaDelle Uzzell and Franklin.

conducted at the "Little Church in the Pines", (Shiloh Presbyterian) which he had built. He died December 8, 1924.

Grandma Harry lived six years after Grandpa died. She spent part time staying with one son and then another. When she stayed at our house she slept with me. Most every night she'd moan and groan and seem really bad off. She'd call out, "Oh, Lordy! Oh, Charlie! Oh, Grady! Oh, Audy! Oh, Maggie Lee! Oh, Effie!" I'd ask her why she was moaning and groaning and she'd say, "It makes me feel better." If there should be a summer storm during the night, we'd have to put all the windows down and be even hotter. Her groans and moans became even louder — so she couldn't hear the thunder.

She was famous for her story-telling, some true, some made up. Folks came from all around to hear her tell stories and to tell about what all went on in Polkville and Upper Cleveland when she was growing up. She would sit in a rocking chair on the front porch and we'd sit all around the chair. I always stood on the rocker and rocked along with her as she told her stories. One that she had told to tease Grandpa by telling was a favorite with all of us. There were many snakes at the "old home-place" where she lived. One day she went to the garden and felt something run up her leg under her long dress, petticoats and apron. She screamed and yelled for help and Grandpa came with a shotgun and the boys with hoes and rakes and sticks. When they found the culprit it was a grasshopper. Grandpa was outdone and asked her if she wasn't ashamed to carry on so over a mere grasshopper. She said no, she wasn't, but she was ashamed she had married a man who had to have a shotgun with which to kill it — backed up by sons with

hoes and rakes and sticks!

Much of her story-telling knack tided over into her children. All four of them had their own set of yarns to tell and re-tell.

Sources: family Bible, memory.

— Jackie Rountree

JESSE FRANK HARRY

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Jesse Frank Harry was born October 10, 1927, to Benjamin Audy and Bessie Howard Harry, on a sixty acre, family owned farm located near the small town of Grover, Cleve-

land County, North Carolina. He was dubbed "Jake" early in life, and was known in this community by that name. He was fifth in line in a large family with four brothers and two sisters.

Jake received a gold seal diploma from Grover High School in 1945, and was awarded the Danforth Foundation Leadership Award. He was president of the senior class, and won the citizenship award. Following graduation he served a year in the Navy, after which, he returned to high school at Kings Mountain where he earned his second high school diploma. At Kings Mountain he was editor of the high school paper, and was elected president of the student body.

Active in sports, Jake lettered in several sports in high school, and he won The Best Fighter award in the 1945 Carolinas Golden Gloves, Novice Division.

Jake was married to Goldie Ray Rippey of the Mount Paran Community, Cherokee County, South Carolina, in 1949. This union gave birth to an only son, Ronald Dean. In 1962, following dissolution of this marriage in 1959, he married a former schoolmate, Dorothy Presley.

After an enlistment in the Air Force during the Korean conflict, with duty in Europe, Jake attended five colleges and universities: University of Tampa, East Carolina College (B.S. Degree), Seminole Junior College (Sanford, Fla.), University of Florida, and Florida Technological University (Med Degree).

After several years of regional level management with Western Auto Supply Company, Jake left the sales field for what he believed would be a more fulfilling profession. He accepted a teaching position in the field of education. He served as teacher, athletic director, admissions director, headmaster, and finally as Administrator of the Sanford Naval Academy, a two school Bernarr McFadden Foundation Educational unit located in Sanford, Florida.

Upon dissolution of the Bernarr McFadden



David Filmore Clay Harry Family. Seated: David and Fannie Gold Harry. Standing: Charlie, Audy, Maggie Lee and Grady.



Audy and Grady Harry on old mill pond.

Foundation in 1976, Jake went into public school education, where he is presently a member of the administration of a large central Florida high school.

Jake's motto was instilled in him by his mother, a former school teacher, who always included in her letters to him these words by Edgar Guest: "tis by desire and by design, not by chance that men grow fine."

— J.F. Harry



Grady Harry

JOHN BISHOP HARRY FAMILY 575

John Bishop Harry was born March 7, 1774 in Hagerstown, Maryland. John Bishop was the eldest son of David Harry, Senior (November 13, 1750 — March 18, 1843) and Margaret Bishop (April 2, 1755 — April 5, 1836). John Bishop had two brothers, Martin and David, Junior, and two sisters, Margaret and Mary.

John Bishop's father, David, Senior, was a wagonmaker and a Revolutionary War veteran. John Bishop's uncle, Martin Harry, Junior, served as a sergeant in the Flying Camp, a fast moving and attacking calvary commanded by

George Washington.

John Bishop Harry's grandfather, Martin Harry (May 27, 1720 — August 30, 1788), and grandmother, Anna Maria Harry (January 1, 1720 — July 2, 1780), were born in the Alsace Loraine region of Germany. They came to America in the early 1740's and helped lay out the town of Elizabethtown, Maryland, later named Hagerstown. Martin and Anna Maria were Lutherans and are buried in the Lutheran Church cemetery in Hagerstown. They had seven sons and no daughters; Jonathan, David, Senior, Charles, Martin, Junior, Jacob, John, and Andrew.

John Bishop Harry married Sarah Ann Hutchinson (June 15, 1784 — June 29, 1844) of Plymouth, Virginia on April 20, 1806 in Shenandoah County, Virginia. John Bishop and Sarah Ann traveled on their honeymoon in a covered wagon to Lincoln County, North Carolina.

John Bishop, whose nickname was "John Bull", settled in Lincolntown, North Carolina where he kept the old tavern and inn. "By trade, he was a silversmith, clock maker, and gun maker, the love of which flows through the generations — love of guns and easy money makers."

In 1835 "John Bull" was a North Carolina Senator representing Lincoln County.

"John Bull" took an active part in the organization of Cleaveland (now Cleveland) County when it was formed in 1841 from land previously in Lincoln County. He helped survey the new county and lay out the town of Shelby.

"John Bull" became a large landowner and slave owner. He owned some thousand acres between Buffalo Creek and the South Carolina line. It laid along a stream called Jacob's Branch. He lived in a large house that he built.

Sarah Ann and John Bishop had four sons; John Hutchinson (March 9, 1807-?), David (1811-?), Will (abt. 1820-?), Washington Marion (July 7, 1822 — January 25, 1889), and four daughters; Maria Ana Margratha Harry Benton (May 27, 1809 — July 1, 1829), Ann Elizabeth Harry Bridges (January 29, 1814 —

May 17, 1882), Lydia Harry Martin (August 2, 1816-?), and Juliana Harry Hopper (December 15, 1818-?).

John Hutchinson Harry, the eldest son, went to Texas in 1836 bringing with him a company of men for the purpose of joining the Texas force against the Mexican government. He served under General Houston as quartermaster. John Harry was deputized to transport the archives and State arms from Port Lavaca to Austin, just previous to the burning of Port Lavaca by the Indians. David Harry also served in the Texas Revolution. Will Harry moved to Lubbock, Texas. Washington Marion Harry, the youngest child, was the only son that established a home near his father.

An unfortunate accident befell John Bishop Harry. As he was returning from Raleigh on horseback, the old man was caught in a heavy thunder shower. The dye from the red lining of his hat mixed with the rain and ran into his eyes. It injured his eyesight and he was almost blind during the last years of his life.

A beautifully executed will in his own handwriting shows that he was well educated. It is also interesting to note that a map of his property made by him showed the location of a money swamp where gold, silver, and Confederate money was hidden during the War between the States. The money swamp has never been found.

After the death of his wife, Sarah Ann, John Bishop sold his home to Major Borders. He moved two miles up the road and built a smaller, rectangular home with one big room,



Harry

Harry Family Coat of Arms

a fireplace in the south, and two pot racks at the north end. He had a dozen slaves that lived nearby and assisted him. Here he lived out his last years in luxury and comfort. His slaves prepared his meals, kept the big log fires burning in the winter. A bed of embers burned under the pots on the pot racks of the kitchen fireplace. They worked his farm in the summer and split the big chestnut trees in the woodlands into rails to fence in the cattle, hogs, and sheep. The old rail fence enclosed one hundred acres of pasture land. John Bishop Harry



Tombstone of John Bishop Harry.

Margaret is buried in the Grover Cemetery alongside her mother and father and brother, Grady.

Her footstone reads:

Margaret Lee Harry
Nurse — Humanitarian
April 13, 1887 — May 5, 1973
Sources: Family Bible and memory.

— Jeanette H. Rountree

WASHINGTON MARION HARRY FAMILY

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Washington Marion Harry (b. 7-7-1822 — d. 1-25-1889), youngest of the eight recorded children of John Bishop Harry, married Mary McArthur (b. 6-11-1822 — d. 5-25-1909) on August 14, 1842 in Cleveland County.

Mary was the daughter of John McArthur and Susannah Roberts McArthur of Rutherford County.

Washington's family and ancestors are referred to in the John Bishop Harry biography sketch.

Mary and Washington had seven children who lived beyond their first year. A son and daughter died in infancy. George Washington Harry died when he was seven months and three days of age.

Washington and Mary's eldest child, John Wesley McMicken (Mack), established a home one-half mile from his father's home. The front room of his home was a community store. Ex-slaves farmed his land. He was a school master in the town of Whitaker (now Grover). There were plenty of pupils, but no text books. Mack remembered the principles of "riting" the three R's, so he got a blank accountant book that the Yankees had thought of no value, and wrote by hand the examples to teach the boys and girls the rudiments of education. The unusual text book is the property of the D.J. Keeter family, grandchildren of Mr. Harry of Confederate days. Mrs. Franklin (Stell) Harry has a framed copy of the back and front of a



Washington Marion Harry

lived to be 87 years old and died in the third year of the War between the States.

Sources: Family & courthouse records, Mormon Archives.

— Benjamin B. Harry

MARGARET (MAGGIE) LEE HARRY

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Margaret (Maggie) Lee Harry was born at Grover. After attending the Grover Grammar School, she attended Round Hill Academy, a boarding School near Rutherfordton.

In those days, young ladies married early or taught school. Margaret was determined to become a nurse, despite family opposition. With little encouragement, she boarded the Southern R.R. train for Boston, Massachusetts where she entered Massachusetts General Hospital, from which she graduated in 1918. She was also a graduate of the School of Social Work and Public Health in Richmond, Virginia.

As the first Delano nurse, sent out by the American Red Cross, she worked in the mountains around Highlands, North Carolina. Here she encountered much poverty and deprivation in isolated mountain cabins. She assisted many families financially and helped many worthy children to attend the DAR school at Tommassee and Talullah Falls.

For a number of years she was head of the Meriwether County Health Department in Georgia. Here again, she placed scores of children in educational institutions and assisted many financially.

Those who knew Margaret knew her to be prim, proper, and precise. It was always a wonderment that she could tolerate the conditions of the poverty in which she lived and worked for a part of her life. Perhaps it was such that motivated her to do all that she could, as one person, to alleviate these conditions.



Margaret Lee Harry

page of the "text book".

Their youngest child, Zebulon, was an employee of the railroad and later a merchant in Gastonia, North Carolina. He married Margaret Estelle Underwood on April 1, 1891.

Sarah Susannah married Noah William Moss. Eliza Ann Jane married Columbus Morrow. David Filmore Clay married Nancy Jane Adams. His second wife was Sara Frances (Fanny) Gold. Dicia Catherine married Edd Curry. Mary Elizabeth Julia Ann (Aunt Sis) married Dock Pinkney Bell. Her second husband was Dave J. Allen.

Washington's father, John Bishop Harry, owned an acreage of some thousand acres between Buffalo Creek and the South Carolina line. It lay along a stream called Jacob's Branch. Washington constructed a log dam on the branch, and used the power from it to set up a community service center consisting of a corn mill, saw mill, syrup mill, and a cotton gin which was probably the first cotton gin in Cleveland County. It had on it the printed letters of the Whitney patent, and was geared to operate not only by water power, but also to a cog gear that operated the gin by manpower.

Washington and Mary are buried in the Grover cemetery.

Sources: John Bishop Harry biography

— Ben Harry

Bessie Howard Harry
and Jackie Harry Rountree

WOODFIN GRADY HARRY

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Woodfin Grady Harry (b. 10-7-89 — d. 10-5-76) was born at the homeplace near Grover, North Carolina. Like many boys of this era, he was named for the famous orator, Henry W. Grady. He attended the Grover Grammar School, and in his teens, Westminster Academy where old Britain Presbyterian Church is located near Rutherfordton.

A cousin, Pulitzer Prize winner, Hatcher



Mary McArthur Harry

QUINCEY HARTMAN and ELIZABETH JOHNSON HARTMAN

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Quincey Hartman was born in the Belwood community of Cleveland County on December 12, 1878. His parents were John and Nancy Poole Hartman. Sarah Elizabeth Johnson was born in the Moriah community of Upper Cleveland County on December 23, 1879. Her parents were Joseph and Phoebe Bass Johnson. Quincey grew into a tall, handsome man with dark hair and piercing eyes. "Lizzie" was dainty, petite, and very feminine and lady-like. They were married August 28, 1898 and as newly-weds made their home in Belwood. Their marriage produced twelve children: Getty Marie, Myrtle Mary, Velma Texie, Theodore Columbus, Lois Ola Emmaline (L.O.E.) (deceased 1965), Jasper Swain (Swain), Irod Cecil (Joe), Ruth G., Vera Evelyn, Byron Miller (Hub), Jay Reen (Jake) and Durham Palmer (deceased 1928). The large family grew up sharing in the farming and household duties.

After the boys were old enough to handle the farming chores, Quincey went back to using his carpentry skills. Lizzie spent her time with the children and the housework. During the winters she spent many hours making beautiful handmade quilts — many of which went to the church raffles.

The church was the center of the Hartman's lives. Quincey was Sunday School Superintendent at Knob Creek Methodist Church for forty years and was instrumental in the construction of the frame building that stood before the present-day rock structure. Lizzie was a Sunday School teacher and a charter member of the Knob Creek Ladies Missionary Society.

They had very high moral standards and considered it their duty and privilege to spend much time visiting and caring for the sick in the community. They looked upon such things as dancing and card playing as a waste of time and the work of the devil. They both, however, had beautiful singing voices. Quincey sang tenor and Lizzie sang what many people called the "sweetest alto in the world". They sang in their church and with their children. Almost all the children learned to play some type of

Hughes, interested him in attending the University of North Carolina from which he graduated in 1913.

After a year serving as principal of a school in Statesville, he attended Columbia Theological Seminary. As a Presbyterian minister he served churches in New Orleans, Louisiana; Newton, North Carolina; and Manchester, Georgia. He was always glad when he could come back to preach in his home church, Shiloh Presbyterian. His whole ministry must have centered around "The Beatitudes." These were his favorite preaching subjects.

Reverend Harry was married to Mabel Enid Bulloch, a cousin of Theodore Roosevelt, of Bullochville, Georgia. The town name was later changed, by President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, to Warm Springs because of the attention it received as a polio center. Mr. Harry served as Mayor of Warm Springs during all of Roosevelt's presidential years, and in that capacity, became a close personal friend and minister to the president.

The three children of W.G. Harry are Mrs. James (Julia Frances) Bennett, Spartanburg, South Carolina; Mrs. Andrew J. (Margaret) Thompson, Warm Springs, Georgia; and Henry G. Harry, Augusta, Georgia.

He married secondly Matilda Burks French from Columbus, Georgia, who still lives there.

Grady's fondness for North Carolina, Cleveland County, the Grover Community, and his 'ole homeplace on Jake's Branch grew with the years. He requested to be buried along with his mother and father and sister. And this he was on his 87th birthday.

— Jeanette H. Rountree



Rev. W.G. Harry meeting President F.D. Roosevelt at Warm Springs, Georgia, 1944.

musical instrument, including the pump organ, piano, accordion, mouth harp, guitar, etc.

The ten children that survive are still a close knit family and they enjoy getting together often for songfests, good old-fashioned picking and grinning and some sentimental reminiscing about their growing-up years. Several still live in Belwood and still attend the Knob Creek Methodist Church that was so dear to their parents.

Quincey and Lizzie had a happy life together. They were a devoted couple — devoted to God, their children, their community, and last but certainly not least — they were devoted to each other. They had been married 63 years when Quincey died on November 3, 1961. Lizzie died seven years later on June 5, 1968. They are both buried at Knob Creek Methodist Church Cemetery, Belwood, N.C. The fine example they set is our valuable inheritance.

Sources: *Family Bible*

— Joyce H. Lutz

THE HAWKINS FAMILY

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Ransom Newton Hawkins, grandson of Thomas Hawkins, Sr. and Lucretia Dyars, son of Thomas Hawkins, Jr. and Ellinder Williams Hawkins.

Born in 1838 in Rutherford County, NC., his father came down to North Carolina from Virginia where his grandparents landed when they came to America from England about 1802.

He was a veteran of the Civil War. In 1836, he married Julia Ann Winn from the same community. They settled in the Boiling Springs area of Cleveland County where they raised their family of ten children.

The old home place still stands and has been restored by one of the grandchildren who lives there now.

He was one of our pioneer Baptist ministers. Along with his active ministry, he farmed to make a living. He helped organize and build several churches in the county, serving as pastor at Sandy Plains, Mount Sinai, Walls Church at Ellenboro and others near by.

We found records in church histories, Bibles, family legal records, Kings Mountain Baptist Association Minutes, and families who remembered.

In his early ministry churches were small, crude buildings, unheated and poorly kept. He was faithful to his conviction sometimes riding a mule to his church and walking miles to get there.

His wife died some few years before he did, and he lived on by himself to reach eighty years. They are both buried at Boiling Springs Cemetery.

Their children: Preston P. Hawkins, 1858, married Susan Smith; William Thomas Hawkins 1861, married Nancy Blanton and Ellen Blanton; Arminda Hawkins, 1862, married Burel B. Blanton; John Henderson Hawkins, 1864, married Hattie Hughes; Callie K. Hawkins, 1867, married George I. Morehead; Dora Hawkins, 1869, married Columbus Ciaro Lovelace; Octovia Evelyn Hawkins, 1871, mar-

ried J. Luke Green; Joseph S. Hawkins, 1873, married Eliza Etta Smith; Governor Vance Hawkins, 1875, married Olive Blanton, second marriage to Bessie Gladden; Robert Newton Hawkins, 1877-1897, was never married.

Most of their children spent their entire lives in Boiling Springs and most of them raised good size families.

There are quite a few older Hawkins families in this county but we do not know how closely related they are.

Robert Newton Hawkins (1897-1978) was a member of the fifth generation that we have a record of. He was a son of John Henderson Hawkins and Hattie Hughes Hawkins and was born in the same area of Cleveland County that his fore fathers helped settle.

He went to school at Boiling Springs High School, which is Gardner Webb College now. He taught in the county schools a few years later and he worked for the Ford Motor Company. Later he joined Metropolitan Life Insurance Company as a sales representative, from which he retired.

He lived all his married life in Shelby where he and his wife Mildred Cabiniss Hawkins raised one son, Robert Lawson Hawkins, who lives in Raleigh, where he has been employed by the Raleigh School System for the past 25 years. He married Ann Moorehead and they have three children: Steven of Raleigh, Jim of the Air Force in Missouri, and Nancy Lynn married Carter Freeze and they live in Shelby, NC.

Robert Newton Hawkins had one brother, Clyde Hawkins (1895-1964) he married Bertha Spencer, A sister, Orla Mae Hawkins 1900 married Wilburn Putnam. He was a member of First Baptist Church of Shelby, when he died he was buried in Sunset Cemetery.

— M.C. Hawkins

THE HAYWOOD FAMILY

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The Haywood family name is well known in North Carolina history. Haywood County was named for John Haywood who served as treasurer of North Carolina for forty years.

Two descendants of the Haywood family are present-day residents of Cleveland County. Brothers, Gerald Wayne Witherspoon of Shelby and Philip Warren Witherspoon of Kings Mountain were reared in Richmond County on a farm that has been in their mother's family for generations.

The Haywood family of Montgomery County and later of Richmond County were descendants of Byrd Haywood, born in Virginia about 1750, who came to North Carolina as a young man. One of his five sons was James, born about 1793. James' son, James Duncan, born in 1821, married Sarah Ann McDonald on April 3, 1855.

The years 1870-1880 brought changes to the family of James Duncan and Sarah Haywood. They sold their lands in Montgomery County and moved to Richmond County. A family source said that James and Sarah made this move because they had heard that Richmond County was to begin public school edu-

cation. James donated an acre of land to build the first public school in Richmond County. The building still stands near the family home-site.

When the family of James Duncan and Sarah moved to Richmond County in 1874 they lived in a log house between Rockingham and Ellerbe. Later the unmarried sons, Joe and Zack, built a new house on the same site. As the other children grew to adulthood they settled nearby. Most of the family is buried at the Haywood Cemetery across the road from the original homesite.

James Martin Haywood, the oldest son of James Duncan, was born in Montgomery County on December 1, 1862. He married Nancy Catherine Covington of Richmond County. They had 11 children, the fourth being Willie Alice. She grew up to be a beautiful young teacher, teaching in one room schools until her marriage to a red-headed farmer from Darlington County, South Carolina. He was Thomas Franklin Witherspoon, a descendant of the Witherspools from Scotland who settled in Williamsburg County, South Carolina in 1734 and the same Witherspoon family from whom John Witherspoon, signer of the Declaration of Independence, descended.

Willie Alice and Thomas Franklin moved to the Haywood farm in Richmond County after living in Clarendon County, South Carolina and in Rockingham, North Carolina for several years. They reared and educated six children on the family farm. Two of these six are presently residing in Cleveland County.

Philip Warren Witherspoon, born July 18, 1936, attended Rockingham public schools and Wingate College. He served in the Army from 1958-1960. After completing his military duty, he came to Cleveland County, married Patricia Goforth Ware, later adopting her two sons, Charles Edmond and Patrick Alan. Their daughter, Wanda Lynn, was born February 13, 1964. Charles is now married to Lynn Watson and they reside in Charlotte.

Philip has been very active in Cleveland County activities. He is presently Captain of Kings Mountain Police Reserve, Director of Kings Mountain Sertoma Club, Kings Mountain Booster Club, and Treasurer of Improved Order of Redmen.

Gerald Wayne Witherspoon was born on December 26, 1937. He married Mary Yvonne Chappell of Rockingham and they moved to Cleveland County in 1976. Their two sons are now married. Gerald Wayne Witherspoon, Jr. married Cynthia Hord from Mooresboro and they are living in Maxton, North Carolina. David Brian married Regina Scholl from Rockingham, North Carolina and they are making their home in Rockingham.

Gerald has been very active in Cleveland County activities. He is presently Chairman of the Administrative Board of Lafayette Street United Methodist Church, President of Piedmont Shrine Club, Past President of Shelby Optimist Club, and Director of Resident Lenders of North Carolina. He has officiated high school football for a number of years. He is a Charter Member of Cleveland Horse Association and was Show Chairman of the first two shows put on in the new facilities that he

helped build at the fairgrounds. He is also a Committee Member of Scout Troop 105.

Sources: Haywood, Dr. Hubert; The Haywood Family U.S. Census; 1790; 1800; 1850; 1860; 1870 Record of Deeds; 1868-1877, Vols. 22, 23, 24

— Jean Witherspoon Hawkins (Mrs. Leo F.)

BROADUS and JOANN HEATHERLY

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Broadus Heatherly was born September 10, 1930 to Sunnie Henson and Joseph Paul Heatherly, a farmer and textile worker, in Union County, South Carolina. He is one of eight children born to this couple.

His Grandfather, Squire Joe Heatherly, was a native North Carolinian. It was said of him that he always had great love for North Carolina and a prayer that one of his eight sons would become a minister. Perhaps Broadus, a Grandson, being a Baptist Minister serving churches in North Carolina is the fulfillment of this dream and prayer.

He is married to JoAnn Mathis, (June 29, 1950) daughter of Viola Jones and Grady Mathis. JoAnn, the oldest of five children was born October 9, 1933 in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Her father died when she was a baby and she was brought up by her stepfather, Julius Ford the father of the two younger brothers and two younger sisters.

JoAnn and Broadus are the parents of one son, Terry Heatherly, now living in Summer-ville, West Virginia and a daughter, Cheryl Billings now living in Shelby, North Carolina. The couple have three grandchildren.

Broadus attended Union County Schools (South Carolina), North Greenville Junior College and holds a B.S. Degree in psychology from the Baptist College at Charleston, South Carolina. He did his graduate work at the University of South Carolina, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and South Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Pastoral Care.

He was ordained to the gospel ministry on June 1956 by West Springs Baptist Church a rural church in Union County, South Carolina. He was in his second year of college when ordained.

During his ministry he has served Sulphur Springs Baptist Church in Union County, Rehoboth and Cherokee Falls Baptist Churches in Cherokee County (South Carolina) and First Baptist Church of St. Stephen, in Berkley County, South Carolina.

The Heatherly's came to the pastorate of Mount Sinai Baptist Church, located in the southern tip of Cleveland County, in June 1972. They readily admit that this is the best community and the best church they have ever served.

They have always been active in community and civic activities and have always cooperated with the Baptist Association State Convention and Southern Baptist Convention wherever they have served.

JoAnn attended Union County (South Carolina) public schools, Cecils Business College of Spartanburg, South Carolina and Shelby, Commercial College, Shelby, North Carolina.

Among her work experiences she served as Secretary to the Principal of Macedonia High School in Moncks Corner, South Carolina for six years and more recently Office Manager for Shelby Concrete Products, Inc. in Shelby, North Carolina.

JoAnn's hobbies include reading, swimming and collecting souvenir tea cups. Broadus enjoys traveling, collecting items with sentimental attachments and walking. However, the two agree that their favorite pastime is visiting and playing with the three grandchildren.

Sources: Personal

— Broadus Heatherly

CHARITY CAROLINE LOVE HENDRICK

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Charity Caroline Love Hendrick was my great-great grandmother. She was the daughter of Charles and Fereby Ingram Love and was born in 1805 in what was then Rutherford County, North Carolina, but since 1841 has been Cleveland County. One of four daughters and six sons, she came from a family that was industrious and had accumulated some wealth, especially in property, but as shown by a gift of her brother James Love, they had not done it only for selfish reasons. This brother, on August 11, 1841, soon after the formation of Cleveland County from Lincoln and Rutherford counties, donated for a county seat to be named for the Revolutionary hero, Colonel Shelby, a piece of land, 147 acres, "more or less" and designated certain plots thereof to be used for the building of a church for each of the four denominations then existing in this part of the country, and also for a courthouse and a school.

Charity was married to William (Bill) Hendrick, who was born in Virginia in 1801, and had moved to the then Rutherford County (later Cleveland) with his parents, who were seeking good Farming land. To this union of Bill and Charity were born eight children. The



Charity Caroline Love Hendrick, 1805-1884.

couple purchased four hundred acres of land near what is now the north edge of the town of Shelby. Part of the land comprised the site of the present Cleveland Memorial Hospital. Later, having sold this property, they bought the Tom Elliott Farm, known as the J. Mack Green Old Homestead at Double Shoals and lived there for several years. Bill died March 24, 1859, at the age of 59 years, 9 months. Charity died July 21, 1884, at the age of 79 years, 3 months, and 26 days. She and her husband were both buried at Double Shoals in a burial ground which has since become a part of the cemetery of the Double Shoals Baptist Church. Their grave stones carry the above dates.

Charity was always known as a good, kind and peace-loving citizen. She was generous and a good neighbor to all, sharing many things she had with others. She was never too busy to help a friend or neighbor in sickness or trouble. She maintained a spacious and beautiful home. She was thrifty, industrious, and her home was dedicated to the rearing of her children as good citizens and for the help of those who needed the family's help. Her family attended Zion Baptist Church, either walking the three miles there, or going by buggy.

Just looking at Charity's portrait and reflecting on the things people have told me about her, lead me to believe she was a lovely lady with many admirable qualities that endeared her to those who knew her. As an early American woman, she participated in many activities for the good of her community and her country. She served her generation well and left a goodly heritage. I'm proud that Charity Caroline Love Hendrick was my ancestor.

LANDMARKS!

Landmarks! Landmarks! Our ancient landmarks do not destroy
With delight we'll view them, hold dear, and enjoy.

Our old County Courthouse has been transformed into an educational museum

Filled with pictures of leaders and interesting articles long used

Here young and old search things of the past
These indelible impressions on the mind will always last
And from them is derived pleasure so vast.

The old cream brick church with its melodious chimes
Calls us to worship so many times
Its many spires point to the clear blue sky
One cannot but gaze as he passes by
At the beautiful stained glass windows sparkling in the bright sun
For here so many new lives have begun.

Another landmark is known as the banker's house
It is of "Second Empire" — style that features a central mansard roof tower.

It looks like an ancient castle of renown
With many windows, gables, and a balcony
Indeed it is the most unique house in town.

Beyond the river is an old homeplace
Made of hand hewn logs and field stones for chimney and fireplace

It has been preserved and used by a family clan
It will not be removed if all stick to the plan
There they meet for fellowship year after year
With fond recollections they hold so dear

Another two story beauty I want to tell about
It will stand another hundred years, no doubt.
Of bricks brought by flatboat from Charleston, though originally from England
Of course, some of the bricks were made of clay from this land.

Landmarks! Landmarks! I'm happy, so happy, that some still remain,
Despite weather conditions, wind, sun, lightning, and rain!

Frances Brydges Hamrick
(Mrs. R. Hubbard Hamrick)

GEORGE HENDRICK FAMILY

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George Hendrick, was the oldest child of Thomas Hendrick and wife Mary (Polly) Newton Hendrick. He was born in Virginia, November 2, 1794, and died September 8, 1862. He was first married to Miss Eddie Sizemore of Virginia; she was born November 1791, and died September 9, 1849. To them were born nine children, to-wit:

Jim Hendrick, born in Virginia, April 12, 1817, died November 7, 1881. He married Elizabeth (Betty) Glasco on September 27, 1838. She was a daughter of Thomas Glasco, and a sister of Henry Glasco. She was born April 12, 1811, and died September 29, 1898. (Henry Glasco was the father of Oliver and Will Glasco.) Jim Hendrick and wife bought a large farm and settled on the west side of Old County Line Road between Shelby and Fallston and adjoining the homestead of his brother Bedford Hendrick. This old homestead of Jim Hendrick was later known as the Charley Royster homestead. Jim Hendrick was buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Jim Hendrick and wife Elizabeth (Betty) Glasco had four children, as follows:

Julia Hendrick, born August 27, 1839. She married George Washington Dellinger and they had seven children, as follows: Elizabeth Dellinger married Frank Royster; Zuela Dellinger married Alex Dellinger; Mark Dellinger married daughter of Isaac Newton; Andrew Jackson Dellinger, Eugene Dellinger, Ada Dellinger.

E. Sidney Hendrick, born October 27, 1841; died in prison at Point Lookout in 1863; died single.

Elizabeth Hendrick, born December 12, 1845, died August 26, 1896, was a second wife of Pink Petty and had two children: James Fennell Petty and Elzata Petty, both died in infancy.

James Crowder Hendrick, born August 31, 1848, died October 24, 1924, married Betsy Sallie Ford on October 18, 1868. She was born February 28, 1846, and died August 24, 1916, both were buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. They had seven children: Amanda Salula Hendrick, born July 15, 1869, married Columbus C. Grigg, son of Billy Grigg and wife Susan Costner Grigg. They had 8 children: Carra, Theodore, Arthur, Idona, Edgar, Macy, Bessie and Mamie. Rochell Lee Hendrick, born January 1, 1871, married Nursa Costner, daughter of William Costner and Martha Howell. They had six children as follows: Verta Lee Hendrick, born July 7, 1900; Andrew Ford Hendrick, born January 23, 1902, married Beuna Borders, daughter of Jack Borders; Charles Wesley Hendrick, born July 23, 1905, married Vera Dellahay; Emma Francis Hendrick, born January 19, 1908, married June 20, 1931, to Robert Agnew; John Rochell Hendrick, born August 17, 1912, married Dorothy Leonard; James Walter Hendrick, born August 26, 1916, married Nina Kirby.

Sidney Columbus Hendrick, born October 3, 1873, married Cloe Harrelson, daughter of Dan Harrelson, and they have ten children: Orrin, Floy, Harrill, Madaline, Mable, Eva,

Fred, Sidney, Herbert and Elizabeth. James Andrew Hendrick, born December 20, 1877, married Ellen Moss, daughter of Jefferson Moss, and they have one daughter, Kate Hendrick; Mary Lucinda Hendrick, born February 27, 1880, married A. Pressley Smith, son of H. Mack Smith. They had five children: Grace, Foister, Alvin, Austin and Clara. Solon Embery Hendrick, born January 7, 1886, married Bessie Shytle, daughter of Bud Shytle. They had five children: Paul, Verna, Sue, Seth, Carroll and Ben; Mittie Elizabeth Hendrick, born June 17, 1888, married James Abernathy. They had two children, Wilbur and Walton Sherrill, who died in infancy.

Andred Ford Hendrick, born January 23, 1902, married Beuna Borders, who had five children: Andrew Ford Hendrick, Jr., born 1925, married Jean Lorraine Dockery, born 1927, and have three children: Pamela Gail Hendrick, born 1948, married Gary Haaby; Andrew Ford Hendrick III, born 1951, married Karen Esther Hege; Mark Everette Hendrick, born 1958; Joseph Rochell Hendrick, born 1927, married Mary Ann Teele, and have one child, Joseph Rochell Hendrick; William Thomas Hendrick, born 1930, married Sandra McGinnis, and have three children, Lisa Hendrick, Lynn Hendrick, Laura Hendrick; Jack Borders Hendrick, born 1933, married Barbara Matheny, born 1938; Edward Lee Hendrick, born 1937, married Barbara Harris, born 1941.

— Andrew Ford Hendrick III
and Mark Everett Hendrick

Source: Family knowledge.

CHARITY MARY SPANGLER HENDRICK

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Charity Mary Spangler, the oldest child of Abson Dixon "Dick" Spangler and Nana Patience Green Spangler was born December 28, 1888 in the Double Shoals Community of Cleveland County, North Carolina.

On March 5, 1911, at the age of twenty-two, she married Chesley Hendrick, a widower with three children from his first marriage. Chesley lived just a little over a mile from Mary's homeplace and Mary joined him there to take on the responsibilities of an already made family plus raise a family of her own.

Chesley, born May 17, 1884, was the son of Alfred A. Hendrick and Mary Lucinda Marshall Ann Royster. His first wife was LaVada Hendrick who died July 16, 1907. Mary and Chess were married almost forty-three years before he died December 16, 1953. Mary died July 11, 1967. To this union six children were born.

Beatrice Hendrick married Sherrill Hamrick. They had three children; Sherrill Jr., C.L. and Cynthia Hamrick. Sherrill Jr. married Geraldine Mode and they have two children; Milbern Lee and Kimberly Geraldine Hamrick. C.L. is not married. Cynthia has an adopted daughter Janet Hamrick.

Austin Delphia Hendrick, born April 25, 1915, died July 1915, age three months.

C.S. Hendrick married Clisty Revella Hoyle.

There were four children to this union; Bobby Gene, Clemmie Randall, Sadie Rose and Terecita Susann. Bobby married Joyce Ridings and they have a son Jerry Keith. Randall married Julia Ann Dellinger and they have a son Jeffrey Scott Hendrick. Sadie married J.L. Lail and they have two children, Marty Alan and Michael Scott Lail. Susann married David Camp.

Alfred Dixon Hendrick married Dora Whitaker and they have two children; Linda Dianne and Lewis Dixon "Dickie" Hendrick. Dianne married Wray Larry Black and they have two children; Kimberly Ann and Christopher Wray Black. Dickie Hendrick is single.

Milbern Yates Hendrick, born August 10, 1924, died in 1945 at the age of twenty-one.

Mary Ruth Hendrick married Lester Furman Crenshaw, Jr. They have two children; Lester Furman Crenshaw III and Mary Ann Crenshaw. Lester III will marry Becky Porterfield on April 18, 1982. Mary Ann is married to Javen Arthur Haney, Jr. and they have one child, Bryan Wesley Haney.

Children of Chesley and his first wife LaVada Gardner Hendrick were America Hendrick, Doyle Hendrick and Gola Ophelia Hendrick, who remained single.

America Hendrick married C. Ray Wilson and they had three daughters; Betty, Nancy and Janice. Betty married Harvey R. Cook and they have two children, Harvey Jr. and Deborah Cook and their children are Jody Ray Cook, Christopher A. Cook and Adam and Michael Steven Hilton. Nancy married Ramond Dawson and they have one child Tiyna Renee Dawson. Janice married Glenn McKee and they have five children; Dennis, Jerry, Randy, Barry and Mary McKee, and one grandchild, Philip Shane McKee.

Doyle Hendrick married Louella Wright and they had six children; William Alan "Billy", Joyce Marshall Ann, Mary Alice, Conon Doyle Hendrick, Jr., and Jaunita Hendrick. Billy married Betty Strickland and they have two sons, William Alan Jr. "Buddy" and Wayne Hendrick, who is married to Robin Leonhart and they have a daughter Tina. Joyce married John Allen Strickland and they have three children; Shelia, Pam and Cheryl (married to David Wayne Greene). Marshall Ann is married to Boyd Williams and they have two children; Toni and Randy Williams and four grandchildren — Tal and David Wallace sons of Toni Williams and husband Richard Wallace, and Kim and Susan Williams, daughters of Randy and Kathy Costner Williams. Mary Alice married/divorced Farrell Laughlin and there was a daughter Robin and a son David. Robin is married to Larry Bivens and they have two children, Jimmy and Ashley. C.D. Hendrick Jr. is married to Nell Gold and they have four children; Mischia, who is married to Al T. Tinnin and they have a child Charity Tinnin; Karen, C.D. "Butch" III and Richie Hendrick. Jaunita married Billy Webb Hoyle and they have four children; Phyllis, Mickey, Dean and Dale and six grandchildren Richard, Mark and Andy Haynes, sons of Phyllis and Johnny Haynes; Chad and Josh Hoyle; sons of Mickey and Kay Green Hoyle; and Justin Hoyle, son of Dean and Ann Kimble Hoyle.

Chess and Mary Hendrick were members of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Highway 18 north of Shelby, and there they are buried in the church cemetery.

Source: personal knowledge.

— Beatrice Hamrick

ELIZABETH SARAH HERNDON FAMILY

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Elizabeth Sarah (1843-1908) was one of ten children born to George (1810-1879) and Mary Curreth Graham Herndon (1822-1904).

William H. married Emma Logan, and they had seven children: "Big" Pinkney, Gaffney, Benjamin, Sallie Herndon Hord, Jay Herndon Little, Alice Herndon Butler, and Mary Lizzie Herndon Ellis.

Frank married Agnes Falls, and they had eight children: Bun, Howard, Quinton, Clyde, Claude, Aliene Herndon Baldwin, Aquilla Herndon, and Estelle Herndon Mullinax.

Caroline (Carrie) married Sumpter C. Rattee, and they had four children: Bright, Pride, Jim, and Jasper.

John G. married Dovie Blanton, and their children were Lester, Earnest, Odus, Buella Herndon Parker, and Lula Herndon Logan.

Henderson was married to Jane Poston, and their children were Maxie, Lee, "Little" Pinkney, Hubert, Gaither, Pearl Herndon, and Edna Herndon.

George was married twice to Eliza Byrd and Martha Carroll. There were no children born to Martha, but Eliza had twelve children: Joe, Tom, Plato, Elmer, Byrd, Jim, Lala Herndon Crocker, Corrie Herndon Martin, Maggie Herndon Blalock, Emma Herndon Blalock, Julia Herndon Vick, and Flora Herndon Gordon.

Walter Anthony (1855-1923) was married to Pratt Fulton, and they were blessed with ten children: Frank, Mae Herndon Dover, Lizzie Lee Herndon Randle, Veilia Herndon Yarbrow, Ava Herndon McSwain, Enola Herndon Dover, Emmitt Herndon Yarbrow, Floyd, Elizabeth Herndon Logan, and Theodore.

Mary Eliza married Marcus Ware. They had three sons and two daughters. Leon was the only son mentioned by relatives and friends.

Ann Sophia married John Poston, and three daughters were born. Lizzie, who was never married, was the only daughter mentioned by our friends.

Elizabeth Sarah Herndon married my grandfather, Leonidas Marion Logan. They had seven children: George, William, Benjamin, Leonides, Bessie Logan Carter, Jane Logan Little, and my father, John Jackson Logan.

References to the Elizabeth Sarah Herndon and Leonidas Marion Logan family are in the sketches of the John R. and Sarah Jackson Logan family.

Members of this family are buried at Bethlehem, Kings Mountain, Grover, Elizabeth, and El Bethel cemeteries.

Sources: grave stones, family histories, interviews with relatives and friends.

— Lula Logan Hardin



Home of George Carruth Herndon, Circa 1878.

THE GEORGE CARRUTH HERNDON FAMILY

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The origins of the Herndon family of Cleveland County, N.C. began in New Kent County, Virginia (near Charlottesville) and before that in Kent County, England. There are several different spellings of the name.

The name first appears in extant records in the year 833. It continues today as a community or estate name in five localities in County Kent, England.

Among the names inscribed on the roll of Battle Abbey as having come with William the Conqueror into Britain in 1066, is that of Heiron. He is the ancestor of the family of Herons. One branch of the family, probably to distinguish it from another, assumed the suffix "don", which according to some means "Heron of the Hill" and to others "Heron of the Valley".

In 1193, a member of the family journeyed with Richard I to the Holy Land for his escutcheon is carved on a stone gateway in the city of Rhodes. A modification of these arms, argent, a heron volant azure, between three escollops sable, is also found in stained glass in Lincoln Inn Chapel, London.

The first Herndon in the New World whom we have authentic record is William Herndon (1649-1722) m Catherin Diggs. He patented lands in St. Stephens Parish, New Kent County, Virginia in Feb. 1674.

From this family there came Edward, b 1678, and married to Mary Waller; John (1700-1786) m Sarah Pomfret; Joseph b 1743; John (1774-1851) in Charlotte County, Virginia, m Elizabeth Mealer.

As early as March 1803 this John, son of Joseph, had purchased from Thomas Beatty for 70 pounds, N.C. currency, 84 acres near Beaver Dam Creek on the west side of the Catawba River in Lincoln County, N.C. He later sold this property, evidently without ever having lived there, and he and Elizabeth located in

Rutherford County and later Cleveland County, N.C. Their home was situated about six miles north of Shelby. There he died in 1851 and was buried on the plantation.

Among the children born to this union was George Herndon (1810-1879) in Charlotte County, Virginia. He married Mary Carruth Graham (1877-1904) and they lived near White Plains, N.C. (later renamed Kings Mountain).

George Carruth Herndon was born of this parentage March 18, 1852 in Cleveland County, N.C. He was married to Mary Eliza Bird who was born near Antioch Church in Cherokee County, S.C., and is buried in Bethlehem Churchyard. He married second Martha Carroll and moved to Union Level, Virginia where he died August 6, 1924 and is buried in Bethany Churchyard, Baskerville, Virginia. No issue from the second marriage.

George Carruth Herndon was a great grandson of Major John Carruth who assisted in laying off Cleveland County.

In c 1878 George and Eliza built the first known brick house in the Kings Mountain area. It was on Bethlehem Road where Phifer Road dead-ends, and had a French Mansard slate roof with Masonic emblems carved above the upstairs windows. This house was the birthplace of their twelve children, three of them to become well-known Kings Mountain citizens — two of them mayors. The others went to South Carolina and Va.

This house has had a magic appeal to all the family through the years. Although it stood vacant and neglected for many years, we brought our children from many miles to walk through the house, sit on its upstairs window-seats and look out at the Blue Ridge Mountains fifty miles away. It was a sad day for us all when it was razed in the 1960's.

George and Eliza's twelve children, all blue-eyed and three red-heads, were as follows: Thomas; Margaret (Maggie) m Jim Blalock; Lala m Jason Crocker; Emma m William Blalock; Marion Elmer; Julia m Charles Vick; Corrie

m Tom Martin; Joe; Plato; Bird; James Edward; Flora m Edward Gordon. As of 1981 all are deceased. But there are 33 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren.

Sources: *The Herndons of Virginia* by Dr. John Goodwin Herndon *Herndon Family Heritage Book* by Beatrice Bagley to be published soon. Mauney Memorial Library Carolina Room files, Kings Mountain, N.C.

— Hazel Herndon Fryer

JOHN GRAHAM and CORDOVIA BLANTON HERNDON

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John Graham Herndon (1847-1928) was born & grew up in the Bethlehem Community. Mr. Herndon volunteered in the service of the Confederacy, going with the last call of 17

years old and serving only a short while in the war.

After his service in the Civil War, he spent some time selling clocks in the Fayetteville & Cumberland County area, using a horse drawn wagon for transportation. In 1879 he married Dovie Blanton and they lived for a short while in the Bethlehem Community. Then, they moved to a farm near Grover, bordered by Buffalo Creek. This was land that had been in the Graham family (his maternal grandparents) for many years. Around 1907 they moved to the town of Grover. Their children were: twin daughters Beulah 1881-1966 married James L. Parker, Loula 1881-1966 married Hugh A. Logan 1877-1931, Lester 1883-1943 married Novella Bookout 1888-1977, Otis 1885-1964 married Pearl Roberts, Ernest 1892-1957 married Rena Bookout 1892-1965.

John Herndon was the son of George 1810-1878 and Mary Carruth Graham Herndon

1822-1904. He was a descendant of Major John Carruth of Revolutionary War fame. Dovie Blanton Herndon (1856-1952) was born in Polk County — daughter of Hill and Amanda Whitesides Blanton. When she was about 10 years old her family moved to Western Tennessee. Dovie returned to N.C. in 1875 and made her home with an uncle — Alex Wray. She married John Graham Herndon in 1879. They lived in the Grover and Bethlehem Communities. After her husband's death "Granny Herndon" continued to live at the homeplace and enjoyed her favorite pastimes — gardening and quilt making. Her family estimates that she pieced several hundred quilt tops during her lifetime. She spent the last nine years of her life confined to a wheelchair due to a hip injury, but continued her hobby of quilt making. Dovie Blanton Herndon is a descendant of Burwell Blanton, who served in the Revolutionary War.

Sources: Family records, D.A.R. & U.D.C. papers, cemetery records, "Herndon Family History" by John Herndon of Virginia, Newspaper.

— Mrs. Jacqueline Parker Davis

THE MARION ELMER HERNDON, SR. FAMILY

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Marion Elmer Herndon, Sr. was born January 16, 1884 (d. 1962) in the "Brick House", the first known brick house in the Kings Mountain area, built by his parents on Bethlehem Road about three miles from Kings Mountain. His parents were George Carruth Herndon and Mary Eliza Bird. George was born in Cleveland County in that vicinity, and Eliza came from around Antioch Church near Kings Mountain National Military Park.

After finishing high school at Mars Hill Academy, Mars. Hill, N.C., Elmer, red-headed and out-going, came to Kings Mountain and clerked in Plonk Brother's Store. He was determined not to farm as his father had done. A year or so later he attended a business college in Macon, Georgia. (There he roomed with D.C. Mauney and told us he talked of nothing but Sadie! The Sadie Mill was later organized and named for his wife.

When he returned home, some of the business men of the community asked him to organize a bank "for the farmers" and that they would back him. In 1906, at the age of 22, the People's Loan and Trust Company was organized and was located on the southwest corner of East Mountain and Cherokee Streets. The building was razed in the 1970's and in 1981 is a vacant lot.

Some years after the banks organization it was merged with Commercial Bank and Trust Company with the main bank in Gastonia and five branches in the surrounding towns. In the 1929 crash this chain went under and my father grieved as though he had lost one of his children — as indeed he felt he had.

My father first met my mother (b. 1889 d. 1935), a brunette who loved painting and drawing, when she was fourteen years old and he twenty. They met at the home of her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. M.M. Carpenter, who lived in a two-story white house on the present



Dovie Malinda Blanton and John Graham Herndon with their five children. Back row: twin girls, Loula (Mrs. H.A. Logan), Beulah (Mrs. J.L. Parker). The boys are: J. Lester, Otis and Ernest. The dog most always got in the pictures of the family.

(See photograph page 307)

In the summer of 1920, Robert Ransom Hewitt (April 13, 1887 — February 11, 1960) and Bertie Lee Rowe Hewitt (August 1, 1889 — October 21, 1970) with their three young children moved to Lattimore where he and Dr. R.L. Hunt established Hunt and Hewitt Co., a general mercantile business, which grew steadily until the economic depression of the early thirties.

To help sustain the family economically and educate the children, the Hewitts "raised the roof" of their home, which they had built in the late twenties, and added three bedrooms and a bath. This enabled them to provide rooms and meals for teachers of Lattimore High School. With two large vegetable gardens, fruit trees, grape and berry vines, livestock to furnish milk, butter, eggs, and meat, and much hard work by the family "Miss Bertie" provided meals that are remembered, not only for the quantity, but also for their quality.

The roots for both the Hewitt and Rowe families are in Germany. Both names have gone through changes in spelling. The German name Huyet became Huitt, Huit, and Hewitt. Rauch was changed to Rowe (with a short "o"). Both families settled in Pennsylvania and were among those who became known as the Pennsylvania "Dutch" (Duetsch in German). Both names are listed among those pioneer families who migrated in the mid to late 1700's to that section of North Carolina now known as Catawba, Rowan, and Lincoln counties. The Huyets (Hewitts) have been staunch, loyal members of the Lutheran Church, founder and supporter of Lenoir Rhyne College, "all the way back to Martin Luther" (a little inside family joke). Most members of the Rowe (Rauch) family have been members of the (German) Reform Church, founder and supporter of Catawba College in Salisbury, N.C.

When the Hewitts moved to Cleveland County, there was no Lutheran Church closer than Kings Mountain. Robert, his sister, Sallie (Mrs. Graham) Dellinger, and about a dozen other determined souls decided to correct that situation. They organized Ascension Lutheran Church and held their services wherever they could in the Presbyterian and Episcopal Churches, in the old high school and Marion School buildings until they were able to build the church on North Lafayette Street in Shelby.

Elizabeth Roberta Hewitt, the first of Robert and Bertie Hewitt's children, was born November 5, 1914. After graduating from Lattimore High School, she took her first two years of college work at Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C. then transferred to and graduated from U.N.C.-Greensboro. After two years of teaching English, she married Virgil Weathers, a graduate of the University of North Carolina. (See the William Thomas Weathers family history). She returned to teaching in 1962 and taught for eighteen years in the Cleveland County School System. Since they were married in 1937, Elizabeth and Virgil have made their home in Shelby. They have two daughters. Robbie (Roberta Rowe), born January



Marion Herndon, Sr., 1884-1962

site of the Post Office, and where he boarded.

While he worked to establish himself, she attended high school in town going on to Elizabeth College, Charlotte, N.C. She was graduated in Art in 1910. The college later moved to Salem, Virginia before it was finally closed and all records sent to Lenoir Rhyne College where they are today.

Elizabeth College was on the edge of town in those days, and I remember hearing my parents tell how my Dad rode the train on Sundays to see her. Once at the station he had to take a streetcar the rest of the way. The college was located where the Presbyterian Hospital is today, and I never pass there but what I think of my parents in their youth walking underneath those same big trees on Sunday afternoons.

They were married in a small home ceremony a year after she finished school, and lived in Kings Mountain until 1934 when they moved to Charlotte.

Both were active in civic, cultural and

church affairs, and were members of the First Baptist Church — which my grandmother Carpenter and two other ladies had organized around 1890. In 1927, my mother did a large oil painting of the Jordan River for the Baptistry. It remains there today.

Children born of this union were: George Anderson Herndon (1912); Hazel Hoke Herndon (1914), m. Frank Milton Fryer; Marion Elmer Herndon, Jr. (1919); Helen Frances Herndon, b. February 28, 1923 d. March 1, 1923.

There are eight grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Sources: *The Herndons of Virginia* by Dr. John Goodwin Herndon, *Herndon Family Heritage Book* by Beatrice Bagley to be published soon., *Counting Kindred* by E.L. and M.M. Deppen, *Carpenters A Plenty* by Robert Carpenter, soon to be published. Mauney Memorial Library Carolina Room files, Kings Mountain, N.C.

— Hazel Herndon Fryer





Lula Carpenter Herndon, 1890-1935.

26, 1941, is married to David A. Irvin, attorney. Their home is Winston-Salem, N.C. and they have two children, David Alexander (Alex) Irvin, Jr., born October 7, 1964, and Elizabeth Hewitt Irvin, born October 7, 1974. The younger Weathers daughter, Jane Hewitt, born October 26, 1946, is married to Richard W. Addis and they have a son, Richard W. Addis, Jr., born December 28, 1968. Jane is a teacher in the Shelby School System.

Robert R. Hewitt, Jr. was born October 19, 1916. After attending Appalachian State and the University of North Carolina, he settled in Suffolk, Va. where he married Frances M. Beaton. Their daughter, Sandra Rowe Hewitt, born September 18, 1943, and her husband Robert Frantz live in Virginia Beach, Va. The son (of Bob and Francis Hewitt), Robert R. Hewitt, III, born October 10, 1955, is headmaster of a private school in Suffolk, Va.

The third child of Robert and Bertie Hewitt, Polly (Bertie Pauline), born March 28, 1920, a graduate of Lenoir Rhyne College and a teacher of business education in Taylorsville, N.C., is married to William L. Warren. They have one daughter, Dottie (Dorothy Lee) McCurdy, born

December 16, 1947, who has one son, Woody (William Woodrow) Elder, born January 6, 1971.

An ancestor, the Reverend W.W. Rowe, closed "The Rowe Family Sketch" (see Sources) with these words:

We trust that this sketch will make all (the family) take a deeper interest in our family history and may none of us do anything that would bring discredit upon it . . . May we all take the things we have inherited from them (our forefathers) and use them for good in our community, county, state and church.

While the name Hewitt may not be among the FFC's (First Families of Cleveland County), to the children of Robert and Bertie, this proud and beautiful spot of North Carolina is home.

Sources: *Genealogy of Moses Monroe Huit*, Mrs. Albert Hewitt; *Ancestry and Genealogy of Pinkney E. Rowe*, compiled by Georgia Rowe Arlowe; *The Rowe Family*, by Rev. W.W. Rowe; *The Rowe Sketch* by Rev. W.W. Rowe, published in the *Catawba County News*, February 10, 1911.

— Elizabeth Hewitt Weathers



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RACHEL ANNETTE BROWN HIGH

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Rachel Annette Brown, daughter of William Thomas Brown and Fannie Jane Casey, was born February 12, 1924 at Cherryville, North Carolina. She married August 26, 1944, Samuel Alexander High, born September 15, 1921, Gaston County, son of Hubert H. High.

Rachel was graduated from Shelby High School in 1949, where she played basketball. She and Sam finished Gardner Webb in 1943 and Southwest Seminary, Texas in 1947. She did her graduate work at Towson State University, Towson, Maryland. She has taught in Baltimore County, Maryland since 1970.

Sam died March 5, 1981 in Baltimore, Maryland, and is buried at Salters Baptist Church, Maryland. He served as pastor in Texas, Maryland and North Carolina. He was Secretary of Training for the Southern Baptist Convention of Maryland from 1960 to 1972.

Rachel was a Children's Worker for the Southern Baptist Convention of North Carolina from 1947 to 1954 and for the Southern Baptist Convention of Maryland from 1954 to 1972. She authored periodicals for the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Rachel and Sam's children are:

Samala Annette born August 3, 1952, Garner, North Carolina; married November 29, 1975, Broadus Hocutt; lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mary Jane born January 4, 1955, Baltimore, Maryland; attended Mars Hill College; works with deaf in Washington, D.C.

Samuel Alexander High, Jr. born August 1, 1959, Baltimore, Maryland; lives in Baltimore.

— Mrs. John S. Blanton, Jr.

THE LAWRENCE EUGENE HINNANT FAMILY

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"Josh" Hinnant was born in Wake County, North Carolina, and attended Wendell public schools and the University of North Carolina. He served in the United States Army during World War II. His parents were Walter Robert and Alice Mayes Hinnant, both of whom were descended from eastern North Carolina families who came to this state in the seventeenth and early eighteenth centuries.



Bertie and Robert Hewitt.

Prior to coming to Kings Mountain he worked in the banking and retail fields in Raleigh. In August 1957, he married Virginia Summers, born 1927, of Kings Mountain. She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Frank R. Summers. Their two children are: Bonnie Frances, born December 10, 1959, a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, now employed by First National Bank, Shelby; and Walter Rickert, born April 9, 1961, a student at Wake Forest University.

Mr. Hinnant came to Kings Mountain in 1958 to work with First National Bank of Kings Mountain (now First Union National Bank). He is now vice president and city executive and a director of that bank. Now the president of the Kings Mountain Hospital Board of Trustees, he is also chairman of the Kings Mountain Indus-

trial Development Commission and a member of the board of the Kings Mountain Business Development Corporation. He has been a member of the board and several times president of the Kings Mountain Country Club.

Now in his third term as a member of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Hinnant is first vice president of the Cleveland County Board of the Council on Aging, and has been a member of the Social Services and Mental Health Boards.

The Hinnants are members of St. Matthews Lutheran Church where he has been a member and Vice Chairman of the church council several times. Mrs. Hinnant is organist at that church and has been active in Lutheran Church Women and Sunday School work. She is a graduate of Salem College and the University

of North Carolina. She is now president of the Kings Mountain Garden Club and has held offices at the local and district levels of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

— Mrs. L.E. Hinnant

BESS GARDNER HOEY

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Bess Gardner Hoey, the eighth child of Dr. O.P. Gardner and Margaret Young Gardner, was born in Shelby, North Carolina and lived there all her life except for the four years spent in the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh from January 1937-1941. Her age was a well-kept secret, and was not even recorded on her tombstone. She attended Shelby Female College until age 16 when she left school to keep house for her widowed father. On March 22, 1900 she married Clyde Roark Hoey. They had three children: Clyde R. Hoey, Jr. Charles A. Hoey, and Isabel Young Hoey Paul.

Bess Hoey was the only woman in the history of the State whose brother and husband each served as Governor of North Carolina. She was a leader in the civic, educational, social and religious life of Shelby and the State. She was an active and dedicated member of Central Methodist Church, and was the first President of the Twentieth Century Club of Shelby. "She was especially interested in helping the underprivileged and in inspiring young people to the higher and nobler things of life." (*Shelby Daily Star*).

"Miss Bess," as she was called, was known as "one of the most gracious first ladies of the Mansion in Raleigh and was more widely and intimately known by more people than any other woman in North Carolina." (*The Cleveland Times*) She created an atmosphere of dignity and simplicity in which all were welcomed and quickly came to feel at ease. She was known as the first orator among the governors' wives and was in demand over the state for her eloquent speechmaking. "She distinguished herself as a humanitarian, a hostess, a lover of gardening and people, and was one of the most lovable women who ever graced the state's capitol. She stressed beautification of roadsides and communities, expressed firm belief in a strict temperance code and took a firm stand on women in the role of motherhood and as homemakers, citing them as 'the molders of human souls and builders of any nation.' She urged clubwomen to stretch out helping hands to young people preparing for life. She campaigned to bring cleanliness and beauty to the state" (Grace Hamrick in *THE FIRST LADIES OF N.C.*) and set in motion a plan to make North Carolina more beautiful with plantings of dogwood, red bud, yellow jasmine, rhododendron and laurel along North Carolina roadsides.

"Miss Bess" established the first greenhouse for exotic flowers at the State Penitentiary and trained prisoners to grow unusual varieties for use in the mansion. She loved flowers and had an extensive and varied garden at her home in Shelby. During the growing season she had fresh flowers in the house each day. "A brilliant reminder of her love for beauty appears each fall at Sunset Cemetery in



Children of Robert and Bertie Hewitt. L to R: Virgil Weathers (husband of Elizabeth), Robert, Jr., Frances B. (wife of Robert, Jr.), Elizabeth H., Polly H.

Shelby in the splendor of sugar maple trees which were planted when she was president of the Shelby Civic League in 1907." (Hamrick in FIRST LADIES OF N.C.)

"Miss Bess" taught the Bess Hoey Bible Class at Central Methodist Church for many years. On September 13, 1953 the Bess Hoey Memorial United Methodist Church was dedicated to her memory. This church is located just outside Shelby near a piece of property where the Hoeyes had planned to build a home.

"In 1934, her interest in amateur theatricals caused her to live in the hills, study the natives and learn to smoke a corn cob pipe to prepare for the role of Mom Cagle in a production of Lula Vollmer's 'Sun-Up.' She gained many accolades for her performance." (Hamrick in FIRST LADIES OF N.C.)

An editorial in the *Asheville Citizen* at her death on February 13, 1942 described Bess Gardner Hoey as "dramatic to the very core of her being. She loved people and was at home equally with the humble and the great. Blessed with an unfailing sense of humor, an excellent memory for people, and an inquiring mind, she was truly a helpmate to the distinguished man whose honors she shared so long and intimately." And from the *Shelby Daily Star*, "The world has been made sweeter by 'Miss Bess' having lived It was a joy to be in the presence of Mrs. Hoey's wholesome, radiant personality. Her sympathies were as broad as her acquaintance. Her buoyant cheerful spirit inspired her friends and her sound philosophy of life made it good to be in her presence Many a time she went about 'doing good' when her physical heart was tired, but her spiritual heart was ready and willing to help others."

And finally, as noted on her tombstone, she was "radiant in life, triumphant in death."

Sources: Family records.

— Charlotte Hoey Mansfield

CHARLES AYCOCK HOEY

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A native of Shelby, Charles Aycock Hoey was born on September 17, 1902, the second son of Clyde Roark Hoey and Bess Gardner Hoey. His brother, Clyde Roark Hoey, Jr., made his permanent residence in Canton, N.C., and his sister, Isabel Hoey Paul, lived in Raleigh, N.C.

As a young man, Charles worked in the local Ford garage as a mechanic. He attended N.C. State College, but after one semester decided to return to Shelby to go into business for himself. He opened his own car dealership, selling Hudson and Essex cars. These were depression years, few people had money to buy cars, and the business proved to be unsuccessful. However, he was able to sell the dealership, and joined J.D. Lineberger in real estate. Eventually he bought Mr. Lineberger's share in the real estate business, added insurance, and incorporated the business that was later known as Charles A. Hoey, Inc., Insurance & Real Estate.

Charles was married to Mary Gidney, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Robert Maney Gidney of Shelby, N.C., on August 18, 1926. They had three children: Elizabeth, Charlotte, and Clyde R. Hoey, II. Charles died on January 27, 1961 and was buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, N.C.

The Hoey homeplace where he grew up was on East Marion Street. Charles loved to tell the story of how he would eat breakfast at his house and then go next door to have breakfast again at his grandmother's house.

Charles Hoey was an astute businessman and had a genuine concern for Shelby and Cleveland County. He was a Director of First Federal Savings & Loan, a member of the Board of Directors of Cleveland Memorial Hospital, a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, and was very active in recruiting new industries for this area. Many nights Charles and several other business men of the town would

gather on the benches outside the Cleveland Drug Company — to joke, to talk sports, to discuss business, and to talk over community problems. It sometimes seemed that more business deals were consummated and more decisions concerning the town were made in those talks outside the drug store than occurred during the business day or in formal meetings.

He was a member of Central Methodist Church and served on the Board of Stewards. He was Church Treasurer at the time when the note for the church was paid in full. He was interested in the means of communication used by the different ministers and the effects on the budget, and commented on the doubling of the postage budget during the term of one minister who communicated through thoughtfully written letters.

"Vacation" was not a part of Charles' life. Rarely was he away from the office for relaxation. He enjoyed a game of golf on Sunday afternoons and occasionally on a Wednesday afternoon, but he derived his greatest pleasure and satisfaction from his business. He bought a farm in the eastern part of the country in the early 1940's and enjoyed planning the management of that farm with his tenant.

Charles used a unique method of discipline with his children which rarely required his giving a negative answer. If a request was made to go somewhere or do something that he didn't quite approve, his reply would be, "You can go if you really want to, but I'd rather you didn't, and if you don't, I'll make it up to you." With that kind of answer it was always impossible to go, and he always kept his word with the granting of a future request.

Charles was a little over six feet tall with a slightly receding hairline. He remembered stories and loved to tell them, always ending them with his resounding laugh. Although he had little formal education, he was an avid reader of business and political writings, and had a wide knowledge about many areas of everyday life. When consulted about problems, he was a good listener, and attempted to give his best judgment when it was sought. He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and we regret that he died before our children were old enough to know and remember him.

The following excerpt from an editorial written at the time of his death summarizes the man that he was: "The people of Shelby will miss the pleasing personality and infectious laughter of Charles Hoey. Son of an illustrious father, Mr. Hoey was a successful and respected businessman in his town. He was a man who loved the community and contributed greatly to its progress. Mr. Hoey took an active part not only in the business but the civic and church life of Shelby. His business experience, judgment and intelligence equipped him for many tasks which required time and energy given unselfishly. Shelby has lost one of its most substantial citizens in his death and the organizations with which he was connected have lost a valuable asset."

Sources: Family records.

— Charlotte Hoey Mansfield
and Clyde R. Hoey, II





Charles Aycock Hoey

CICERO ALBERTA HOEY

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Born August 14, 1897, Cicero Alberta Hoey was, according to a publication by Eckerd's Drug Company, "a Wilmington, Delaware landmark since 1916 having migrated from Shelby, North Carolina." Upon retirement after 25 years of service with Eckerd he was said to be "not only a star salesman at the drug counter, but his ingratiating manner had made his a familiar and outstanding personality with

his "Y" come, and see us soon, y' hear" having become an unforgettable trademark."

The pharmacy business was a third career for Cicero. The first was acquiring the agency for the Moon and Diana. "You may have heard of the Moon, but how many people do you meet who ever heard of the Diana? It was a car thirty years ahead of its time. It was impressive, beautiful. It sold for \$2,600. That was a bit steep in those days (about 1927). The ones who could afford it, I guess, it was too far ahead of its time for them. They went for Packards, Pierce Arrows, not enough of them

for Dianas. It went broke." (Quote from Tom Malone's column "This Bears Mention", Wilmington, Delaware — 1968).

But the automobile business was operated along with his second career in the real estate profession as a self-employed broker. He continued his own business for ten years, followed by five years with the real estate firm of William V. Montgomery and Sons, Inc.

Uncle Cicero married the former Catherine Cunningham. They had two children, Ruth (Mrs. Robert Lautz of Carrcroft, Wilmington, Delaware) and Franklin J. Hoey. Grandchildren are Susan Lautz, Deborah Hoey (Mrs. Thomas Ringdall), and Robert Lautz, Jr. Until his death July 18, 1979, Northerners teased him with, "You're not giving me a lot of hoey?" The name is pronounced that way and he always laughed, "I'm 82 years old and they think its original."

— Eleanor Hoey Bradshaw

CLYDE ROARK HOEY

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Clyde Roark Hoey was born in Shelby, North Carolina on December 11, 1877 to Samuel Alberta and Mary Charlotte Roark Hoey. His father was a captain in the Confederate Army. His grandfather, Samuel Johnson Hoey, of Union County, South Carolina, was a lawyer, who graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1819.

Until he was twelve, young Clyde attended the schools of that era, some of them one-teacher schools. Then, because of his father's poor health he quit to become a printer's "devil" on the *Shelby Aurora*. He had taken full advantage of his schooling, for he received a prize with this notation: "To little Clyde, for learning the multiplication tables at the early age of six years."

After working on the *Aurora* for a short time, he went to the *Charlotte Observer* as a full printer. While there, having learned that the *Shelby Review* was for sale, he made arrangements to buy the paper. So, at the age of sixteen, he began publishing his own newspaper, which he named *The Cleveland Star* (now the *Shelby Daily Star*). During this time he also read law. With one summer session at the University of North Carolina in 1899, he took the State Bar examination, and was licensed to practice law in September of that year. His law practice and his entrance into politics caused him to give up editing the paper, though he retained ownership until 1908.

Clyde Hoey could not vote for himself when he won his first political victory in 1898. He was elected to the House of Representatives about five weeks before his twenty-first birthday. He was re-elected in 1900. In 1903, he was elected to the State Senate. He was Assistant United States Attorney for the Western District of North Carolina from 1913 to 1919, when he was elected to fill the vacancy of E.Y. Webb in Congress. He served two years, but declined renomination.

On January 7, 1937, he was inaugurated Governor of North Carolina and served until January 9, 1941. In the keynote address to the



Bess Gardner Hoey, wife of Clyde Roark Hoey.

Democratic Convention in Raleigh in 1938, Comptroller General Lindsey Warren said: "To my mind one of the greatest contributions Clyde Hoey has made is something that can be felt far better than it can be described or tabulated. By his everyday acts, from his morning stroll to the drug store soda fountain to the more than three hundred speeches he has made in every section of the State; by his sympathetic understanding of all our people; by his unique and gracious personality; by his humane and common sense approach to the daily problems of government; by just being his own friendly self, Clyde Hoey has created an affection for himself and his administration which permeates the people of North Carolina from the Atlantic Ocean to the Tennessee line."

At the close of his term, Robert L. Thompson wrote a brief biography, closing with these words: "Clyde R. Hoey came into the Gov-

ernor's office a forthright, fearless and unaffected man, who was better liked, and more admired in his home town than any other citizen. He left four years later, a forthright, fearless and unaffected man, who was better liked, and more admired than any other citizen in North Carolina."

The L.L.D. degree was conferred on him by Davidson College in 1932, and by Duke University and by the University of North Carolina in 1938.

In January 1945, Clyde Hoey became a United States Senator, a post he served with distinction until his death, at his desk in Washington, D.C., on May 12, 1954. He was buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

He was married to Bess Gardner, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. O.P. Gardner of Shelby, N.C. on March 22, 1900. They had three children: Clyde R., Jr., Charles A., and Isabel Y. Hoey. On their thirty-seventh wedding anniversary,

which they could not celebrate as usual because the Legislature was in session, Governor Hoey stood in the House of Representatives and said: "Thirty-seven years ago tonight I was married. Whatever I have gained I owe to my wife. She means more to me than the Governorship of North Carolina." Mrs. Hoey died on February 13, 1942.

Clyde Hoey was a tall, white-haired, distinguished looking man. He habitually wore English walking coats with a vest, striped trousers, a high collar, a red tie, and always a fresh red rose or carnation in his lapel. He was often described as "the silver-tongued orator." He usually spoke without notes, but would have in mind what he wanted to say, would look at those before him for inspiration, and then would let the words pour forth in melodious prose.

Although a busy and important man, he took time to know his grandchildren. When they were small, he enjoyed having them sit on his lap and play with his pocket watch. As they grew older, he often wrote them notes in his scrawling handwriting, congratulating them on some achievement, offering encouragement, or just keeping in contact.

For more than fifty years he taught in Sunday School—the Men's Bible Class at Central Methodist Church in Shelby, N.C., and, while he was Governor, at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh, N.C. His deep abiding faith in God radiated through his whole being. This was shown in his day-by-day living, which made him loved, and marked him as great. He has been one who truly lived on after death, as through the years he continues to be quoted and reference is made to his beliefs and actions.

Sources: Newspaper articles, personal knowledge, family records.

— Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, Jr.

DELLE WILSON HARRISON HOEY

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Delle Hoey was fortunate to be the treasured daughter of three fathers. She was born August 17, 1895, to James Edgar Wilson and Delle Gibson Wilson at Hickory Hill, the beautifully preserved homeplace in Thomson, Georgia.

The local paper reported Delle Gibson Wilson's death twenty-one days later.

Delle's father, called "Big Papa" by her older sisters (Miriam, Marie, Maud, and Laurie) and brother (James Edgar, Jr.), reluctantly gave the new baby to his sister, Mattie Wilson Harrison to rear in North Augusta, South Carolina, forty miles away. Thus entered loving father number two.

Upon Mr. Harrison's death, Mattie married Dr. Charlie Churchill. Not legally but because she loved each father, Delle attached Harrison Churchill to her name.

Graduating from high school, she entered Brenau College at age fifteen to study voice and piano. Her musical talent was recognized by the famed Billy Rose. Mr. Rose heard Delle informally entertaining aboard a ship from



U.S. Senator Clyde Roark Hoey.

Savannah to New York and invited her to his studio for an audition. However her talents were destined to be enjoyed by family, friends, and the children of the First Baptist Church, Shelby, to which she would become devoted.

A visit to the Schenck and Lattimore families in Shelby, North Carolina, fostered a romance between Delle and Franklin Ernest Hoey. On December 6, 1916, the anniversary of Delle Gibson's birth, Mattie Churchill gave her daughter in marriage to the handsome gentlemen who had come courting.

"Delcourt", South Washington Street, was the home where their only child, I, was born, April 23, 1919. The "flu" epidemic endangered my life and Mother's but Dr. William Mitchell, Miss Nora Belle Alexander, nurse, and Mrs. I.C. Griffin saved us.

When I was ten the family moved to "Seven Gables," Cleveland Springs. Mother and Franklin Gordon, Charlotte architect who admired Elizabethan English architecture, collaborated to design the home. For thirty-four years, until her death August 14, 1963, Mama Delle, as the grandchildren called her, was the gracious hostess, offering warm hospitality to loved ones and strangers.

"She was 'Our Delle'," wrote Grace Rutledge Hamrick. "Delle Hoey never vied for anybody's hall of fame nor sought any personal recognition . . . yet she found her way into the hearts of Shelbians and Clevelanders and remained there in vivacious friendship that grew and flowered.

"Delle gave meaning and grace to life . . . she was genuine in her eagerness and concern

for others and her infectious laughter and merriment were adored by all. In her long fight for life after being slowed by heart failure she remained gay and she loved and laughed with the last of her strength.

"We express sympathy to the family she loved and who shared her with her many friends . . . she was indeed "our Delle" . . . and her memory will be cherished during many lifetimes.

"We are reminded of these lines we read recently: 'All music into silence goes; To dust departs the regal rose.' Delle Hoey in her way was a symbol of both."

Delle was Regent of the Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, President of the Junior Charity League, member of the South Washington Bridge Club, the Ishpenning Club, North Lake and Cleveland Springs Country Clubs. Her lineage to Col. Ninian Beall (Scotland, 1625) was established by me through the Colonial Dames after her death.

Delle and Frank had three grandchildren fathered by Leon Sloan Bradshaw of Salisbury, North Carolina: Eleanor Churchill (Mrs. Christopher Simon Thompson), Christopher Sloan, and Ashley Alexander Bradshaw.

Great-grandchildren are Douglas O'Brien Thompson, Courtney Delle Thompson, Brandon Hoey Thompson and Stuart Sloan Bradshaw.

— Eleanor Hoey Bradshaw

DORA BELLE HENKEL HOEY

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Dora Belle Henkel Hoey (October 7, 1876—March 13, 1968) was educated in the city schools and at Claremont College in her home town of Hickory, North Carolina.

The artistically talented and beautiful daughter of Cicero Vance and Eleanor Little Henkel, Dora was courted by young Samuel Ernest Hoey, locally employed printer, who first saw her on the train and vowed inwardly to marry her.

The marriage took place May 18, 1893, in Newton, North Carolina, in the presence of a "Hotel full of people at the Summerow House at four o'clock, by Squire Brown," according to the Hoey Family Bible.

Present were Dora Belle's sister, Candace, and brothers, Columbus Vance, Thomas, and LaFayette Phaeton, whose histories are recorded in the Iredell County History Book.

Dora Hoey's German Lutheran background combined with the Irish/Protestant Hoey heritage produced their first son, Franklin Ernest, born in Hickory. Other children born in Shelby were: Cicero Alberto, Samuel Joe (who died in infancy), Flay Henkel, Wade William, Ralph Reece and Virginia Belle.

Two grandchildren born to this union were Cicero's Ruth (Mrs. Robert Lautz) and Franklin, her younger brother.

I, being the only Shelby born and reared grandchild, cherish memories of light, hot homemade rolls, candied sweet potatoes, tender scraped steak patties cooked on top of a wood stove, and fried apple turnovers, specialties by Mama for my lunch food at Marion

Street Elementary School. The school, halfway between the Hoey home and the Court Square, was convenient for Uncle Ralph to stop by to show off the latest model Austin or introduce me to a newly-bought pony that would be stabled in the South Washington Street back yard of "Delcourt".

Pastor Dwight D. Mullis, pastor of the Central Methodist Church, in his tribute to my grandmother said "... she was a woman who combined in her life gentleness with strength."

"She was so kind and considerate that she never raised her voice to anyone. She had a reverence for all life."

"She was one of the most unselfish persons our community has ever known, and during her last illness of some eleven weeks in the hospital, she was always concerned about the comfort and welfare of her nurses and helpers."

"But more than this, Mrs. Hoey was a woman strong in faith. As long as she was able she was faithful to attend church and served ably in many ways. She kept her Bible and Christian literature close at hand, and used it daily. Prayer was as natural to her as breathing."

— Eleanor Hoey Bradshaw



Dora Belle Henkel Hoey, 1876-1968.

FLAY HENKEL HOEY

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The fourth son of Samuel Ernest and Dora Henkel Hoey Flay, was a lifelong resident of Shelby, born July 21, 1900.

A graduate of Shelby High School and North Carolina State College at Raleigh, Flay was agent for Pyramid Life Insurance Company most of his adult life. His second loyalty was to his brother Frank's Cleveland Drug Company. The two of them with their cigars were a familiar sight at the drug store gatherings.

He was a member of the Central Methodist Church, the Hoey Bible Class, the Shelby Elks Lodge, and the Cleveland Country Club.

Upon his death, June 8, 1968, Flay left his lovely wife, Frances McBrayer, at their beauti-

ful home of many years in Cleveland Springs.

— Eleanor Hoey Bradshaw

FRANKLIN ERNEST HOEY

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Franklin Ernest, first born child of Samuel Ernest and Dora Henkel Hoey, arrived March 3, 1894, in Hickory, North Carolina, but soon moved to Shelby.

Industrious and ambitious, as a small boy Frank, my daddy, pulled a wagon load of mineral water from Cleveland Spring, a distance of two and one-half miles, to be sold on the Court Square in the early 1900's.

Progressing to delivery boy and general helper at the Cleveland Drug Company during high school, Daddy left to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and the School of Pharmacy to complete his education.

The same year, December 6, 1916, he and Delle Wilson of North Augusta, South Carolina, were married. By this time Frank had become part owner of the drug store that was to be his life.

Buying the remaining interest of former owner and partner, Mr. Robert Carpenter, Daddy became the "genial, handsome host," to quote Bea Suttle Morris, of the Cleveland Drug Company. Time spent at the Drug store was "a way of life." Daddy served his customers at all hours and enjoyed the sociability of Shelby citizens as they propped themselves at the soda fountain, or sat on the benches in front of the store, or, til the '50's, received curb service.

As Kays Gary said, "You could see Governor Clyde R. Hoey (Frank's uncle) in his morning coat with its lapel carnation shaking hands right and left, bowing to the ladies and giving an ear in front of the Cleveland Drug to colleagues of the bar or some snaggletoothed, barefoot farmer in overalls."

Daddy's personal trademark was a starched white shirt with cuffs reversed on his forearms and a good looking fore-in-hand tie. The one day he was prevailed upon to wear a blue shirt there was a front page article in the Daily Star, so never again did he deviate from the look that was his, as much as the more formal wingtip collar and tails were his uncle's.

Mother's death in 1963 left Daddy devastated and he weepingly sold "Seven Gables," Cleveland Springs Estates, which he and Mother had built and occupied since 1929. Adjustment was not easy.

An apartment in the Hotel Charles, his "rabbit box," was home until his death October 15, 1967. The location was perfect: across the street from the drugstore under new ownership; over the dining room where his fellow Kiwanians met; a block from his Central Methodist Church; and offered the privilege of feeding the birds on the Court Square lawn!

Mrs. Millie Earle had helped Mother and Daddy since my birth to make our home a place of joy and comfort and beauty. With home reduced to size of an apartment, Millie could still manage a traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the trimming's, evidence of her talent and caring.

— Eleanor Hoey Bradshaw

THE NORTH CAROLINA HOEYS (HUEYS)

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From the records of *James Grandison Leroy Huey*, his Memoirs and letter of June 19, 1884, from Magnolia, Bibb County, Alabama, which states:

"We were originally from Scotch stock, who sailed the shores of Scotland soon after the Battle of Boyne in Ireland in 1690, when the Catholics of the Northern Ireland were defeated by the force of King William, opening up the country to the Protestant immigration. The enterprising people of the adjacent coast of Scotland availed themselves of the opening of a fine country, emigrated in considerable numbers to the Emerald Isle.

"Most of these early settlers landed for the most part, in Londonderry, and spreading out in the direction of Belfast, occupied the countries of Down, and Antrim. These formed what was designated the Scotch-Irish population of that fertile part of the country, where our immediate race of people became Irishmen, though of Caledonian blood and were in faith, true Protestants.

"James Huey married Margaret, sister of Lord Hercules Ellis. Their older son, Alexander, trained for the military, was made a Captain of a war vessel in the British Navy. He was sent on a cruise to the West Indies, where he died about 1750. He left no issue.

"Hercules Huey (their other son) married Catherine Persee, daughter of Richard Persee, a gentleman of wealth and culture and influence in the country of Ireland. From this family a considerable family sprang up.

"James Huey, the second son of Hercules, a short time before the Revolution, landed in Charleston, South Carolina, and settled in Waxhaw (Lancaster County). He served (as Captain) in the Army under General Sumter and Francis Marion. Hercules Huey died in September 1755, age 50 years; his wife Catherine, died November 16, 1808, age 80 years. They are buried in Old Waxhaw Cemetery, (having come to this country to live with their son, James)."

Hercules Huey's will recorded in Camden, now Kershaw County, South Carolina, Kershaw Wills, Vol. 1, page 55, South Carolina Archives, Columbia, shows that he and Catherine's children were Alexander, John, James, Hercules, Mary and Elizabeth.

Beside Hercules and Catherine in Old Waxhaw Cemetery are buried John Hoey, Esquire (died April 5, 1803, age 47) and Elizabeth Johnston Hoey (died January 11, 1802, aged 46).

Of John and Elizabeth's children, one, Samuel Johnson (born August 29, 1798, Union County, South Carolina, died August 23, 1845, Union County and buried, churchyard, Cherokee, South Carolina), married Clara Tillman Davis in 1820. Children were Sara Ann Elizabeth, John, Amos Davis, Eliza, Mary Catherine, John Edward II, M. Cornelia, Samuel Alberta, Julia Frances, Margaret Alice, and William Henry.

Samuel Alberta Hoey, father of William Rufus, Sissie, Samuel Ernest, Nellie Belle,

Clyde Roark and Eula May, was born October 4, 1840; died January 15, 1913.

Samuel's wife was Mary Charlotte Roark (born February 8, 1846; died, January 22, 1927). They were married November 11, 1865. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina, where they had spent their married life.

Samuel Johnson Hoey was graduated from South Carolina College at Columbia, South Carolina, with a law degree but he became a very successful farmer and built a beautiful home at the junction at Thickety Creek and Broad River in Union County, South Carolina.

Samuel Alberta Hoey served in the Confederate War. He was Captain in Company H., Thirty-Fourth North Carolina Regiment.

The above information was obtained from tombstones, various written extracts copied from Bibles, and from the United Daughters of the Confederacy records belonging to Harriett Elizabeth Hoey, great-granddaughter of Captain Samuel Alberta Hoey.

— Eleanor Hoey Bradshaw

RALPH REECE HOEY

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Ralph Hoey bore a striking resemblance to Robert Taylor, movie star. It was the close of the winter season in Palm Beach, Florida, when this likeness to Taylor was discovered by an official of Warner Brothers Studio. The ensuing offer came from the studio's talent department was one Ralph was never able to consider. He suffered a heart attack July 27, 1937; age thirty-two.

To quote the Star: "The news of Ralph's sudden passing quickly spread over the city and cast a gloom over the entire community. He was beloved for his kindness, cordiality, and friendliness. He loved to know people, was gracious in manner and unselfish to the nth. degree."

The Blowing Rocket stated: "... one of Blowing Rock's best-loved summer citizens ... Memory Lane is sad at heart this week because of the death of its favorite son ... He helped make Blowing Rock a success more than any other person by his ready wit and ingratiating personality ..."

Ralph was on hand to help in his brother's Cleveland Drug Company in the winter, but summers he spent on the staff at elegant Mayview Manor, Blowing Rock, as desk clerk, riding instructor, and as Director for the Blowing Rock Horse Show, the oldest in the South.

It was printed in the Blowing Rocket that "no girl can consider her visit to Blowing Rock complete unless she has seen the Carolina moon from Mayview Manor balcony with Ralph Hoey."

As his favored niece, I remember Ralph for filling my young years with gifts of ponies (hoping for me to emulate his love of horses); chauffeured summer rides in Blue Heaven (his sky blue phaeton with the top down), filled with my girl friends, and curb service at the drug store the piece de resistance; and later years, dates arranged for me and my house guests with special trips to Lake Lure and Blowing Rock.

It was as if Ralph, born August 20, 1905, not knowing his time was short, wanted to make all the ladies happy, whatever their ages. He left those he touched loved and loving.

— Eleanor Hoey Bradshaw



Samuel Ernest Hoey, 1870-1937.

SAMUEL ERNEST HOEY

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"Our friend Ernest Hoey lived simply but nobly. In his passing he leaves a rich heritage to his co-workers in The Star office, to his devoted family and friends — a heritage more priceless than silver and gold," concluded the tribute paid by Publisher Lee B. Weathers upon the death of Samuel Ernest Hoey, May 17, 1937.

The second son of Captain Samuel Alberta Hoey (1840-1913) and Mary Charlotte Catherine Roark (1846-1927), Papa Hoey, my grandfather, was born in Shelby, North Carolina, July 11, 1870. His brothers were William Rufus and Clyde Roark; sisters, Sissie and Nellie Belle.

After attending public schools, young Ernest entered the printing business and worked short periods in Hickory and Blacksburg. Location in Hickory resulted in the marriage of Papa to Dora Belle Henkel, May 18, 1893, and the subsequent birth of seven children.

When his younger brother, Clyde, bought the Shelby Review in 1895 and changed it to the Cleveland Star, Papa joined him as one of the original organizers of the company. For forty years he served as plant foreman of the mechanical department and secretary of the Shelby Daily Star, as it was later called.

Those men and women who worked with "Mr. Ernest" daily gave him their deep affection. Mrs. Renn Drum in her featured column of long-standing in The Star, "Today's Small Talk," wrote: "It seems impossible to associate the idea of death with one so genial, so full of happiness and good cheer ... impossible that tomorrow will not find him at his desk, greeting whoever comes his way with an ex-

change of pleasantries, a word of encouragement or sympathy ... impossible that no longer will that pleasant, bantering voice — never cross or commanding — call upstairs for return of a proof sheet, to hurry down misplaced or delayed mats, or to know if all personals are in."

My love of journalism, if not proficiency in it, was fostered by the hours spent at the Shelby Daily Star discovering the magic of typesetting that had to be read backward and placed by hand; and gathering all the rainbow colored paper samples that came to Papa's desk and into my possession.

Erma Drum wrote of the "trusted friend, confidante and advisor to everyone who worked with him ... If I were asked to name Mr. Hoey's most outstanding qualities I should think of his amazing capacity for friendliness, which caused a great many people of all types and ages to think of him as a friend. Next I would think of his serenity — even in the face of death. He had a grand philosophy of life, believing that few things were worth worrying over, and that it did no good to burden other people with your troubles."

Papa's world was his own community where he served several years without opposition on the school board and was a faithful member of the Central Methodist Church.

A Greensboro Daily News Editor writer said in part: "Mr. Hoey enjoyed life to the brim. The comradeship of his shop was largely a reflection of his own life, his joy in his social contacts and relationships."

Movie theatres, the Carolina and the Webb and later the Rogers, also, were Papa's favorite form of entertainment and therefore part of my early education nightly. Passes from the newspaper and the drugstore were our avenue to the world of escape and excitement outside the bounds of Cleveland County.

Papa was able to work and fill his niche in life to the end. He put in a full days work and enjoyed a movie in the evening less than a week prior to his death.

Being in New York at Mrs. Sample's School for Girls, I did not experience that last week of family anxiety. For me, Papa never really left this world. The happiness associated with his memory was never marred!

— Eleanor Hoey Bradshaw

WADE WILLIAM HOEY

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The fifth son of the Ernest Hoeyes, a Shelby native, was born January 1, 1903, and died in the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Salisbury, North Carolina, July 29, 1980.

Wade was educated in Cleveland County schools, Randolph-Mason Preparatory School, the University of Virginia and Washington and Lee University.

He worked as Assistant Manager of John F. Clark and Company, stock brokerage firm and later at his brother Frank's Cleveland Drug Company.

Never married, Wade was a devoted companion to his mother, especially during the years after his father's death, and lived at the family home on East Marion Street.

In his younger years, he was an accomplished horseman and golfer and many thought his charm exceeded that of any of his brothers.

A member of the Shelby Kiwanis Club, the Central Methodist Church and the Hoey Bible Class, he was also a Mason and a Shriner. A veteran of World War II, he was a member of the American Legion.

— Eleanor Hoey Bradshaw

GOLD GRIFFIN HOLLAND, JUNIOR

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Gold Griffin Holland, Junior was born December 4, 1862 in Cleveland County, North Carolina. He was the son of Gold Griffin Holland (1820-1889) and Cinthia Ann Moore (1821-1895). His father represented Cleveland County in the 1850 North Carolina Legislature. He was a Captain in Company H, 28th Regt. of North Carolina troops.

Their children were: Adeline, Thomas, Permelia Ann, Sarah, Mary, Oliver Franklin, Jane, Susan Elizabeth and Gold Griffin Holland, Junior.

His grandparents were William Isaac Holland (1786-after 1863) and Permelia Gold (ca 1787-ca 1874); Thomas Moore and Margaret McSwain.

His great-grandparents were Captain William Holland (ca 1747 Pa. -1837 NC), who served with North Carolina Troops in the Revolutionary War, and Margaret Hall (1765-1847 NC) of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina; probably Daniel Gold and Elizabeth Pleasants; John Moore and Elizabeth Jones; Charles McSwain and Margaret Norwood.

Gold Griffin Holland, Junior and Sarah Alice Champion were married January 10, 1886 when he was twenty-three years old and she was thirteen. They were married at her parents' home on Red Road, Number Two Township, Cleveland County, North Carolina. This house was later known as the Ross Smith House.

His health wasn't good and he died March 27, 1894 after only eight years of marriage. He is buried in Boiling Springs Baptist Cemetery, Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

They lived in the small house just west of his sister, Mrs. John Moore and Mr. Moore near Boiling Springs, North Carolina. The Moores later called this house "The Weaning House" because the young Moore couples made their homes there. It was a log house originally.

Gold Griffin and Alice had four children: Mary Vell Holland was born November 12, 1886 and died August 9, 1940. She married Willie Newton Weaver (son of Elijah and Adelia Blanton Weaver). Both are buried in the Mt. Sinai Baptist Cemetery, Cleveland County, North Carolina. They were farmers and lived in the Mt. Sinai Community with their children: Reginald, Delia, Mary Lois, Arey, James Ralph, Virginia Ray, Elijah Elam and Dorcas Ruth Weaver.

Roland Gustus Holland was born January 17, 1890 and died January 4, 1946. He married Nanie Lee Wilkins (daughter of John J. and

Alice Kendrick Wilkins). Roland was an overseer and superintendant with the Dover Mills. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina. They lived in Shelby with their children: Roland Gustus, Junior, Griffin James, Lawrence Cobb, Alice Elizabeth and Dorothy Virginia Holland.

Bunah Vista Holland was born June 25, 1892 and married Julius Troy Jones (son of Benjamin Franklin and Susanah Clarinda Blanton Jones). He worked in hosiery mills in Newton and Shelby, North Carolina. She was a home-maker, South Shelby precinct worker, retiree of the Lily Mills Company packing department, and is still active in The Second Baptist Church of Shelby, the Frances Home Demonstration Club and craft classes and Flint Hills DAR Chapter. Her husband is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina. They lived in Shelby with their children: Susan Aileen, Annie Ray, Frances Holland and Julius Troy Jones, Junior.

Millard Fillmore Holland was born October 7, 1893 and died May 16, 1972. He married Olive Herman Brady (daughter of Charles R. Brady and Eudora Herman) of Catawba County, North Carolina. He was a World War I veteran. He was associated with Regil Glove Company (formerly Warlong Glove Company), Conover, North Carolina where they lived with their children: Brady, Ernest, Robert and Walter Holland. He is buried at Conover, North Carolina.

— Annie Ray Jones Dodd

THE LAWRENCE PEGRAM HOLLAND FAMILY

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Lawrence Pegram Holland (October 23, 1875 — June 11, 1954) was the first born child of Washington Freno and Ella Eugenia Hunter Holland. His father, of English descent, was mostly known as Captain Wash Holland who formed a military company in Gaston County, known as Company K, 4th Regiment, N.C. State Guard. Captain Wash was also a gifted musician and was a close friend of John Phillip Sousa, the famous band leader. Needless to say his grandchildren enjoyed the association of this outgoing and famous friend. Lawrence Holland's mother was the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. J.B. Hunter of Gaston County. She was born January 5, 1858 and died May 9, 1884.

Lawrence Holland was very fortunate in inheriting a good religious heritage, but not very fortunate in any financial inheritance. His father, in 1889, lost everything he possessed, even his watch, shotgun, etc., which he gave to his debtors.

When the family moved to Mount Holly, N.C., in January 1892, he was employed in the Albion Cotton Spinning Company as a hired youngster at twenty-five cents a day. He soon became a clerk in the Seaboard Air Line Railway office where he learned the old Morse code of telegraphy. In 1900, he moved to Shelby, N.C., where he met and married Ola Margaret Suttle on June 5, 1903. Ola Holland was also a gifted musician, attended Meredith

College and taught piano for many years. After being in the grocery business for a while, Lawrence went with the Lily Mills Company of Shelby, where he remained until his death.

He was a member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church for 45 years and was Treasurer for 25 years. He was elected Deacon in 1912 and Elder in 1916, a position he held at his death. He also served on the Shelby School Board for many years.

Lawrence and Ola Holland had three children: Esther Eugenia, born August 8, 1905; Violet Irene, born October 25, 1910, died June 1, 1912; and Lawrence Pegram, Jr., born July 17, 1914.

Eugenia, or better known as Gene, was a most popular and attractive girl and was also a gifted musician. She, like her mother, attended Meredith College and later continued her piano studies in Atlanta, Georgia. After her marriage to Charles M. Wall, Jr., of Lexington, N.C., she was church organist at the First Baptist Church in Lexington, and continues to be active in local music services. The Walls are parents of two daughters: Gene Holland, born August 8, 1936, is married to Dr. Robin Moore; they have three children; and June Pegram, born April 22, 1941, is married to Felix Goodrum; they have two children.

Lawrence Pegram, Jr., known as "Pig", was born in Shelby and attended grade school in the city schools, then went on to further his education at Mars Hill College and the University of North Carolina, where he was a member of the Sigma Nu Fraternity. After serving as an officer in the Corps of Engineers in World War II, with overseas duty on the Island of Okinawa, he returned home to the practice of architecture. He received his license to practice architecture in April, 1951. Shortly thereafter, the firm of Breeze, Holland & Riviere was formed (from the original Breeze office) and is now L. Pegram Holland, Jr., Architect, P.A.

On April 22, 1949, Pegram married Mildred Baber Laughridge who had been through the Shelby City Schools and Virginia Intermont College. She served as a Wave in the U.S. Navy during World War II with overseas duty on the Hawaiian Islands. Mildred's mother, "Miss Winnie" Laughridge, was known as one of Shelby's best cooks and possessed a vast amount of wit. Her father, Roger M. Laughridge, was postmaster of Shelby at the time of his death.

Their marriage brought them two sons, Lawrence Pegram III, born May 28, 1953 and Roger Laughridge, born October 24, 1956. The older son, Larry, is married to the former Sandy Johnson and is a North Carolina State Patrolman presently stationed in Gaston County. Roger, the younger son, has graduated from the Architectural School of North Carolina State University and joined his father's architectural firm. He is married to the former Robin Barry of Thomasville, N.C.

Pegram is active in religious and civic work, having served as a Deacon in the Shelby Presbyterian Church, a member of The Rotary Club, a trustee of the Cleveland Memorial Hospital, a past board member of the Salvation Army, and a member of the Greater Shelby Chamber of Commerce.

As an architect, he has worked on or been responsible for projects including the new Shelby Senior High School buildings, including the original plot plan, the football stadium, baseball stadium, tennis courts, the Malcolm E. Brown Auditorium and the Natatorium; the Cleveland Federal Savings and Loan and its branch; First Federal Savings and Loan and branches; Shelby Daily Star; Elizabeth Baptist Church; John Knox Presbyterian Church; Graham Elementary School; South and East Branches of the First National Bank; Lees-McRae College buildings, Banner Elk; Dutch Club, Lexington; Home Savings and Loan, Kings Mountain; Kings Mountain Country Club; Limestone Presbyterian Church, Gaffney, SC; and many residences throughout the region.

— L.P. Holland



Sarah Alice Champion Holland.

SARAH ALICE CHAMPION HOLLAND WEAVER

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Sarah Alice Champion was born May 12, 1872 in Cleveland County North Carolina. Her parents were James Madison Champion (1847-1922) and Mariah Jane Turner Blanton Champion (1836-1921). Mrs. Champion's first husband, Burrell Wiley Blanton, was killed in the Confederate War and they had four children: Burl William, Mary Elizabeth, Liza Jane and Nancy Susan Blanton.

Following the death of Alice Champion's first husband, Gold Griffin Holland, Junior, (1862-1894) and then her aunt, Lucretia Parinetta Champion Weaver (1858-1896), she married Commodore Elam Weaver (1862-1938), son of Samuel Weaver and Nancy Edwards. Her cousins Eunice, Virgil, Fred Mitchell, Mirtie and Vernon (girl) Weaver became her step-children. James and Jane Champion helped raise Alice's children: Vell, Roland, Bunah and Millard Holland.

Alice and Elam Weaver lived on their farm in the Flint Hill Community, Cleveland County,

North Carolina with their children: Pearl, Venus (girl), Carl, Spencer, Ethel, James Samuel, Kate, Sherman and Graham Weaver.

The family was truly "your kids, my kids and our kids".

Siblings of Alice Champion were: Carrie Champion Hughes (1868-1950), John Wylie Champion (1869-1940), Richard Crowell Champion (1874-1951), Samantha Champion Morehead (1876-1954), Oscar Hoyle Champion (1877-1929), Hattie Champion Weaver (1880-1963).

Her grandparents were: Robert Crowell Champion (1816 SC-1890 NC) and Salena Ledbetter (1818 NC-1890 NC); Nelson Turner and Elizabeth Matheny.

Her paternal great-grandparents were: Henry Ledbetter and Luraney Vina Bridges; maternal great-grandparents: John Matheny and Elizabeth McSwain (Hamrick Generations by S.C. Jones, Page 163).

My grandmother, Alice Champion Holland Weaver had a hard life in many ways but I remember her as an easy going person with beautiful white hair.

Some memorable times for me, when I was small, was going to visit Grandma and Grandpa Weaver in a Model T Ford and Daddy having to push the car out of the muddy ruts when going up the hill from Beaver Dam Creek.

Also, seeing rhubarb and flowers growing in her garden, going down a steep hill to see where the hogs were kept, the large open fireplace in the staying room, the gas lamp hanging from the ceiling, the pies and biscuits always in the kitchen safe.

Alice lived with one of her daughters, Kate Weaver Clary, after her husband's death. She always seemed to adjust to each change in her life.

She died November 14, 1940 and is buried in Boiling Springs Baptist Cemetery, Boiling Springs, North Carolina beside her first husband, Gold Griffin Holland, Junior.

Her grandchildren were: Reginald, Delia, Mary Lois, Arey, James Ralph, Virginia Ray, Elijah Elam, Dorcas Ruth Weaver (children of Vell Holland Weaver); Roland Gustus, Junior, Griffin James, Lawrence Cobb, Alice Elizabeth, Dorothy Virginia Holland (children of Roland Holland); Susan Aileen, Annie Ray, Frances Holland, Julius Troy Jones, Junior (children of Bunah Holland Jones); Brady, Ernest, Robert, Walter Holland (children of Millard Holland).

Lois, Macie Lee, Billie Sue Hamrick (children of Pearl Weaver Hamrick); James, Clyde, Alice Scruggs (children of Venus Weaver Scruggs); Harold and Carolyn Weaver (children of Carl Weaver); G.B., Grace, Billie Hawkins (children of Ethel Weaver Hawkins); Horace, James Everette, Joseph Ray, Mitchell Elam, Betty Joyce, infant Hugh Pinkney, Shirley Jane, twins Bobby Dean and Linda Jean Clary (children of Kate Weaver Clary); Glenda Z. Weaver (child of Sherman Weaver); Betty, Jean and Linda Weaver (children of Graham Weaver).

My great-grandfather, James Madison Champion, died while visiting us at our home on Shannnonhouse Street, Shelby, North Carolina. I was almost six years old but it was a

traumatic experience for me.

My mother was told that her great-grandfather, Robert Crowell Champion, gave the land to build the Flint Hill schoolhouse, just east of the Flint Hill Baptist Church.

— Annie Ray Jones Dodd

SARA SANDERS HULLENDER

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"Aunt Sara", as she was best known, was born Sara Frances Sanders (b. 1864 — d. Feb. 12, 1954) daughter of Griffin and Elizabeth Sparks Sanders. Other members of her family were: James Sanders, who married Elie Bridges; Henderson ("Uncle Hint" — he had an eye lid that grew abnormally and hung below his chin — he lived next door when I was small and I remember it very well). Hugh Sanders, who married Liza Myers; Georgia who married a Whisnant; Florence who married Sidney Roberts and Minnie, who married Will Cooper. Sara married Jefferson Davis Hullender, known as Jeff had three children — Paul, who died as a child and:

1. Charlie Hullender married Nellie Webb. They had the following children: Clyde married Lula Mills; Oleen married Page Lawing; Myrtle married Odell Long; Jefferson D. married Quinna McKeithen; Paul M. married Vivian Barnes; twins — Charles married Helen Boyles and Virginia married George Gaskey; Louise married Y.G. "Pete" Lewis.

2. Ivey Hullender married Fannie Hustickler. Their children were: Pauline married Jessie Harris; Viola married Bill Borders; Jefferson Davis married Elsie Wolfe.

Sara was a tall, thin lady with a kind word for everyone and everyone who knew her loved her. After her husband's death she lived with her brother, "Uncle Hint", taking care of him until his death. One of her favorite expressions was "now gentle-mens". I love to hear Aunt Sara and others sit and talk about old times when she came to visit us for a few days. One of my favorite stories was concerning a "dumb supper" where several young girls would set up a supper and their intended husband would come to this supper in his sleep, unknowingly, who ever he was going to be. Another story concerned their boiling an egg and taking out the yellow and eating the white full of salt, they would dream that their intended would bring them a drink of water.

She was always a welcome guest, and we called her "Aunt" out of respect. She was my grandmother's first cousin. In her gentle, sweet ways she could get you to mind and display a good set of manners. She is one of the people I treasure in my life. She was buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church with most of her family.

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony

ALBERT R. HOMESLEY

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Albert R. Homesley was the first born of nine children to Stephen and Ester Roberts Homesley, on March 16, 1816, at the family home which is now South Pink Street, Cherry-

ville, N.C. The home is still owned and occupied by Homesleys. A.R. had a permanent limp in his right leg having suffered early in life with what was then described as "white swelling." He was also said to have been cross-eyed.

A.R. started selling cloth about his home area on horseback or by dray wagon. He continued in the dry goods business ventures in Cherryville and later in Shelby. In an article in the Bicentennial Edition of *The Shelby Daily Star*, May 1976, page two, it is reported that Mrs. E. V. Watterson bought calico for a quilt from Messrs. Albert Homesley, A.W. Quinn and Ancil Hardin, the first store that was put up in Shelby. An 1850 map printed in this same paper shows A.R. owned seven or eight lots on Marion Street, Lafayette Street, and in the vicinity of Graham, Warren, and Pinckney Streets, Shelby. He was one of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in May, 1845, when the church bought Lot 31, southeast square of town of Shelby, apparently the first church to receive a deed to a lot.

A.R. married Elizabeth Deuse (phonetic), a native of Tennessee and a school teacher. To this union at least five children were born — three growing to adulthood and two young children have marked graves in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby. A survey of Cleveland County cemeteries by B.E. Weathers, Forrest B. Williams and Anson G. Melton lists Margaret E. Homesley, five month old daughter of A.R. and E.A. Homesley, died January 31, 1846, and notes that this is the oldest marked grave in Sunset Cemetery. The same survey, page 81, lists A.R. Homesley appointed postmaster February 26, 1841, of Swangstown, now Patterson Springs.

A.R. built a house and lived in South Shelby, which had become a thriving farming town in a major cotton producing county. Slaves were brought into the country and A.R. made trips to the Atlantic Coast to bring slaves back.

Charlotte S. Beam, in her historical sketch of the Double Shoals Mill, shows that Albert A. Homsley bought 268 acres in Double Shoals in 1845. In addition to the cotton factory, Homesley ran a grist mill and a sawmill. "It is said by a 'confederate Veteran' that Homsley made the statement 'I owe the Yankees for some goods, but am not going to pay them because they took away my slaves'." A.R. sold the property August 8, 1867. A.R.'s brother, Benjamin Stephen Homesley, and his family, including a daughter, Hester Elmina Homesley, grandparent of the writer, Ray Homesley, worked for A.R. at the factory during the Civil War. Confederate cloth or uniforms were made and dyed there. A.R. is also said to have started cotton factories at Henrietta and Caroleen, the latter being accidentally set on fire and burned before it was put into operation. An 1886 Cleveland County map shows a Homesley still in what is now the vicinity of Sulphur Spring Road and Stone Street and it is assumed A.R. owned this.

An article in *The Shelby Daily Star*, May 1976, entitled "The Start of Our Country", quotes the first meeting March 8, 1841, of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, and the

twenty-eight Justices of the Court elected A.R. Homesley as clerk of the court. Further sessions quoted show A.R. was active in planning and construction of a permanent courthouse. This same paper shows that the Original Act of the General Assembly of North Carolina, which created a circular town, Shelby, named commissioners with no mayor; Richard Champion, A.R. Homesley, Dr. Thomas Williams, Thomas Cooper, and Dr. W.W. Morris.

In his book *The Living Past of Cleveland County*, author Lee B. Weathers lists A.R. Homesley as one of the incorporators of the Cleveland Savings Bank of Shelby organized in 1875.

In spite of his one time wealth, he died penniless February 2, 1895, and he and his wife were supposedly buried paupers, burial place unknown. Speculation is he lost his wealth due to the Civil War or because of slave trade and it was brought about by an act of providence.

— Ray Homesley

JOSEPH HOMESLEY

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It appears that Joseph Homesley was one of the early Homesleys in what is now Cleveland County. A deed dated October 1, 1794 "between William Monday and Joseph Homsley (Hamsley) whereby Homsley is purchasing for thirty pounds, two hundred (200) acres of land lying on the long branch of the Muddy Fork of the Buffalo about James Hollands entry on said branch including the first large fork and the crossings of the paths that leads from the court house to Carsons and the path called Moores path." This deed quoted in part here is located in the Lincoln County Court House, Lincolnton, N.C.

An "Abstract of N.C. Wills" by Fred A. Olds, located in the Charlotte, N.C. Library lists the following under the year 1800:

"Joseph Homesley, to John, Beryl, Polly." No record could be located in the 1800 census for Joseph Homesley.

The book "Marriage Bonds of Tryon and Lincoln Counties, North Carolina by Curtis Bynum located in the Charlotte, N.C. Library lists Joseph Homesley as surety to the wedding of Stephen Homesley and Ester Roberts, February 13, 1809.

Stephen and Esther Roberts Homesley settled in Cherryville, N.C., on what is now Pink Street. The home place is still owned and occupied by Homesleys. It is not known what relation Stephen was to Joseph Homesley, but since Stephen is not listed in Joseph Homesley's will of 1800 he is not believed to be Joseph's son. It appears more likely that Joseph Homesley and Stephen Homesley were brothers, and possibly both were sons of Benjamin Homesley.

— Ray Homesley

BENJAMIN HOMESLEY

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The earliest record found pertaining to the Homesley (sometimes spelled Homsley, Holmesly, and what appears to be Hamsley in

old handwritten documents) name is a book entitled "Sandy Run Baptist Association, Mooresboro, N.C.", listing Ben Homesley 1782 — Tryon County. The book is in the Cleveland County Historical Museum, Shelby, N.C. Uncle Osborne Homesley, before his death, said he had heard through family legend that one of the real old Homesleys came over from England, "possibly the Daddy of them all," and his name was Ben Homesley. He stayed in America for years and near the end of his life he started back to England to die, and got lost on the road somewhere and died. Supposedly he started the first part of the journey on foot and some of his kin found his remains on the road or trail.

A deed in Lincoln County Court House, Lincolnton, N.C. in 1790 between James Palley and Benjamin Homsley or Hamsley, whereby Homsley purchased 155 and one half acres for 30 pounds from Palley. Land purchased joined land already held by Homsley on the Muddy Fork Creek. The above deed was proved in open court and ordered to be registered, Lincoln County, January Session, 1792.

The 1800 Census shows Benjamin Holmesly — Lincoln County, Morgan District. The census code number 00 301 00001-00, indicates three males ages 16 to 26 years, one male over 45, and one female over 45, (indicating Benjamin and his wife) and no free persons and no slaves.

It is believed by the writer that this Ben Homesley is the father of Stephen Homesley (1778 to 2/2/1859) who settled in Cherryville, N.C. Stephen named one of his sons, Benjamin Stephen Homesley, great grandfather of the writer.

— Ray Homesley

RAY HOMESLEY

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Ray Homesley was born on October 1, 1926, at the family home one mile south of Cherryville, N.C., on Highway 274, along with a twin sister, Fay Homesley (Egnor), the seventh and eighth children of John W. and Betty Mullen Homesley. In about 1937 the family moved to a farm on Marys Grove Church Road, south of Cherryville, near Cleveland County. The children that had not finished school began attending Waco Grammar and High School. Dad, who was a barber in Cherryville for 31 years and also a farmer, sent us to the Waco, N.C., school because the school year started when crops were "laid-by" and then "let out" again when cotton "got white" in the fields. After cotton picking time the school again started and school year concluded. The school at that time only had eleven grades — seven grammar and four high school. Mr. Clarence M. King was principal and later a Mayor of Shelby. Mr. W.N. Pope was Principal at the time Ray Homesley graduated in 1945.

On June 30, 1945, Ray Homesley entered the U.S. Army at Ft. Bragg, N.C., and was sent to Infantry Basic Training at Camp Robinson, Arkansas. World War II ended and he was sent to Fort Meade, Md., to work in the office

helping process soldiers for discharge from the army. Ray was honorably discharged Dec. 14, 1946.

He immediately applied for a job with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as his sisters, Fay and Helen, and brother, Wade, were already working there. He entered on duty as a Clerk in the Messenger Unit on February 10, 1947, and worked his way up to Special Employee by June 1951 and was transferred to New York City and later to St. Louis, Missouri. Ray continued to work and attend school at night studying accounting and was graduated in June, 1953, from Southeastern University, Washington, D.C.

Ray met Marilyn Alice Newman from Atlanta, Mo., who was employed by the FBI, and they were married in Atlanta, Mo., October 27, 1951.

On Nov. 22, 1954, Ray Homesley was appointed a Special Agent and after 16 weeks training at the FBI Academy was assigned to Phoenix, Arizona. He later was assigned to New York, Kansas City, and Charlotte. He retired February 22, 1979, and returned to farm land in Cleveland County on Neal Road where a new house was constructed.

Children are as follows: Craig Ray Homesley, born Mar. 30, 1954, St. Louis, Mo. Graduate of University of Missouri School of Forestry 1976. Now working for Missouri Conservation, Poplar Bluff, Mo.

Carolyn Fay Homesley Walden, born Jan. 21, 1956, Phoenix, Arizona. Married to Stanley Walden, Coach at Caruthersville, Mo. schools.

Vicki Grace Homesley, born 10-13-57, Hackensack, N.J. Graduated ASU, Boone, N.C., now teaching English at Mt. Rogers High School, White Top, Va.

Kent Newman Homesley, born 8-19-68, student at Burns Junior High School.

— Ray Homesley



Earl Douglas Honeycutt

EARL DOUGLAS HONEYCUTT

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Earl Douglas Honeycutt was born February 23, 1894 in Iredell County. His father was William Vance Honeycutt, a Methodist minister and his mother was Ellen Sherrill. Earl had two sisters: Gertrude and Carrie, and one brother, Wren.

He attended Rutherford College and afterwards he came to Shelby to work for his brother-in-law, O.E. Ford. The O.E. Ford Company sold farm machinery and supplies. Earl later became a stockholder. He served in World War I returning to O.E. Ford Company in 1918. He met Mary Ethel Cline, a teacher in the Shelby Graded School System, at the reopening of the Cleveland Springs Hotel and they were married in 1923. They had two children: Earl Douglas, Jr., married Janice Roberts and Sara Ellen, married Julian Hamrick.

Earl sold his stock to Thad Ford and then became a partner in Arey Oil Co. in the 40's where he remained until his retirement.

Throughout his adult life he was a member of Central United Methodist Church where he was on the Board of Stewards and Chairman of the Finance Committee. For many years he was a loyal member of the Kiwanis Club. He loved music and had a sense of humor with a joke for nearly every occasion.

He died May 20, 1972.

Sources: Family information.

— Sara H. Hamrick

ALTON MARION HOPPER SR.

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John Stough Hopper and his wife, the former Margaret London, celebrated her 25th birthday on March 10, 1907 with the birth of a son whom they named Alton Marion Hopper. Ironically, Margaret London was born on her mother's 25 birthday and years later Alton's only granddaughter would be born on her father's 25th birthday.

Born and raised in Shelby with two brothers and two sisters, Alton graduated from Shelby High School in 1925 and took off across country to California with Clyde Wilson in a Model T. This trip triggered and nourished a desire to travel, see and learn and over the years he and his wife have traveled in Europe and throughout the United States. His fondest memories are of the trip in the 1960's when he and his wife and their two grandchildren, David Hampton and Elinor Kyle Tyner, toured Florida in a very crowded Volkswagen.

Alton and Elva Cleo Sneed of Lincoln County were married July 20, 1930 in Gatlinburg, Tenn. They set up housekeeping in Shelby, established their business, became active members of the First Baptist Church and raised two children. Their son Alton Jr., is married to the former Sue Brevard Morris of Shelby and they reside in Charlotte. Their daughter, Elinor Ann, is married to O. Kendall Drake Jr., and they maintain homes in Charlotte and Southern Pines. Alton readily and boastfully admits that Elinor Ann's two children and his only grandchildren are the "apples of my eyes,



Alton Marion Hopper, Sr.

my pride and joy" and the only two people in the world who could entice him into a "monkey suit" (Tails and/or Tuxedo) — the first time when he was Kyle's chief marshal in the 1975 Debutante Ball and then again in May of 1980, when he served as best man in David's wedding.

A civic-minded individual, he served as Fire Chief of the Shelby Fire Department in the late '30's and early '40's, when the department had only a few paid firemen and 24 volunteers. In 1949 and 1950 he served on the City Council as alderman from Ward 1. He has held membership in the Shelby Lions Club, The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Elks Club.

Going to work for Cleveland Oil Company in 1927, "Bub" as he is known to all his childhood friends and acquaintances, became proprietor of the business in 1933, changing the name to Hopper's Service Station which, according to a 1940 business news item in the Star, "is one of the most popular service stations in Shelby and Cleveland County doing a large business in servicing automobiles, and has a complete recapping service for tires."

After returning from England where he served in the Army during World War II, he formed a partnership with Gilman Brown and they became dealers for Studebaker and Packard automobiles in a new building and a new name, Brown-Hopper Motors. Since his retirement in the '60's he is now completing the circle of his business career by working part-time "at the hardware store" on North Lafayette Street where he held his very first job as a young boy.

— Elinor Hopper Drake





Front row: Grandchildren Clay and James. 2nd row: Burie, Gladys and son Max. Back row: Tucker and grandson, David

BURIE H. HOPPER and FAMILY

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Burie Haskle Hopper, b. 5 Oct. 1906, was reared in lower Cleveland County, the youngest child of David H. Hopper and wife Mary Affie Davis Hopper. He received a high school diploma, took mechanical training, studied at home, took civil service exams and became a substitute mail clerk in Shelby Post Office.

In December, 1932, he married Gladys C. Horn, b. 25 May, 1906, daughter of James Bartlett Horn of Lattimore, N.C. She graduated from Lattimore High School, did four years College at Appalachian State and Western Carolina Universities and was a public school teacher in Earl School. They started house-keeping at Earl and in 1933 Burie developed rheumatoid arthritis in hands and feet and could not be appointed a permanent employee of the U.S. Post Office.

After teaching automotive mechanics at No. 3 High School during the war, he employed a mechanic and operated Hopper's Garage; later adding used cars. It is licensed in that capacity today. He established and operated Earl Coal and Electric Co. from 1943 to 1964 and Burie H. Hopper Jeweler and Watch Repairing 1938-1978 before he became disabled. After his parents' deaths, he operated a cattle and poultry farm and still has some cattle on the old homestead below Earl.

In 1958 Burie, or "B.H." as he is well known, became the No. 3 Township director and salesman for Farmers Mutual Insurance Company of Cleveland County, and continues in this position today (1982).

He has served on Board of Trustees for Cleveland Memorial Hospital; Cleveland County Human Relations Board, during first years

of its existence; Democratic Precinct Committee; and has been awarded both the Bronze and Silver Medallion for meritorious service for the American Heart Association.

Both Burie and Gladys Hopper have been active in community and church life, having served in offices of Kings Mountain Baptist Association from New Hope Church. Burie served from this area on the Baptist State General Board 1969-73 and on the Executive Committee of the Association for some twenty-four years.

He has served as a deacon in New Hope Church, being Chairman many years, most of his adult life. Burie is currently chairman of New Hope Church Board of Trustees.

Gladys has taught adult ladies Sunday School Class, served as president of the W.M.U. and "Sunbeam Band" leader. She has been church librarian for twenty-five years, was elected church historian, has written a history of New Hope Church (organized in 1873), and a history of Earl School. Both are in the State Archives at Raleigh and the Baptist Heritage Collection at Wake Forest University.

She taught in Cleveland County Public Schools for almost twenty years, sixteen and one half of those years at Earl, until ill health forced retirement. She is a member of Cleveland County, North Carolina State, and National Retired Teachers Associations.

Both Burie and Gladys have long been members of Cleveland County Historical Association. They were on the working committee that collected historical items from the county, prepared and arranged displays in the different museum rooms. Gladys Hopper and Mrs. John B. Hamrick did the Religion Room.

They own a home in Earl N.C. and have lived there all fifty years of their married life. They have one son, Max Haskle Hopper, b. 10 September, 1947. He attended Earl Elementary

School, Shelby High School and graduated from Western Carolina University in 1969. He is married to Olivia Tucker Ilgenfritz (b. 2 January, 1945) who is also a Western Carolina graduate with a masters degree in Reading from Winthrop College.

After graduation Max served four years in the United States Air Force as an O.S.I. Special Agent. When back in civilian life he did graduate study at N.C. State University in Public Administration and for eight years has worked as district manager for the Governments Division of Communications and Electronics of Motorola, in Charlotte, N.C.

Max and Tucker Hooper built their home near Gastonia, N.C. where she teaches in Ashbrook High School. Their sons David Haskle Hopper, b. 12 January 1968, Clay Burton Hopper, b. 16 March 1973, and James Penick Hopper, b. 22 May 1978, all attend Gaston Schools.

David Haskle Hopper and his brothers are the seventh generation of Hopper men born in America of direct descent from Joseph Hopper who came to this area from Ireland in 1800.

— Gladys H. Hopper

JOHN SARRATT HOPPER and FAMILY

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John Sarratt Hopper settled in lower Cleveland County N.C. very near the South Carolina state line. He was the son of Charles Hopper and grandson of Joseph who bought land here in 1800 after coming from Ireland. He married Sarah L. Mullinax; they attended Buffalo Baptist Church, the oldest church in this section, organized in 1772. Here he was known as "Praying John." A true story goes that his prayers in church were lengthy and some of the young people became restless during these long prayers. Once on August 31, 1886 there was a bad earthquake in Charleston, South Carolina, doing much property damage there. Over one hundred people were killed. The earth shook badly here in upper South Carolina and lower North Carolina. The people in Buffalo Community were scared, some fearing it was the end of time. They lighted pine torches, went through the night to neighbor's homes. The whole community was aroused and frightened. Some of the young men who had dreaded John Sarratt's long prayers at church wished to be with him this frightful night when the earth shook so severely that it cracked the lower brick wall in the "Ramseur House." (See Picture in Shelby Daily Star issue Saturday Mar. 1, 1975)

John S., and wife Sarah, had four children:

Emily Jane Hopper married Pinkney Wylie. Their children: Minnie, married Wadell Sepaugh; Addie, married Curtis Dixon; Elbert, married Allie Watkins; David, married Margaret Mintz; Alice, married Reid Turner; Frank, married Ruby Hoss and Euler, married Boyd Allison.

Henry E. Hopper, went to Texas in his youth and married Laura King. Their children: Addie, married 1st Jack Ridings, 2nd P.K. Riddley; Fannie, married Charles Mahaffy; Ottie, mar-

ried Thomas B. Scott; and Adar, married Mason J. Wright.

Elizabeth Hopper, burned to death at 10 years of age.

George Calvin Hopper, infant at mothers death married Mandy? Their children, 2 girls? and one son Tommy, married?

John Sarratt Hopper married the second time to Eliza Wilson; their children were Julius Mills who tells how he got his name. "When John Sarratt Hopper was leaving to go in to the Civil War he told his wife Eliza, who was expecting a baby, if he should get killed and the baby was a boy, to name it John Sarratt, but if he was alive when it was born to call it Julius Mills. He lived to get home, the baby was named Julius Mills."

Julius Mills Hopper, married Drucilla McArthur. Their children: Hershel Mills, married Cleo Wylie; Cyrus, married Cleo Wylie; Bessie, married Claude Grantham; Ola and Lona were twins, never married; and Berdie, married Barnett Duke.

Sallie Hopper, married Preston Green. Their children: Preston Jr., married Rosa Lee Rockmore; John, married Leona?; and Edgar, married Jimmie Rockmore.

Melvin Delvon Hopper, married Eliza Jane Borders. Their children: Carl, married Cecil Rachelle; Aron Wray, married Pegg Webb; Theos Elyn, married Mary Bradly; and Ralph Leslie, died at 3 years.

David Haskle Hopper, married Mary Affie Davis. Their children: George Calvin, married Eliza Leola Harris; Texie Elizabeth, married Clyde J. Duke; Era Clarice, married Early C. Sarratt; and Burie Haskle, married Gladys C. Horn.

William Gaston Hopper married Nancy Borders. Their children: Harry, married 1st Bonnie Glenn, 2nd Kathrin Maddox; John Sarratt II, married Bonnie Hord; Elijah Barnett died at age 14 yrs.; and Loucynthia, married Joe Lane Moore.

Elijah Barnett Hopper, married Mary Borders; no children.

Alice Hopper, married David Champion. Their children: Shivor, married Patsy Sepaugh; and Celia, married Clarence Self.

Mollie M. Hopper, married Auburn Woods; no children.

— Mrs. Gladys H. Hopper

THE HOPPER GENERATIONS IN CLEVELAND COUNTY

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In 1800 Joseph Hopper came to this country from Ireland and settled on the east side of Broad River near what is now Dravo Electric Power Plant. A deed recorded in Old York County Courthouse then shows Joseph Hopper bought land there in 1807.

Joseph Hopper reared three sons: Charles, William (Bill), and Johnathon (Johnnie). Charles settled on his father's homestead and reared five boys and four girls. Boys were Jefferson Smith, Posey, John Surratt, Charles Jr. and Anthony. Girls were Solona, Polly and twins Erilissy and Nancy, all with Christian heritage.

Johnathon settled further up the river where Main Broad comes in. His three boys were Edward, Lansford and Samuel, there was one girl, Jane.

William settled about two miles up the river from his father's place where the state line crosses Broad River. He had four boys, Alexander, Joab, Zacariah and Haskle, girls were Rachel, Dulcenia, Polly Anna and some others.

Many Hoppers are buried in Old Buffalo Church Cemetery just over the state line in S.C. David, Melvin and William are buried at New Hope Cemetery in North Carolina.

Buril H. Hopper of Earl, N.C. is the fifth generation of Joseph Hopper's descendants in this land that he came to almost two hundred years ago. He has a son Max H. Hopper, who has sons, David Haskle Hopper II, Clay B. Hopper and James P. Hopper. So seven con-

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secutive generations of Hopper men have lived in lower Cleveland County in this direct family line.

Melvin, father of Theos Hopper lived in Shelby. So did William Hopper. A great part of these Hopper families attended Old Broad River Academy.

Many other Hoppers live in Cleveland that are descendants from the Joseph from Ireland. These seven generations of Hopper men I've mentioned are from John Surratt, son of Charles, whose father was Joseph, from Ireland.

— Mrs. Gladys Horn Hopper

THE HORD FAMILY

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The lineage of the Hord family has been traced to Richard Hord, Shropshire, 1275 A.D. In 1553 Alan Hord, a member of that family and a Bencher of the Middle Temple, London, purchased the manor of "Cote," Oxfordshire where his family resided until it became extinct in the main line in 1840.

Younger branches of Alan Hord of the Middle Temple removed to London, to Ewell, in Surrey and to the southern and southwestern counties of England.

The Hords of Virginia and Kentucky are descended from Alan Hord of the Middle Temple whose grandfather, Thomas Hord was Attorney General during the reign of Henry VII.

"Aalan Hoord" came to Virginia with Colonel Moore Fauntleroy in May 22, 1650.

In "Visitation of Somersetshire" (published by Harleian Society) the family spelling was Hourd, Hord, Horde and Hurd.

There is a possibility the name was Scandinavian origin. There is a family in Sweden bearing the name Hord, of which General Hord was a valiant officer of Charles XII of Sweden and his son, the Count de Hordt died in Berlin in 1785 were distinguished members. So, the name may easily be an offshoot of the Swedish family name and during the incursions of the Norsemen, some of the Scandinavian Hords settled in England.

John Hord (1664 — will proved in 1749 is listed in "Immigrant Ancestors," a list of 2,500 immigrants to America before 1750). He settled in Christ Church Parish, Middlesex County, Virginia, August 1, 1708, then St. Ann's Parish, Essex County. His eldest son, Thomas, proved his importation into the col-



John Sarratt Hopper and Eliza Hopper with ten of twelve children. Family reunion, May, 1898.

ony, April 15, 1740. He settled at Shady Grove (Essex Co.). He was born in Ewell, England and came to Virginia in 1685 at age 21.

John was an English gentlemen, born in England, December 29, 1664 and baptized the following January 19th. It is supposed he was engaged in the rebellion of the Duke of Monmouth against King James II and came to America after the defeat of the former at the battle of Selgemoor (1685). A record still exists showing Thomas Hord, Esq. of "Cote House" the head of the family then, was imprisoned in Oxford Castle for the offense.

He was a grand juror, 1721-24, and a surveyor of highways, 1731. He married Jane. When John came to Virginia, he purchased a large track of land which is now Caroline County, 2 miles South of the Rappahannock River (now "Shady Grove") and eight miles below the village of Port Royal. He brought the house over in sections. He lived there until he died and his will was probated in Essex County, November 21, 1740. Today the house is uninhabitable.



Hord Coat of Arms

Two brothers, John and James came to Rutherford County (now Cleveland County). They had once lived in Charlotte County, Virginia. John Alan Hord of Midland, Texas is an ancestor of this John.

Rev. Arnold Harris Hord has written two histories of the family. (His father, Robert, wrote an earlier history). His first history was in 1898, entitled "Genealogy of the Hord Family" and in 1915 "The Hord Family of Virginia." Both are stamped "Virginia State Library."

Rev. Hord was Rector of Emmanuel Church, Philadelphia and Registrar of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, Member of the Executive Board of the Church Historical Society, and member of the Virginia Historical Society.

William C. Kogee in "Early Families of Eastern and Southeastern Kentucky and their Descendants" has written a chapter on "Hord Family of Virginia and Carter County, Kentucky."

The "Hord" name appeared in Henry County, (Martinsville, Va. before or just after the Revolutionary War. There are many popular names in the family such as: Richard, Alan, Thomas, John, Thomas, James, William, Jesse, Mordecai, Sarah, Elizabeth, Jane, Susanna, over and over. There are few double names making it hard to trace all the Jesses, Mordecais, James, and Johns, etc. however, the Virginia State Library reports all persons by the name Hord are related.

James and "Patsy" (Martha) Hord were born in Virginia but moved to Cleveland County in 1821 (1860 Cleveland County Census). Their children were Richard T. (Thomas) born 1806, Jesse, born in Virginia in 1813; Patrick, born 1816, John (no record) and Susanna (married John Caveniss December 15, 1825.

Jesse and Richard married twice and had larger families. Jesse had 19 children and Richard T. had 10 children.

Jessie and Elizabeth Conner were charter members of Elizabeth Baptist Church.

A Hord relative, Patricia Anthony and hus-



St. Mary's Chapel, Bampton, England

band, Dr. Tom Bond spent their honeymoon, October, 1981 visiting "Cote House" in Bampton, England. They took some of the photos.

"Cote House" has been sold by owners Constance Cummings (actress) and playwright husband, Benjamin Levy to the Andersons. The Levys moved across from "Cote House" and farm.

Some professions of descendants are: Attorney Joe Mauney; Dr. Frank Weir, Jr., Dr. L.L. Anthony, Jr., Dr. W. Jacob Craft, Dr. J. Hord Craft, Dr. J.G. Hord, George A. Harris President of American Hospital Supply Co., James Edwin Hord, former Eastern Airlines Pilot, Dr. James Edwin Hord, Jr., Parker Hord, playwright (listed in 1931 Who's Who in America) and Dr. D.F. Hord (plus farmers) and teachers: Margaret Hord Anthony, Mary Frances Hord Cothran, Ruth Hord Craft, Richard C. Craft, Sue Hord Moss, Nancy Hord, Jen Hord, Marjorie Hord, Carolyn Hord Harris,

Kate Hord and many more.

The Hords can be proud of their heritage.

— Mrs. W.M. Craft

THE ALBERT THOMPSON and EUGENIA ELDORA EATON HORD FAMILY

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Albert Thompson Hord was born July 29, 1852 at Double Shoals, Cleveland County, North Carolina, died October 3, 1922 and was buried in Cleveland County, N.C.

Albert was the seventh child of a family of thirteen born to Richard Thomas and Margaret Harmon Thompson Hord, grandson of James and Martha Prayer (or Puryear or Pryor) Hord. His brothers and sisters were as follows: Thomas Jefferson, born 1840; Harret Amelia, born 1842; Abdalla Sabot, born 1844 and who served in the Confederate Army and was captured and released at Fort Lookout, Maryland in June 1865; Margaret Mahaley born 1846; Julia Ann born 1848; Emily Louvenie born 1850; Daniel Hartwell born 1854; James Madison born 1856; Mary Elizabeth born 1858; Eliza Lucinda born 1860; baby girl born and died 1862; Jane Harmon born 1863. Albert's mother died 1863 so his father married Mahaley Ramseur Ledford a few months afterwards and to them were born two sons, Richard Anderson and George Clifton.

Albert graduated from Shelby High School and from Wake Forest College in 1864. It is understood that he taught school in Shelby before attending college as he mentioned in one of his diaries of having certain pupils in class.

In the year of 1885 he was preaching in Franklin, N.C. He was appointed missionary over a territory of forty miles which he covered usually by horseback. Some of the places where he preached in the forty mile radius were Kerr Chapel, Berry Grove, Shuping's Schoolhouse and several other places. During this time he lived in Cleveland (formerly Third Creek) and boarded with the family of Dr. S.W. Eaton and in 1888 married one of the daughters, Eldora Eugenia (Dora) Eaton. He organized a Sunday School and Bible Reading which was held in Eaton's Hall and in which he helped build the benches on which people sat.

In 1886 Mr. Hord wrote in his diary of March 11th, "Tomorrow is the day appointed to organize Third Creek Baptist Church. Not a Baptist church in Rowan County nearer than Salisbury. This will be the fourth for whites church in the County." He had worked hard under difficult situations to establish a church at Third Creek and even worked harder getting the building built. It was a "heartbreaking" mission he had taken on for many obstacles were placed in his way but he travelled far and wide collecting money for the building. Sometime he was given ten cents, fifty cents and in several cases ten and fifty dollars, but it all went into the house of the Lord. Mr. Hord even went to the woods and worked along with the colored help in getting out timbers for the building.



View of the front of Cote House

In 1889 through 1890 (or perhaps longer) he was preaching at Burlington and from there went to Glenville and was there until 1896. In 1890 he took part, acting as Deputy Grand Chaplain, at the laying of the corner stone of Elon College. Elon College opened its doors for its first session September 2, 1890.

Albert T. Hord spent his life trying to win souls to Christ but he also taught school and did some selling during his time on earth. He was a Mason, A.F. and A.M. for many, many years. The last place was at Cary, N.C.

Albert Hord believed in having a large family as he and Eugenia Eldora had twelve children as follows: Richard Samuel born February 24, 1890, died March 20, 1964; Annie Amelia Hord Davis, born May 30, 1892, died September 1958; Daniel Griffith, born February 4, 1894 killed in an accident September 17, 1928; Charles Edgar born April 1, 1896, died March 25, 1967; Beatrice Alberta Hord Britt born February 5, 1898, died July 16, 1967; Albert Blanks born October 9, 1899; Mary Ethel Hord Lambert born June 15, 1902; Eugene Claudius born August 27, 1904; Margaret Velna Hord McCune born March 17, 1907; Juanita Jossie Hord Miller born April 6, 1909; Rowena Meredith Hord Brown born November 19, 1911; Cornelia Armata Hord Cooperstein born November 6, 1915. Six of the surviving children live in the Pacific Northwest and the other one in Tucson, Arizona.

— Mrs. Edw. P. Miller (Juanita J.)

DAVID FLETCHER HORD, SR.

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David Fletcher Hord, Sr. was born May 20, 1880 near Shelby in the Cleveland Springs area. He was the son of John Mordecai Hord (1854-1909) and Sara Jane Bookout (1852-1923), and the grandson of Jesse Hord (1813-1898).

He had five sisters who were: Mrs. Farris Ledford (Bess), Mrs. Tom Roberts (Mig), Mrs. Clarence Bumgardner (Tish), Mrs. Stough Miller (Delia), and Mrs. Frank Weir (Ethel). There was one brother, Blanton Hord.

Mr. Hord attended Shelby public school and graduated from a business college in Macon, Georgia, about 1900.

In 1906 he married Fannie V. Spake (1886-1958) of Shelby, daughter of Adam Phillip Spake (1864-1933) and Sara Rosana Wilson (1857-1917). The couple lived first in Waco, North Carolina, and later moved to Kings Mountain, where Mr. Hord was bookkeeper for the Cloth Mill Store, and later became associated with Plonk Brothers and Company. In 1925, he became active manager of D.F. Hord Furniture Company, Inc. and remained in



David Fletcher Hord, Sr.

this work until his death on February 7, 1943.

As a youth he became a member of Elizabeth Baptist Church, having been baptised in Buffalo River by the pioneer preacher, The Reverend Thomas Dixon. In Kings Mountain, he joined the First Baptist Church and was a leader in the erecting of a new building in 1912. During his thirty-six years as a member of this church, he served as deacon, Sunday School teacher, church clerk and youth leader. He was moderator of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association and was a trustee of Boiling Springs College (now Gardner-Webb College) for over sixteen years.

Mr. Hord was interested in the civic affairs of his community. He was a member of the Business Men's Club and served for several terms as town councilman. At one time he was mayor pro tem. He was the first executive secretary of the Kings Mountain Merchants Association and was instrumental in its being organized.

There were three children born to Fletcher and Fannie Hord: Sara Nell (Mrs. H. Tom Fulton); Mae Sue (Mrs. George W. Moss); and David Fletcher, Jr., Doctor of Dental Surgery. The son's death occurred September 26, 1979.

Mr. Hord's death was in Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, North Carolina, and he is buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Source: Family information.

— Sue H. Moss

DR. DAVID FLETCHER HORD, JR.

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Dr. David Fletcher Hord, Jr. was a respected dentist in Kings Mountain for thirty years from 1949 until his death on September 26, 1979.

He was the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award presented by the North Carolina Society of Dentistry for Children in 1970. The coveted award is presented each year to a general practitioner and reads: "In recognition for his tireless efforts for improving the dental health of the children of his community and state and for devoted leadership in this Society." Dr. Hord was a charter member of the group and served as secretary-treasurer for four years.

Born in Kings Mountain on April 7, 1923, Dr. Hord was educated in the Kings Mountain schools. He did his undergraduate work at Wake Forest University and earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery Degree from Emory University in 1946. The third child of Fannie Spake and David Fletcher Hord, his two sisters Nell (Mrs. H. Tom Fulton) and Sue (Mrs. George W. Moss) are residents of Kings Mountain.

Upon his graduation from Emory, Dr. Hord was associated with Dr. E. W. Connell of Mount Holly.

After serving in the Army Dental Corps at Fort Sam Houston, Texas and Fort Jackson, South Carolina, the dentist was discharged with the rank of captain in 1948. In January 1949, he began practicing general dentistry in his home town.

Active in all phases of his profession, Dr.



Dr. David Fletcher Hord, Jr.

Hord was president of the First District of the North Carolina Dental Society in 1972-1973. He served as a delegate of the state Dental Society from 1973-1976.

On the state level, he was a member of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Dental Society from 1977-1979, serving as chairman of that body for two years.

Dr. Hord was a member of the Charlotte Dental Society, Isothermal Dental Society, Pierre Fauchard Academy, Cleveland County Dental Study Club, North Carolina Unit of the Academy of General Dentistry and served as director for two years. He was a member of the Psi Omega Dental Fraternity serving as secretary and Grand Master of the state chapter.

A director of the Dental Foundation of North Carolina and alternate delegate to the American Dental Association meetings in 1977 and 1978, Dr. Hord was a participant in two workshops on the national level representing the North Carolina Society.

Dr. Hord was a devoted churchman and member of the Kings Mountain Baptist Church. Active in the choir, the deacon board, and Sunday School, he served as Sunday School Director and teacher. As a member of the First Baptist Church, he served as deacon and church treasurer.

A member of the General Board of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association, he was representative for North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

Interested in his county and community, the dentist worked in the successful campaign to fluoridate the Kings Mountain water system. The purpose of this effort was to help prevent cavities in children's teeth.

Dr. Hord was an active participant in the Red Cross Donor Program, having been cited for his contributions.

In 1945-1955, he was President of the Cleveland County Tuberculosis Association and since 1965 was a member of the Cleveland County Board of Health and had been vice-chairman for three years at the time of his death.

Dr. Hord was active in several community

organizations. He was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Kings Mountain Hospital. As a young man, he was an officer in the Jaycees and in 1953, he served as president of the Kiwanis Club and later as president of the High School Parent-Teacher Association. An avid golfer, he was a member of the Kings Mountain Country Club and a collector of coins and stamps.

Dr. Hord was a family man. He married Leonora Eoline Keeter, a Cleveland County native, on August 9, 1946 in the First Baptist Church in Kings Mountain and they are the parents of five children; Mary Jo (Mrs. Stan Whitley) of Morganton, West Virginia; Barbara Spake (Mrs. W.S. Fulton III) of Kings Mountain; David III (who married Bonnie Patterson) of China Grove; Nancy Eoline (Mrs. Edward Bunch) of Asheboro, and Anne Byron Hord of Mars Hill College. There are four grandchildren.

The new tower of the Kings Mountain Hospital will have a room in Dr. Hord's honor. Brass offering plates and landscaping at his church, and the D.F. Hord Memorial Award given by the First District Dental Society to an outstanding dentist in the district commemorate his life. These four memorials, given by his friends and relatives, will perpetuate the memory of this versatile man.

Sources: *Kings Mountain Herald* Articles, obituary notices; family conversations & records.

Eoline K. Hord

THE GEORGE CLIFTON HORD FAMILY

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George Clifton Hord was the son of Richard Thomas and Mahala Ledford Hord. Richard Thomas Hord born February 23, 1806, came from England along with six brothers and settled in Virginia.

According to information handed down

from his descendants, he came to North Carolina in January 1837 and bought a tract of land from Martin P. Shuford. This land being located on each side of First Broad river between what is now known as the towns of Lawndale and Double Shoals.

He built this colonial home and in September 28, 1863 he married Mahala Ledford Horn born December 17, 1835. They had two children: Richard Anderson Hord born September 14, 1864; George Clifton Hord born January 3, 1867. George Clifton Hord lived here with his father until August 15, 1889 he married Lucretia Emma Lee born March 15, 1873. She was the daughter of William Crook Lee (October 26, 1841 — December 20, 1909) and Mary Lucinda Hardin Lee (August 15, 1835 — November 28, 1905). Both were buried in the Palm Tree Methodist church cemetery between Lawndale and Polkville.

After George Clifton married, he built a house about a mile from his father's house and moved in it. To this union was born twelve children: Maurice Clifton Hord (June 11, 1890 — May 16, 1892) was buried in New Bethel Baptist church cemetery located between Fallston and Lawndale; Lula May Hord (May 31, 1893, married Willis Birch Callahan November 17, 1918, died February 26, 1973) was buried in the town cemetery at Rutherfordton, North Carolina; Della Blanche Hord born January 18, 1895, married George Mark Borders November 20, 1919, died September 24, 1979 and was buried in Patterson Springs Baptist church cemetery; Lela Lee Hord born July 22, 1897 and married Charles Lawrence Putnam November 26, 1916; William Craven Hord born February 24, 1900, died September 23, 1902 and was buried in New Bethel Baptist church cemetery; Richard Forrest Hord born February 26, 1902 and married Ellen Beatrice Turner November 25, 1925; Gazzie Mahala Hord born February 1, 1904 and married Albert Henry Putnam December 21, 1922;



George Clifton Hord homeplace

Mable Lucretia Hord born October 14, 1906 and married D. Broadus Norman September 10, 1942; Lawrence Gilbert Hord born June 26, 1909, married Sadie Louise Patterson September 18, 1932, died October 22, 1974 and was buried in the town cemetery at Hickory, North Carolina; Edna Lola Hord born February 17, 1912; George Junior Hord born April 5, 1914 and married Margaret Juanita Bates December 24, 1939; Russell Thomas Hord born March 10, 1917 and married Edna Mae Roberts July 6, 1940.

George Clifton Hord had thirteen half brothers and sisters born to his father and first wife Margaret H. Thompson born January 15, 1823, died July 3, 1863 and was buried in the family cemetery about one quarter of a mile from the home place.

When George Clifton's mother, Mahala Leford Hord, died he moved his family back to the home place and lived there until he died Feb. 19, 1948. Lucretia Emma Lee Hord died May 14, 1958 and they were both buried in New Bethel Baptist Church cemetery located between Fallston and Lawndale.

The home place remained in the Hord family until April 11, 1972 when the house was destroyed by fire. A few months after the fire the farm was sold.

George Clifton Hord was never a rich man, as far as money was concerned, but we always had plenty to eat and wear. He often made the comment he didn't want to die hungry. We farmed and raised most all we ate except sugar and coffee.

He was a devoted church worker. He always taught his family that when Sunday came we were all supposed to go to church. He was an ordained deacon for many years at New Bethel Baptist church. In 1946 he was made honorary deacon for the rest of his life. He attended the Kings Mountain Baptist Association for forty years without missing a single year.

Sources: Family records, relatives, personal knowledge, memories, and tombstones.

— Edna L. Hord

J.G. HORD, M.D.

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Jacob George Van Buren Hord, L.I. and M.D. maintained a successful and prestigious medical practice in Kings Mountain of Cleveland County for more than thirty years.

Doctor Hord was born October 2, 1863 on his family's homestead farm that was located in township no. 5, Cleveland County. He was the son of Jesse and Elizabeth (Connor) Hord. Jesse was third generation Hord born in Virginia and his wife, Elizabeth was born in Cleveland County. Jesse was an outstanding farmer and was remembered long after his death at age of eighty-three in 1911. Prior to the Hords coming to Virginia they originated in England. John Hord came from England on August 1, 1708 and settled in Middlesex County, Virginia.¹

Doctor Hord being only one of nineteen children born to Jesse and Elizabeth, learned at an early age to depend on his own resources. He chopped wood for his brothers for twenty-five cents per cord and cleared land at two cents



Dr. J.G. Hord

per hour. He plowed with a blind mule and many nights he planted corn and what by moonlight.²

Doctor Hord was a student for two and one-half years at the University of North Carolina and in 1889 he was graduated from the Tennessee State Normal College at Nashville, with the degree of Lincientiate of Instruction. In 1891 he was graduated from the medical department of the University of Louisville, Kentucky. He was an avid follower of advances in medicine and surgical science. He took effective postgraduate courses in the celebrated New York Polyclinic and at the New York Post-Graduate Medical College.

Mrs. Mattie White Hord married Doctor Hord on November 25, 1891. Mattie was the doctor's first wife. She died in 1895.³

As a doctor practicing medicine, Doctor Hord had many humorous incidents to occur.

Some that are readily remembered are as follows:

He was called to a home near the North Carolina and South Carolina line to visit a sick baby. It turned out the baby was not as sick as the mother thought, and she apologized for calling him on a cold winter night when the roads were so bad. Doctor Hord said, "That's all right, if you thought you needed a doctor, you needed him."

On another occasion, while studying in New York, he roomed with a doctor whose family was well-to-do. The roommate was so lazy he didn't want to go out to buy food. He would put some money on the dresser and Doctor Hord was pleased to go and buy the food for both of them.

On another day, while he was walking through a store in New York — just looking around — a gangster stuck a pistol in his side. Doctor Hord calmly whispered, "I'm working this side of the store, you take the other side." Needless to say, the Doctor lost no time leaving the store!

Doctor Hord was to operate on a man for a hernia at the patient's home because there was no hospital in Kings Mountain at that time. The Doctor needed someone to give the ether, so when he saw a medical student on the street, who was home on vacation, he persuaded the student (Dr. O.G. Moss now living in Rutherford County) to assist. (Doctor Moss recently told this writer he was scared to death). When the operation was over the family said, "We'll see you." Doctor Hord said, "No, you won't. I have this man to pay for his help." So the family paid the doctor.

Otto Leon Hord, the only child of Mattie White Hord and J.G. Hord was killed in an auto accident when he was twenty-three on September 29, 1920. Dr. Hord married his first wife's younger sister, Carrie White. Dr. and Mrs. Hord had seven children.

Dr. Hord died on January 14, 1930; his second wife, Carrie Belle White died November 25, 1940. Both are buried at the Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Dr. Hord was one of the largest landowners



Residence of Dr. J.G. Hord, presently the Mauney Memorial Library in Kings Mountain.

in Cleveland County having property in Oklahoma and in the eastern and western part of the state. He built a beautiful home which was one of the finest and most modern houses to be found in Cleveland County. In 1905 Doctor Hord became one of the organizers and incorporators of the Peoples Loan and Trust Company of Kings Mountain. Doctor Hord had membership in Gaston County Medical Society. He was a Democrat, a deacon, an elder in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, member of the Board of Alderman, and served as a member of the local Board of Education.

Dr. Hord's family home is now serving as the Mauney Memorial Library in Kings Mountain.

Doctor Hord's children and their spouses and grandchildren:

Otto Leon Hord is unmarried and deceased.

Margaret Louise Hord and Luther Leslie Anthony (deceased) parents; Isabelle (Anthony) Hiatt Greensboro, North Carolina; Luther Leslie Anthony, Jr., M.D. Gastonia, North Carolina; Margaret "Sug" Anthony (deceased).

Ruth Elizabeth Hord and William McElveen Craft (parents); William Jacob Craft, Ph.D. Greensboro, North Carolina; James Hord Craft, N.C. Durham, North Carolina; Richard Carroll Craft, M.A. Forest City, North Carolina.

Jacob George Hord, Jr. unmarried and deceased.

Mary Frances Hord and Thomas White Cothran, II (parents); Thomas White Cothran, III Shelby, North Carolina; James Hord Cothran Shelby, North Carolina; Carolyn Virginia Cothran Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. James Edwin, Hord, Sr. (parents); James Edwin Hord, Jr., Ph.D. Panama City, Florida; Robert White Hord Garden Grove, California; Jacob George Hord Memphis, Tennessee; Bettie Hord Burger Marietta, Georgia.

Maude Eunice Hord unmarried and deceased.

Carolyn Rebecca Hord and James Abner Harris (parents); Jacob George Harris Deerfield, Illinois; James Wallace (Wally) Harris, Kansas City, Missouri.

All buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery.

Sources: "Early Families of Eastern and Southwestern Kentucky" "N.C. Rebuilding an Ancient Commonwealth" Hord family Bible.

— Ruth Hord Craft

THE JOHN HORD FAMILY

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John Hord was born in England in 1700 and died in this country in 1803. We do not know exactly when he arrived in this country, but King George of England deeded him 1085 acres of land. That land was later sold to George Harriston the third (better known as Rusty Harriston), and he built a rock mansion (12 rooms) there, and this section was known as Hordville and was situated some ten miles west of Martinsville, Va. John Hord was buried just outside that mansion, and on that tombstone is dates 1700-1803. As stated, we do not know the exact date he arrived in this country, but his son James and wife Martha



William G. and Mary Ann Whitworth Hord on wedding day

moved from Virginia to Cleveland Co. N.C., which was at that time Rutherford Co. Their arrival date here was in 1821.

The Children of James and Martha Hord, who moved here from Virginia, are as follows: Patrick Hord was married to Nancy Thompson. Richard Thomas Hord was married to Margaret Harmon Thompson first marriage then to Mahaley Ledford; Jesse Hord was first married to Nancy Gardner, and second marriage to Elizabeth Cannor; John Hord, we have no information on him. Susana Hord married John Cabaniss.

Information on Jesse Hord, being third child born to James and Martha Hord is as follows. Jesse Hord was born in Cleveland Co. September 17, 1813 and died June 20, 1898, and his first marriage was to Nancy E. Gardner, and to this union were born the following: (1) James Young Hord, born July 28, 1839 and died

March 7, 1930, and he was married to Jane Harmon who was born Feb. 2, 1948 and she died June 23, 1906; (2) Tom Hord married Hulda Neil, no other information; (3) Becky Hord married a Barrett; (4) Jane Hord married Berry Barrett; (5) Mary Hord married a Hoyle, (6) Martha Hord married a Carpenter, then a Morrison.

Jesse Hord's second marriage was to Elizabeth Connor, and to this union were born (1) Haley Ford first married a Styres, then Haas Bridges, then to Sidney Weathers. (2) Mordecai Hord married Sally Bookout, (3) Ed Hord married Roxanna Kendrick, (4) Joe Hord married Fannie Stubs, (5) Adam Hord married Mattie Dover, (6) Jake Hord married Mattie White first then her sister Carrie after she died. (7) Bill Hord married Chatty Keller, (8) Sallie Hord married Robert E. Kerr, (9) Eliza Hord married Joe Kendrick, (10) Julia Hord married

Jake Keller, (11) Lillie Hord married Ed Hord of another Hord family, and (12) Matilda Hord married Thomas (Tom) Allen.

James Young Hord, the first born of Jesse and Nancy Hord, begat the following children by his first wife Hane Harmond Hord. (1) William Gordon Hord married Mary Anne Whitworth. He was born Feb. 14, 1868 and died July 31, 1941, and the wife was born Nov. 25, 1872, and died March 29, 1966; (2) Jesse Lee Hord born Oct. 13, 1869 and died Dec. 7, 1944, and was married to Nora Dixon born Nov. 4, 1873 and died March 5, 1963; (3) Lucy Jane Hord born Nov. 5, 1872 and died May 15, 1937, and was married to William H. Caldwell; (4) John Richard Hord born Oct. 15, 1874, and died Feb. 2, 1960, and he was married to Ella Docia Whitworth who was born April 19, 1877, and died Jan. 6, 1967; (5) Robert M. Hord, born March 2, 1877, and died May 4, 1934, and was married to Zee Chumbly; (6) Sarah Hord born March 14, 1879 and died September 1941, and she was first married to Lawson Botts, who was accidentally killed in a hunting expedition, then many years later, she married D.F. Froneberger; (7) Walter E. Hord born Sept. 12, 1881, never married, and died July 13, 1906; (8) Martha Anne Hord born Oct. 13, 1883 and died June 19, 1957, and she was married to P.M. (Maynard) Washburn; (9) Benjamin Frank Hord born Nov. 25, 1885, and died March 10, 1950, (10) Salina Maudie Hord was born Dec. 31, 1887, and died March 8, 1878, and she was married to William V. Smith, (11) Fannie G. Hord born Feb. 29, 1890, and she was married to W. Henry Yeago. She is still living as of March 30, 1982.

Listed in the next chapter is the children of William Gordon Hord and Mary Anne Whitworth Hord.

Loron James William Hord born Sept. 15, 1892, and died March 29, 1969. He was married to the former Ellen Houser. Nannie Leslie Hord was born Feb. 3, 1896 and was married

to Elisha F. McBrayer who is deceased. Raymond Dewey Hord born May 17, 1898 is married Dona Blanche Spake Sept. 15, 1920. Alvin Lee Hord was born Oct. 14, 1900 and died July 14, 1979, and he was married to the former Lalyage Blalock. Zona Jane Hord born Nov. 3, 1902 and was married to James Aubrey Clay Dec. 23, 1933, she was run over and killed by a new truck owned by Lutz Yelton Co. Dec. 14, 1954. Mary Lou Hord was born August 19, 1905 and married to Carl Davidson August 19, 1926, and he was killed instantly by a truck in Kings Mountain in 1945, she then was married to Jesse F. Niven August 3, 1953. He is now deceased. Maude Ava Hord was born December 31, 1907, was married to Frazier P. Patton who is now deceased. She then married John W. Wotring Dec. 25, 1962. John was born Dec. 31, 1897.

Raymond Dewey Hord and Dona Spake Hord's children are as follows:

Mary Sue Hord was born in Boiling Springs July 13, 1921, married L.W. Knight May 20, 1943. Elizabeth Elaine Hord was born Nov. 7, 1923 and died Feb. 14, 1924; Dorothy Carol Hord was born April 30, 1927 in Boiling Springs, and married Yuell Reid Hawkins March 27, 1948. Yuell was killed by a train; Horace Blainey Hord was born Sept. 21, 1929 in Boiling Springs, and is married to the former Mary Ruth Dedmon June 2, 1955. An infant son was also born in Boiling Springs, Sept. 2, 1931 (still-born).

The children of Horace Blainey Hord and Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord are as follows: Deborah Lynn Hord was born July 2, 1956; Melanie Jane Hord was born 9/5/1958; Charlotte Elaine Hord was born Aug. 19, 1962; Emily Celeste Hord was born Jan. 15, 1965.

Most of the Hord men seemed to follow some kind of mechanical work. W.G. Hord had, and operated, two portable saw mills that were operated by steam traction engines, and one stationary saw mill that was located at his cotton gin. They were operated by a large steam boiler and stationary steam engine. He also operated a corn mill, black-smith shop, lumber planers, wheat threshing machine, shingle making machine and other pieces of machinery. Always something to do, never a dull moment. Raymond D. Hord has operated an automobile repair shop for many many years.

See Hord family portrait in memorial section.

— Raymond D. Hord

RAYMOND DEWEY and DONA BLANCHE SPAKE HORD

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Raymond Dewey and Dona Blanche Spake Hord celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on September 15, 1980. On September 14, their children honored them with a "This Is Your Life" program in the Fellowship Hall of Elizabeth Baptist Church. Raymond and Dona thought this was to be a reception, but when they arrived, the two hundred-fifty guests were already present and witnessed a flashback of the lives of the couple.

Raymond Dewey Hord, son of William Gordon and Mary Ann (Molly) Whitworth Hord, was born in Cleveland County May 17, 1898. He grew up in Waco, learning from his father to operate many kinds of machinery. He worked in the saw mill, with threshing equipment, and with heavy graders. He clearly remembers scraping the dirt streets around the Cleveland County Courthouse on the Court Square.

Dona Blanche Spake, seventh child of William George and Susan Roxana Irvin Spake, was born on August 11, 1897. Her home was located on Hickory Creek on the east side of Shelby where Bost Bakery now stands.

It was 1916 when Raymond and Dona met. Raymond was working on a threshing crew at Mike Borders farm when Mrs. Borders insisted that he get down off the machine and meet the girls that she had with her. One of those girls was Dona Spake, whom Mrs. Borders told Raymond he should choose for his sweetheart. He agreed, but did not make his feelings known for a while because of his extreme shyness. He took a job as conductor of the dining car on the Southern Railroad and traveled from Washington, D.C. to Atlanta. It was during that time that Raymond dreamed three times of Dona. He wrote her a card, which she answered, and a courtship was born. They were married by "Preacher Suttle" at the home of the bride's parents on September 15, 1920.

During their young married days, they lived in Boiling Springs, North Carolina, where all their children were born. The house still stands and is located to the rear of Beason's Sandwich Shop. Raymond operated a service station, garage, and barber shop. He earned the reputation of being an excellent mechanic, a rating he still holds today. Known as a "fast driver," he always had a good car.

After his business was twice-destroyed by fire, the Hords moved to Shelby, where Dona and the children lived while R.D. worked in Petersburg, Virginia, as chief automotive instructor at Camp Lee. After World War II Raymond returned to Shelby where he and son Horace worked together in a garage built near their home on Highway 150 East. After Horace left to enter North Carolina State College, Raymond continued to operate the garage, serving many customers throughout the years who refused to take their cars to anyone else. Raymond has now retired, but at this writing, at age eighty-three, still works on a few cars each week.

Raymond is a tall, energetic man with dark hair that has resisted graying. He continues to be a very busy person, spending many hours a week visiting patients in the local hospital and rest homes, and being active in the local Exchange Club where in 1980 he was awarded a plaque as the "Exchangeite of the Year."

Dona is a petite brunette with fair complexion, described by many who have known her as "a very pretty girl." Her beauty is more than "skin deep." She is also known to be gentle and kind and a fine Christian woman.

Both the Hords are active members of Elizabeth Baptist Church where Dona taught Sunday School for many years. They still reside on



Horace B. Hord

Highway 150 East at 215 Cherryville Road, Shelby, North Carolina, and can often be seen riding in their "little red truck" to visit friends or to express their sympathy to families who have lost loved ones.

Living children of Raymond Dewey and Dona Spake Hord are Mary Sue, Dorothy, and Horace. Elizabeth Elaine was born November 7, 1923, died February 14, 1924. The son born September 2, 1931 died in infancy. Mary Sue b. July 13, 1921 married Leslie Wilson Knight b. February 14, 1920 on May 20, 1943. Their children are Leslie Wilson Knight, Jr. b. March 24, 1954 who on his grandparents' fifty-ninth wedding anniversary September 15, 1979 married Janet Lynn Curry b. June 10, 1955; and Elizabeth Ann b. January 27, 1956 who married Ciro Piccirillo b. October 6, 1956 in a home wedding on January 7, 1978. Their son Ciro Knight Piccirillo was born March 19, 1981. Dorothy Carol b. April 30, 1927 was married on March 27, 1948 to Yuell Reid Hawkins b. April 14, 1928 — d. August 3, 1970. Their children are Yuell Glen Hawkins b. April 16, 1949 who married Carolyn Sue Barnes b. March 6, 1950 on September 28, 1969. Their sons are Joseph Glen, born August 11, 1971, and Charles Edward, born April 6, 1975; Carol Elizabeth b. October 16, 1951, who on May 24, 1974 married Ralph Fennell Pacheco b. January 2, 1950. Pacheco children are Elizabeth Anne, born February 13, 1975, Jonathan Hawkins, born November 7, 1976, and Nathan Armand, born January 23, 1980; Barry Reid Hawkins was born August 30, 1955; and Jack Raymond Hawkins b. November 20, 1956 who on December 19, 1981, married Lourdes Maria Ball-Ilovera who was born January 2, 1959 (Luly). Horace Blainey Hord b. September 21, 1929 married Mary Ruth Dedmon b. May 4, 1930 on June 2, 1955. Their children are Deborah Lynn b. July 2, 1956, Melanie Jane b. September 5, 1958, Charlotte Elaine b. August 19, 1962, and Emily Celeste b. January 15, 1965.

Sources: Oral history, subjects still living.

Dorothy Carol Hord Hawkins
and Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord

HENRY HORN

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Henry Horn, born 1786, was the son of Jessie and Mary Horn and was reared in Virginia during the years the Horns were migrating to the Carolina Piedmont. He married Peggy (Margaret) Bartlett, born 1790. Two of their eight children were born in Surry County, Virginia, one in York County, South Carolina.

He apparently was named for his great-grandfather, Henry Horn, Sr. who landed in Philadelphia in 1720 as a refugee from Germany. Henry has many descendants in Cleveland County today.

Children: (Male) Jessie, born 20 July 1809 in VA., married ??; (Female) Nancy, born 18 March 1811 in VA., married Willis M. Jones; (Male) Deniel, born 18 Jan. 1813 in York County, SC., married Ana Jones; (Male) John, born 28 Jan. 1815 Rutherford County, N.C., married Sarah Elizabeth Harding; (Male)

Johnathon, born 10 Jan. 1820 Rutherford County, N.C., married Lydia McKinny; (Female) Elizabeth, born 22 June 1822 Rutherford County, N.C., married James McKinney; (Female) Sophia, born 6 May 1825 Rutherford County, NC., and married William Wiggins, and (Female) Margaret, born 16 July 1830 Rutherford County, N.C., married Langdon C. Ramsey.

— Gladys H. Hopper

(SEVEN GENERATIONS IN CLEVELAND COUNTY) MY HORN ANCESTRAL LINE IN CLEVELAND COUNTY

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My Horn Ancestors landed in Philadelphia in the early 1700's via Ireland and Holland as German refugees from the Rhineland of Germany. They migrated southward through Maryland and Virginia into the Piedmonts of North and South Carolina. Some went to Tennessee, Missouri and Westward.

Horn families settled in western Cleveland County, then Rutherford, descendants scattered over the county, some into South Carolina. Today hundreds of Horns and their descendants live in Cleveland County.

Documented lines and records show James and Jean Horn of Surry County, Virginia are parents of Jessie Horn, born May 15, 1752 of Rutherford, now Cleveland County. Marriage bonds and census records are recorded for this family in Virginia, Stokes and Mecklenburg Counties in North Carolina, York County in South Carolina, then Rutherford and Cleveland counties in North Carolina.

Jessie Horn born May, 1752, and wife Mary, who probated their will in Rutherford, now Cleveland County, in 1813 is the first recorded instance of my ancestral line of Horns' owning land and homes on which they reared a family in what is now Cleveland County. Seven children are listed in their will, some of which have descendants in Cleveland County now.

Henry Horn my great-grandfather, was the third child listed in the will. He was born in Surry County, Virginia in 1774, married Peggy (Margaret) Bartlett, migrated to Stokes County, NC then to York County, SC on to Rutherford, now Cleveland County in time for the 1800 census. Henry and Peggy Bartless Horn had eight children. All eight grew up in York County, SC and Rutherford, now Cleveland County in North Carolina.

John Horn, born February 28, 1815, third child of Henry Horn, my grandfather was a farmer, owning at one time about 600 acres of land on headwaters of Sandy Run Creek in Cleveland County. He paid five cents per acre for taxes one time his receipts show. He married Sarah Harding Hamrick, widow of Drewry Dobbins Hamrick, killed in Civil War. She had one child, Clementine who married Frances N. Gardner. She once told me John Horn was the best man she ever knew, he never spoke harshly to her during her childhood. He willed like amounts of land to Clementine as to his own three children who were all born at his

home near Lattimore and all went to school there.

James Bartlett Horn, born September 5, 1876 was the youngest of John's three children. He married Hattie Elizabeth Jenkins born August 23, 1888. They reared eleven children of which I, Gladys Clementine Horn Hopper, am oldest. I married Burie H. Hopper of Earl, NC. We have one child Max Haskle Hopper born September 10, 1947. He married Tucker Ilgenfritz. They have three sons, David Haskle Hopper, born January 11, 1968, Clay Burton Hopper born March 16, 1973 and James P. Hopper born May 23, 1978. Thus seven generations of Horn descendants in this one family in Cleveland County.

— Mrs. Burie H. (Gladys Horn) Hopper

JESSIE HORN and FAMILY

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Jessie Horn born 15 May, 1752 married Mary ? born 1750. They are the first Horn ancestors that records show owned land and home and reared a family in what is now Cleveland County. The 1790 Census shows six Horn families in Western North Carolina but not in Cleveland County.

A will was probated by Jessie Horn in 1813 in what is now Cleveland County but was Rutherford then. Records show him living in Surry County, Virginia at one time; later in Mecklenburg County, N.C. York County, S.C. before he came to then Rutherford County, N.C. He is thought to be the first American generation of the descendants of Henry Horn Sr., who landed in Philadelphia during the early 1700's from Germany, via Holland, Scotland, Ireland, as a German Refugee escaping the tyranny and persecution by the Catholic Church in the Rhineland at that time. Research shows the Horn generations to be of a fiercely independent nature and of Protestant religious faith. Hence it was natural for them to leave Germany at that time.

Jessie Horn's family migrated Southward from Philadelphia through Maryland and Virginia on into the Carolina's Piedmont. Later some went to Tennessee, Ohio, Missouri, and Mississippi. Jessie and Mary, with some of their family, were living in what was then Rutherford, now Cleveland County, for the 1810 Census. Their children are; Hamblin born 1774, Rebecca born 1778, Henry born 1786, Nancy born 1790, James and John born 1793, Elizabeth born 1796.

— Gladys H. Hopper

JAMES ALEXANDER ("COBB") HORN and DESCENDANTS

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James Alexander ("Cobb") Horn was born on November 6, 1855, one of eight children of Jesse Hamilton Horn and Nancy Elizabeth (Moriah) Wesson Horn, born February 27, 1826, and died August 25, 1899.

The Horns came to America from Germany by way of Ireland in the seventeenth century. They settled first in York County, South Caroli-



The residence and family of James Alexander (Cobb) Horn in 1903

na, and then moved into Rutherford (now Cleveland) County. Jesse Hamilton Horn was born on February 22, 1814, and was killed by lightning on July 6, 1861, on his farm near Double Shoals. He and his wife are buried in Zion Church Cemetery.

James Alexander was married to Loucreasea Lattimore, born August 1, 1856, daughter of Frank and Sophia Elam Lattimore, on December 20, 1877, by Thomas Dixon. "Cobb" and "Lou", as they were called, began housekeeping in Rutherford County. Their first four children, including twins, died there. One of the twins died at birth, and the others died of diphtheria within a period of eight days at ages seven, five, and three. These were Franklin Hamilton, born August 31, 1879, died January 14, 1886; Ambrose M., born September 10, 1881, died January 14, 1886; and Verna V., twin, born November 13, 1883, died January 23, 1886. The burials were in New Bethel Church Cemetery in Lawndale. Two other children — Bessie Jane, born April 29, 1886, and Daniel Thurman, born August 22, 1888 — were born in Rutherford County. They moved back to Cleveland County and bought a part of the Harrison Eskridge land adjacent to the old Horn homeplace where four more children were born. These were James Edgar, born November 15, 1890; Verdie Mae, born May 22, 1893; Essie Fay, born October 4, 1895; William Yates, born June 8, 1898; and Charles Coleman ("Cobby"), born April 13, 1901.

In 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Horn built a spacious modern home near the site of the original Hamilton Horn home. They reared seven children and lived there until their deaths in 1934. Since 1937 the home has been occupied by Daniel Thurman, the oldest son, and his family.

Mr. Horn was a farmer, a trader, and one of the earliest new car dealers in Cleveland County, having the Briscoe Agency. He did exten-

sive trading in livestock. He was a good judge of values, bought only good land, and knew how to farm. At his death, he was perhaps the largest landowner in the county, owning between 2,000 and 2,500 acres before a division among his children. When each of his seven children married, he gave them one hundred acres with the privilege of buying more if they desired. None of his land has ever been sold by any of his descendants, and either one of his children or a spouse of one of his children, or one of his grandchildren still lives on the land he gave.

Mr. Horn was a rugged individual with keen business judgment, a fine sense of honor and integrity, and was a dedicated husband and father. Unusual forethought and self-sacrifice for his children is revealed by the following incident: One night as he and Mrs. Horn sat by the fire, she saw her husband take his pipe and tobacco and throw them into the fire. "What in the world is the matter, Cobb?" she asked. "Have to quit all these things if you're going to raise children," he said. And from that day on, no one can recall that he ever smoked or chewed tobacco, took a drink, or used an oath.

Mr. Horn was very civic-minded. He was very interested in the old Piedmont High School of which he was a trustee, was a faithful and generous member of Double Shoals Baptist Church where he was a deacon and was a dedicated Mason. He was a director of the North Carolina Cotton Growers Association for a number of years. He was always interested in politics but never sought any office.

After a lingering illness, Mr. Horn died on October 29, 1934, and was buried in Zion Baptist Church Cemetery with Masonic rites. His obituary stated that "One of the largest crowds to gather there for a funeral was present to pay their respects to a noble citizen."

Loucreasea Lattimore Horn was a devoted

wife, a loving mother, and a gracious lady with a delightful sense of humor. The love and admiration of her family for her is shown in that five of her seven granddaughters are named for her. Mrs. Horn died of a stroke within two weeks of her husband although she was in perfectly normal health at the time of his death. She was buried beside her husband. They were married fifty-six years.

Their seven children and their spouses who survived them are as follows: Bessie Jane, died November 17, 1980, married December 19, 1909, Mont Glenn Cabaniss, born March 2, 1885, died September 15, 1967; Daniel Thurman, died June 26, 1981, married December 20, 1916, Martha Madeline Simmons, born January 13, 1897; James Edgar, died March 2, 1935, married December 23, 1914, Evageline Warlick, born January 10, 1895, died July 1, 1979; Verdie Mae, married June 15, 1919, Thomas Lawson Dedmon, born September 20, 1889, died December 9, 1956; Essie Fay, married December 23, 1919, Michaux DeWitt Harrill, born March 20, 1895, died September 29, 1951; William Yates, died December 7, 1976, married March 4, 1928, Cora Marie Cornwell, born February 15, 1901; Charles Coleman ("Cobby"), married (1) May 6, 1929, Sarah Roberts, born July 24, 1905, died August 2, 1962; married (2) December 28, 1963, Elizabeth McIntyre Lee, born July 27, 1916.

Only three children are living at the time of this writing: Mrs. Thomas L. (Verdie) Dedmon, Lithia Springs Road, Shelby; Mrs. Michaux D. (Fay) Harrill, Route 1, Lawndale; and Attorney Charles C. ("Cobby") Horn, Highway 226, Shelby. There are also eighteen grandchildren, forty-six great-grandchildren, and twenty-nine great-great-grandchildren.

Sources: Interviews; C.C. Horn, Mrs. T.L. Dedmon; Horn Family Bible; and *Descendants of Jesse Horn of Rutherford County, North Carolina*

— Vernie C. Piercy (Mrs. Brooks E.)

JOHN HORN FAMILY OF CLEVELAND COUNTY

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John Horn b. 28 January 1815 was a son of Henry and Peggy Bartlett Horn of Rutherford, now Cleveland County, grew to manhood in the county. He was a farmer owning, at one time, about 600 acres of land on the headwaters of Sandy Run Creek. His old records show where he paid five cents per acre for taxes on his land for one year. He built his home near the present town of Lattimore, North Carolina.

John married Sarah Elizabeth Harding Hamrick, widow of Drury Dobbins Hamrick, killed in the Civil War. She had one child, Clementine, who married F.N. Gardner. Clementine once said John Horn was the best man she ever knew, saying he never spoke harshly to her during her childhood. He would like amounts of land to Clementine as to his own three children who were born at his home near Lattimore where they all grew up and went to school. Children of John and Sarah Horn were:

Annie Caroline b. 31 March 1871, married 1st, Victor Lovelace; 2nd, Cicero Bridges. Her

children were Mallie Lovelace — married George Dover, Ethel Bridges — never married.

John William Horn b. 28 April 1873 married Docie Harrill. His children were: Addie — married Clyde Jones, Roy — married Sallie Grigg, Dewey — never married, Verdie — married James Lovelace, Effie — married Earl Edwards, Mary C. — married Lawrence Turner.

James Bartlett b. 5 September 1876 married — Hattie E. Jenkins. His children were: Gladys b. 25 May 1906 — married Burie H. Hopper; Thelma b. 4 July 1908 — married Roy Leonhardt; Everette b. 8 November 1909 — married Blooma Wright; William Howard b. 1 July 1911 — married 1st Elizabeth Edwards, 2nd Addie J. Hamrick; Elaine b. 18 February 1916 — married Dr. Neal J. Phillips; Jannette b. 11 January 1918 — married Woodrow W. Nanney; Fred b. 18 October 1919 — married Genevieve Hutchens; Margaret b. 5 January 1922 — never married; Raye b. 12, August 1923 — married A. Neal Spangler; Merriell b. 11 July 1926 — married Dr. Ben H. Battle (Ph.D.); Jack b. 2 April 1928 — married Sarah Green.

John Horn's three children and one step-daughter all built their homes on farms he left to them near Lattimore. His eighteen grandchildren all grew up on this land to become farmers, merchants, business men and women, teachers, nurses and homemakers.

John and Sarah Horn are buried at Double Springs Baptist Church cemetery.

Sources: Family information

— Gladys H. Hopper

HUGH DIXON HOYLE

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Hugh Dixon Hoyle, descendant of pioneer Peiter Heyl (Peter Hoyle) who settled in Gaston County (then Bladen County) in 1774, was born August 27, 1891 Rockdale, Cleveland County, North Carolina. He was a son of David Lemuel Hoyle and Susan Jane Dixon. Paternal grandparents were William Bell Hoyle and Terissa Self Hoyle. His maternal grandparents were Colonel Thomas Marion Dickson (Dixon), son of Gilbreath Dixon and Lydia Houser Dixon, daughter of Jonathan Henry Houser, who built the Rock House on King's Creek near Kings Mountain Battleground. His maternal grandmother was Mary Adeline Warlick, daughter of Solomon Warlick and Barbara Warlick, who owned a very large farm on Jacob's Fork River, near the Catawba and Burke County lines.

Hugh had two brothers: Edgar Hoyle was born January 23, 1888 and served in the U.S. Army until his death August 18, 1925. Edgar was with the Evacuation Hospital Number 11 in France during World War I. His other brother, Marion Hudson Hoyle, was born September 19, 1889, married Margaret Eula Efird, and lived in Cooleemee, N.C. Marion was a pharmacist and owned the Cooleemee Drug Company. They had three sons; Marion Hudson Hoyle, Jr., Robert Efird Hoyle, and Edgar Dixon Hoyle. Marion Hoyle died January 29, 1977 and his wife died February 28, 1981.

Hugh Dixon Hoyle had two sisters: Addie Hoyle was born November 20, 1892. She

worked with her brother Marion in his drug-store in Cooleemee, N.C. Addie never married. The other sister, Ada Hoyle, born February 20, 1895 married George Elliott Gold. Their children are Ruth, George Elliott Jr., Hoyle, Mary Sue, Addie Francis, and Betty Jane.

During Hugh's youth his father and grandfather, Billy Hoyle, had a grist mill, tannery, and leather shop at Rockdale on Buffalo Creek. The mill was powered by a waterwheel. Hugh and his brothers and sisters attended the Belwood Institute, a boarding school established by the Methodist Church in the late 1880's. Their home was about two miles from the school. Hugh's father and mother were in charge of the boarding house at the school for several winters. (In 1925 Hugh bought the school property and built his house where the Belwood Institute stood).

When Hugh was about seventeen years old he traveled with horse and wagon selling harness for his father. In his early twenties he worked in the Western states with wheat harvest crews. Later he joined the U.S. Navy and served in it during World War I. While on leave from the Navy in 1917, he met Vivian Thompson at a party in the home of Addie Alexander and they were married June 24, 1920 in Hendersonville, N.C. Hugh was in Hamburg, Germany when World War I ended and was discharged from the Navy in June 1919.

Hugh returned to Belwood in 1919 and acquired the harness and collar shop which had been operated by O.E. Ford as the Gantt Harness Company. The tannery and harness shop were established by M.P. Gantt during the 1880's. Hugh changed the name of the business to the Belwood Collar Company. Horse collars and harness were shipped to customers in Western North Carolina and some of the eastern counties. He operated the business until his retirement in 1950. Much of the farming was being done by tractors at this time, and the horse and mule were being retired from farm work. The machinery was purchased by L.C. Lentz of Gold Hill, N.C. in 1950 and some of the machinery is still in use.

Hugh was a very active member in the Kadesh Methodist Church. He held various offices in the church and taught a Sunday School class for a number of years. He served on the school committee when the new consolidated school was built at Belwood in 1926. His wife, Vivian, was also active in church and community life.

They had two children: Jack Thompson Hoyle, born May 27, 1921 and Susie Jeanette Hoyle, born August 14, 1923. Jack married Wilma Gladys Mitcham and Jeanette married Blaine Tillman.

In his later years, David Lemuel Hoyle made his home with his son, Hugh and wife Vivian. He died November 19, 1933. Susan had been dead since December 27, 1916.

During the later years of Hugh's life, Vivian spent much time by his bedside helping to care for him. He died March 22, 1980 and is buried at Kadesh United Methodist Church in Belwood near other relatives.

Sources: Gravestones, Personal papers, Genealogy of Peiter Heyl and His Descendants by Elizabeth Hoyle Rucker.

— Jack T. Hoyle

JACK and WILMA HOYLE FAMILY

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Jack Thompson Hoyle, son of Hugh Dixon Hoyle and Vivian Thompson Hoyle, was born May 27, 1921. Wilma Gladys Mitchem, daughter of Walter Hoke Mitchem and Essie Gettie Bingham, was born January 24, 1921. Jack and Wilma were born and reared in the Belwood Community of Upper Cleveland County. They attended Belwood School and graduated from high school there in 1938. Jack attended Lees McRae College at Banner Elk, N.C. Wilma attended Brevard College at Brevard, N.C. for two years, then transferred to the University of North Carolina at Greensboro where she graduated in 1942. She taught school at Piedmont High School, Lawndale, N.C., for four years.

Jack joined the U.S. Navy in 1940. He attended the U.S. Naval Reserve Midshipmen School in New York, N.Y. from November 22, 1940 until February 28, 1941 at which time he was appointed an Ensign in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He saw duty in the Atlantic and Pacific Areas during World War II. Jack was appointed Lieutenant Commander prior to his release from active duty in 1945.

Jack and Wilma were married while he was in the Navy on October 4, 1944. After release from the Navy, he entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in the fall of 1945. There their first child, Cynthia Jane Hoyle, was born June 14, 1948. Jack received his Masters of Arts Degree in Education from the University in 1949.

They moved to Lincolnton, North Carolina in the summer of 1949, and Jack began teaching science in Lincolnton High School. Their second child, William Robert Hoyle, was born June 2, 1950.

The Hoyle Family moved to Belwood, North Carolina in 1951 and occupied the house Wilma's parents had built. Her parents had moved to the Bingham Homeplace to care for her grandparents during their declining years.

On March 4, 1952 a third child, Joseph Lemuel Hoyle was born to Jack and Wilma. The children grew up in the Belwood community, attended Belwood High School, then later graduated from Burns High School.

Jane Hoyle graduated from Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina and taught school for several years. She is married to (Steve) Phillip Steven Hoyle, son of Kenneth and Elizabeth Yarborough Hoyle. They have two sons: Brian Phillip born September 9, 1972 and Darin Steven Hoyle born June 1, 1977. Steve is employed by Carolina Freight Carriers Corporation.

William (Billy) Hoyle graduated from Gaston College, Dallas, North Carolina and is employed by North Carolina Department of Transportation. He married Deborah Lynn Richard, daughter of W.C. and Mollie Sain Richard. Their children are: William Todd, born March 24, 1969 and Angela Lynn Hoyle, born April 28, 1972.

Joseph Lemuel Hoyle graduated from Cleveland Technical College, Shelby, North Carolina. He is self-employed in sales, service

and installations of television and burglar alarm systems. He also works with the Boy Scouts and Upper Cleveland Rescue Squad.

The Jack Hoyle Family has always been deeply involved in the activities of St. Peter's United Methodist Church and in many community affairs.

Jack has taught at Lincolnton High School for thirty-two years and is still teaching there.

Sources: Personal Papers

— Jack Hoyle

WILLIAM HILL HUDSON FAMILY HISTORY

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William Hill Hudson Sr., founder of Hudson's Department Store, was born in Washington, Georgia, June 13, 1893 and died in Shelby on August 8, 1950. His wife, Mary Corinne Moses, a graduate of Georgia State College for Women and later a teacher in the Shelby school system, was born in Turin, Georgia April 28, 1891 and died May 22, 1980. Mr. Hudson was a Georgia boy by birth who discovered Shelby when he was on the road as a salesman. In 1915, while looking for a location in which to settle, he was debating between Shelby and Hickory. Because of the friendliness of Shelby people and at the special instigation of J.L. Suttle, Sr. and Paul Webb, Sr., he made his decision to locate in Shelby, and he never regretted that choice.

Early in his business career, Mr. Hudson became a traveling salesman in the wholesale dry goods field. He had a keen knowledge of merchandise and an uncanny memory of prices. He was always welcomed in the business establishments he served because of his integrity, his genial personality and his great optimism.

His first retail venture was as a partner with the late A.V. Wray, Sr. in the WRAY-HUDSON CO. from 1918 to 1928. When the Wray boys grew up, he sold his interest to his partner. Hudson was also half owner in KEETER STORES, INC. of Kings Mountain, N.C. from 1925 to 1945 at which time he sold his interest to establish with his son, W. Hill Hudson, Jr. the Hudson's Department Store in Shelby.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson had three children: William Hill, Jr., born November 30, 1918; Carolyn Lanier Hudson born in 1925 but died in infancy; and Mary Alice Hudson born June 9, 1929. She is married to George Rellie Boyd, Jr. of Atlanta, Ga. and they are the parents of two sons and two daughters: George III, Mary Jan, Claire, and Hudson Boyd.

William Hill Hudson, Jr. was born and reared in Shelby, attended Shelby Schools and graduated from Duke University with an AB Degree in Business Administration in 1939. He was associated with Sears-Roebuck and Co. in Atlanta for 4 years before he entered the service in 1943 as a Naval Supply Officer aboard the troop transport USS GENERAL A.E. ANDERSON during World War II. After his release from active duty in December 1945, he returned to Shelby where in January 1946 the property at 213 and 215 South Lafayette St. was purchased, and father and son became



W. Hill Hudson, Sr. 1893-1950

associated in the establishment of HUDSON'S. Married to the former Mary Sue Morris of Hartwell, Ga. in November of 1941, the Hudsons are parents of three sons: W. Hill Hudson III; Louie Morris Hudson; and Robert Christopher Hudson.

Hill III married Carole Ann Roberts of Forest City in 1965 after they both graduated from Duke University. They are parents of Mary Leah, Anne Elizabeth, and Hill IVth.

Morris graduated from Wofford College in 1969 and married Kathy Rogers of Lubbock, Texas. They had one child, Lindsey Morris. Morris remarried in 1980 to Renee Poe of Shelby and has a step daughter, Kelly Renee.

Both Hill III and Morris have succeeded their father in the management of HUDSON'S, and Chris, a 1973 graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with a Creative Arts Degree in Music, is in the entertainment field.

Sources: Family knowledge, Family Bible

— W.H. Hudson, Jr.

ALBERT LOGAN and MARTHA KENNEDY HUFFSTICKLER

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Albert Logan Huffstickler b. 1860 d. 1947 was the son of Logan and Marena Gladden Huffstickler. He was one of twenty children born to Logan Huffstickler.

As a young man he began a career in mining along with several brothers; Jeff and Rufus. He continued this throughout his working years until he settled on a farm down where Foote Mineral is now located. He married Martha Kennedy, daughter of Mrs. Mary Kennedy in 1883. Martha was the eldest child and at age 5 she tended to the younger children for her mother to go off to work. She worked for something like twenty-five cents a day. She had to accept responsibility early in life. Her sisters were Ellen and Nancy and brother Rass.

With Albert away at a mining job, Martha handled the discipline of the family. He worked at Kings Mountain Gold Mine on York Road. At



Mary Moses Hudson, 1891-1980

one time there was a mining village, hotel and store near the mine — close to where Galilee Methodist Church and Paul's Fish Camp is now. At one time he remembered that they took out over a million dollars worth of gold. He used to talk about the large vein of gold they located, but couldn't get because of water coming into the mine. He also worked at a gold mine in Stanley County and the Bear Tieze Mine at Crowders Mountain. They were the parents of seven children: John Huffstickler m. Myra Green — died in China during the war WWI 1. Daisy;

Minnie Lee Huffstickler — m. Luther Bridges — (crippled by polio) Nina m. Lee Roy Camp; Lillian m. Homer Davis; Brunell m. Henry Bryant; Clyde m. Averice Eaker; Frank Hood m. Faye Wright; William E. m. Mildred Mullinax; Robert Arthur m. Virgiee Canipe; Edith Jane m. Rommie Carpenter.

Birdie Huffstickler m. Turner Murphy — Blanton (crippled by polio) Clyde m. Ledford; Alberta m. B.A. Smith, Jr.; Ruby m. Anton; Martha m. Melvin Boone; Wilbur Blanton m. Margaret Moss (died in fire of Smith Store).

Robert Huffstickler m. Nancy Hoyle; Owen Huffstickler, Vernon Huffstickler.

Nell Huffstickler m. Wissem Smith; Pauline m. Heeman Queen; Dot m. Dan Harney; Louise m. Bill Jolly; J.D. m. Dorothy Barrett.

Clyde Albert Huffstickler m. Pearl Denton — He was a career service man captured by the Japanese during the fall of Corrigador and held prisoner several years — during this time he developed cancer of the throat: Martha Nell m. Harold Erp; Clyde Albert, Jr.; Jack Denton.

Sudie Huffstickler m. Joe Barrett; Joe "Bud", Jr.; Dorothy m. J.W. Smith; Nell, Jean, Barbara.

Albert and Martha celebrated a 60th Wedding Anniversary in 1943. I remember lots of relatives attending. They were members of Boyce Memorial A.R.P. Church and attended as long as possible.

Albert died in 1947 about one month before son Clyde Albert. Martha died in 1950. All are buried at Mountain Rest Cemetery.

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony



Albert and Martha Huffstickler. L to R: Albert, Martha, Nina Camp (child of Elizabeth Camp) and Minnie Bridges

LOGAN HUFFSTICKLER

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Logan Huffstickler (b. 1808 — d. 1895) was born in North Carolina according to census reports. On December 28, 1828 he married Sally Weir and their children were: 1. Elmira m. Falls 2. Sarah — never married lived with and worked for a Plonk Family 3. Andrew 4. Katherine m. Ware 5. Walter m. May Smith 6. Mary 7. Sally 8. David 9. Henry m. Elizabeth Bennett 10. John 11. James

After the death of Sally, he remarried a much younger lady — Marcana Ann Gladden. In 1850, we found Marcana living with her mother, Margaret Gladden, Martha age 4 and an elderly Harmon lady. In 1860 at age 25 she had married Logan Huffstickler, age 52. Marcana is listed on the membership list for Bethlehem Baptist Church near Kings Mountain. She was baptized by this church. We also find her name listed as Marcaney Huffstickler, so she continued going after her marriage. She and Logan also had a number of children: 12. Jane m. Simpson 13. Albert L. m. Martha Kennedy 14. Rufus 15. Lucinda m. John Holden Kennedy — cousin of Martha 16. Jeff 17. Phillip 18. Margaret m. McCord 19. William 20. Robert

Logan was a blacksmith and a very respected man of his day. He also owned real estate, and possibly several slaves. Either his father, or grandfather had come over from Germany and some of the older folks used to talk about all the wealth their ancestors in Germany would leave them — of course none of this ever materialized. He had a relative in Mississippi who came to visit and others in Pennsylvania. During his last years he became blind. He is buried at El Bethel Church near Kings Mountain. According to family history he was a Captain in the Confederacy and was used to train troops in Kings Mountain.

After Logan's death, Marcaney lived around with her children. She was living with Rufus in Greenville, South Carolina when she died. This was during the time of the flood that destroyed the bridge near Gaffney and so many people died. They buried her near Greenville, S.C.

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony

JAMES DWYRE HUGGINS

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He was born August 24, 1874 near Camden, South Carolina, fell from a farm wagon when about fifteen years of age, injured his right leg and developed a bone infection which finally caused him to have the leg amputated. With the exception of his acceptance of the Christian faith, this injury was perhaps the most significant experience of his entire life, for without this and the realization that he could not make a living by manual labor, coupled with a tremendous driving ambition to obtain an education and be of service to his fellowman, James Dwyre Huggins probably would never have entered college and made his way through graduation. "Made his way?" Yes. He was an invalid for four years, remained in bed for one year, and was troubled at times by this infirmity throughout his school years and through most of his entire life.

He was one of six children, the son of Theodore Norwood and Martha Joy Huggins and a member of a not-too-rich farm family. Not too rich in material goods, but a family of sterling character, high ideals, and a strong sense of democratic fairness and justice.

He attended The Welsh Neck High School, (now Coker College) and upon graduation entered Catawba College, Newton, North Carolina. He defrayed his college expenses by teaching school, making fires in the college buildings, and serving as purchasing agent for the college dining hall. In his senior year, he gave lectures and showed lantern slides with a stereopticon.

Graduating from Catawba College in 1903, he became principal of Bethany High School between York, South Carolina and Kings Mountain, North Carolina, serving four years. While here he married Bessie Atkins of York, an Erskine College graduate and teacher in the school. In May 1907, he was elected as the

first principal of Boiling Springs High School, newly organized forerunner of Gardner Webb College. Except for three or four years when he was assistant principal or co-principal, he remained principal of this institution throughout its existence as a high school and became the first Dean of Boiling Springs Junior College, and except for one year in public school work held this position until his death in 1932.

During most of the years of the school as an academy, Mrs. Huggins taught Greek, Latin, or English. Later she served under Dr. Phil Elliott as a house mother in a girls' dormitory at Gardner Webb until her retirement fifteen years before her death in 1964.

Mr. and Mrs. Huggins had three children. J.D. Huggins, Jr. was with Cleveland County Schools forty-three years, twelve as a high school principal. Evelyn H. Prince taught twenty-three years, two at Lattimore. Rachel Hedrick and her husband Karl brought up a family of six children, four of whom are in school work and all are Gardner Webb graduates, either two or four-year. Of eleven of the Huggins' grandchildren, nine are Gardner Webb graduates and six are teachers. A great-granddaughter is a Gardner Webb sophomore.

Space prohibits use of quotations from writings of prominent former students to support these terse statements: Mr. and Mrs. Huggins were sincere, interested in students, loved the school, and above all were people of "simple, humble, Christian character." They both possessed that innate ability to put ideas across to students and to command their respect and love — simply, to teach. They buried their lives in the school.

Being an educator and believing as Charles B. Aycock did, that every child should be offered a high school education, "Professor" Huggins (affectionately called), to the dismay of some, voted for state high schools. These schools took their toll in enrollment and the Baptist school came very near closing even



"Professor" J.D. Huggins



Bessie A. Huggins



before the depression years. Mr. Huggins was as instrumental as any other one person in keeping the school alive in the late twenties.

At a meeting of the trustees called at this time to decide whether to close the institution, this man, a gifted orator, made a fervent plea for converting the school to a junior college. At the close of this address, Mr. J.H. Quinn, Shelby lawyer and postmaster, Chairman of the Board of Trustees from the earliest years of the school through the first junior college years, a noble man, walked over to where Mr. Huggins was sitting, laid his hand on his shoulder and said, "This man has never given us the wrong advice." The vote was taken and what is now Gardner Webb College had survived the first of several crisis.

Sources: personal letters, *The Kalarathea*, personal knowledge.

— J.D. Huggins, Jr.

GENEALOGY OF ANDREW JACKSON and MARTHA JANE GOLD HUGHES

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Andrew Jackson Hughes (July 4, 1838 — Feb. 2, 1906) was married July 2, 1863 to Martha Jane Gold (May 15, 1844 — Aug. 11, 1926). They had eleven children. Their names follow.

Cicero, (May 8, 1865 — Jan. 2, 1940) married Mary Ann Roark. They had ten children: Ira Bratton, Grace Lee, Forest Earl, Jennie Reece, Jackson Hoyt, Bessie Mae, William Thomas, Ella Glenn, William Floyd, Mary Ruth.

Cora (b. 1866 — d. 1930), married first to Robert Hardin had two children, Robert Curtis and Darwin. Her second marriage was to William Wightman Whisnant.

Mollie Mary (July 1, 1868 — Jan. 13, 1951) married H.G. Neal. They had five children: Sylvester Oates, Charles Oates, Goldie, Paul, E. Yates.

Sarah (Sallie) (Jan. 20, 1870 — March 18, 1941), married H. Simpson Love. They had six children; Mattie Belle, Hugh J., William Reece, John Grady, James Leslie, Sarah Elizabeth.

Daniel P. (Oct. 11, 1871 — April 30, 1900) married Minnie Vieve Lucas. They had one child, Daniel Crawley.

John Miller (Aug. 16, 1873 — Oct. 8, 1937), married Cora Chambers. They had five children; Ethel, Mary Frances, John Hartwell, Margaret, Anna Belle.

Charlie Jackson (b. 1875 — d. Nov. 22, 1946), married Annie Addy Holmes. They had five children: Charles Nesbitt, Helen Holmes, Olan, Jackson Frank, Mary Annie.

William Gordon (Feb. 9, 1877 — Nov., 1950) married Elvie Florence Wells (Grandparents of compiler) and had twelve children; Conrad, (father of compiler, see article on Conrad Hughes), Alma, Bertie, Nevette, Lucy, William Gordon (twin), Gordon William (twin), Marie, Victoria, Louise, Ruby, and Robert.

George Robinson (Oct. 16, 1878 — May 27, 1906), married Mable Westbrook. They had one daughter, Emily Jay.

Harvey Hatcher (Feb. 12, 1881 — Oct. 17,



Andrew Jackson and Wife, Martha Jane Gold Hughes

1945), married Janet Ranney Cool. They had one child, Ann Ranney.

Frances Fannie (Jan. 7, 1884 — Oct. 7, 1965), married Edward F. Adkins. They had one child, Jams Roy Adkins.

Sources: family records.

— Jack Hughes

THE BENJAMIN HUGHES FAMILY

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Benjamin Hughes was born January 10, 1782 in Lunenburg County, Virginia, son of William and Nancy Bowers Hughes. He came to the present Cleveland County with his parents when he was no more than a teenaged young man. Circumstances tend to indicate that he was married twice; first, around 1802/3 to a girl whose name we haven't found. He had a son by this marriage, Young Hughes, who probably lived with his grandfather, William Hughes according to the 1810 census records. Young Hughes married Candice (or Candis) Hamrick, daughter of George Hamrick. Their

children were: Sarah Manerva, born 1823, married William F. Jones; Cynthia, born 1825, married Drury McDaniel; Elmira, born 1827/8, married Elias Putnam; Lucinda, born 1829, married Pinckney Martin; Toliver, born 1830/31, was killed in Civil War. Young Hughes died in 1831.

Benjamin Hughes second marriage, which was about 1807/8, was to Nancy Bridges, daughter of James Bridges. They were the

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parents of nine children who lived beyond infancy, they were: (1) Sterling Hughes, b. 1809, married Nancy Hamrick and had children: William, b. 1831, m. Martha Turner; Julia Ann, b. 1833 (never married); Lucinda Jane, b. 1836, m. Nelson Watterson; Timmons Jefferson, b. 1838 (never married); Sarah Elizabeth, b. 1839, m. William Coggins; Mary Malinda, b. 1845, m. Rush Gladden; Nancy Susannah, b. 1847, m. Fendel Patterson; David L., b. 1849 (marital status not known).

(2) Sarah Hughes, b. 1810, married Jesse Jolley, son of James Jolley. They had fourteen children: James Porch, b. 1825, m. Malinda Moore; William Amos, b. 1827, m. Sarah Lovelace; Asberry, b. 1829, m. Sarah Moore; Sanford Willis, b. 1831, m. Susan Elizabeth Bridges; Arrena, b. 1833, m. Thompson Barnett; Jesse Landrum, b. 1835, m. Cynthia (McBrayer) Eskridge; Nancy Caroline, (twin) b. 1837 (no marital status); Kiziah Emaline (twin), b. 1837 m. Berry Hawkins; Mary N., b. 1839, m. Crowder Pruett; Crawford, b. 1841, m. Lucretia Jolley; Elizabeth, b. 1843; Lucinda, b. 1845; Lenira Jane, b. 1847, m. James Hamrick; Susannah, b. 1849/50, m. Thomas Louis Hamrick.

(3) Sanford Hughes, b. July 1, 1811, married Viridiranna Durham (see The Sanford Hughes Family, this volume.)

(4) Malinda Hughes, born Feb. 20, 1814, married David Davis Durham, son of Richard and Jane (Davis) Durham. They were the parents of nine children: Nancy Veranna, b. May 2, 1833; Seaton Gales, b. 1837; David Noah, b. 1841; m. Essie Coleman; Benjamin Hughes, b. 1843; Richard John, b. 1846/7, m. 1st. Sarah Jane Shuford, 2nd. Mary Modena Lewis; Wade Hill, b. 1849, m. Mary Sullivan; Josephus, b. 1851; Malinda Jane, b. 1853, m. Rease Davis; Cora E., b. 1857, d. 1863.

(5) James Hughes, born Dec. 21, 1816, married Elmira Ledbetter, dau. of Henry Ledbetter. They were the parents of eleven children: Salina Elizabeth, b. 1839, m. John Marion Gillespie; Berry Ezell, b. 1841, m. Martha Jane Gillespie; Dulcenia, b. 1843, James Elbert, b. 1844, m. Eunice Jane McSwain; Vinia, b. 1846; Nancy Verannie, b. 1849; Arena Craton, b. 1852, m. W.R. Willis; Mary Ann, b. 1856; William Andrew, b. 1859, m. 1st. Eliza M. Hawkins, 2nd. Evelene Collins; A. Catherine, b. 1862, m. William Chesser; Alvira Malinda; b. 1864.

(6) William B. Hughes, born August 5, 1823, married Rebecca Jane Justice. To them were born nine children: Laura Jane, b. 1842; Nancy A., b. 1848; Drury B. "Bud", b. 1850, m. Mary Jane Davis; Vinetta A., b. 1854, m. William Ferrell; Amanda C., b. 1856, m. James David Barnett; William P. "Doc", b. 1858, m. Mary Davis; Mary, b. 1861, m. Robert Davis; Joseph, b. 1867, d. 1889.

(7) Elizabeth Hughes, born 1824, was twice married. 1st. to Burwell Hamrick, son of Samuel Hamrick, to whom four children were born: Landrum, b. 1843; Amos Hill, b. 1846, m. Eunice Jane McSwain; James W., b. 1849/50; Mary Jane, b. 1852 (of these, only Amos Hill Hamrick married and reared a family.) Elizabeth (Hughes) Hamrick married 2nd. Wil-

lis Hicks. To them two sons were born: William Hicks, b. about 1860, m. 1st. a Miss Gardner, and 2nd. Cynthia Surratt; Benjamin Hicks, b. 1864, m. Mary Surratt.

(8) Nancy Catherine Hughes, born 1830, married James B. Hicks. To them, two sons were born: Monroe Hicks, b. 1849; Henry Gaither Hicks, b. 1856, m. Susanna Goforth.

(9) Mary Hughes, youngest child of Benjamin and Nancy (Bridges) Hughes, was born in 1832, married 1st. Thomas Pruett; 2nd. Asa Hamrick. There were no children.

Benjamin Hughes purchased fifty acres of land on March 25, 1805, from William Fouch, located on "the Rocky Branch of Sandy Run", joining lands of William Graham, Major Ross Alexander and Patrick McGinnis (Rutherford

County Deed Book 22, page 330.) On October 29, 1808 he purchased one hundred acres of adjoining land from Graham (Deed Book 25, pages 214-215), and on October 20, 1810 he was granted an additional forty acres by the state. Benjamin and Nancy reared their family on Rocky Branch of Sandy Run, near Boiling Springs. Both are buried in the Boiling Springs Baptist Church cemetery where their graves are marked with marble slabs. Benjamin Hughes died September 10, 1869, aged 87 years, 8 months and 7 days. Nancy Bridges Hughes died April 23, 1875, aged 86 years, 2 months and 27 days.

Sources: Family records, Old Tryon County records.

— Mrs. Ernest Newton



Conrad and Eva Dunlap Hughes on wedding day, March 15, 1914



Conrad and Eva Dunlap Hughes on 50th wedding anniversary, March 15, 1964

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Conrad Hughes (Sept. 29, 1897 — Jan. 29, 1966) was a son of William Gordon and Florence Wells Hughes. He was a grandson of Andrew Jackson and Martha Jane Gold Hughes (see related article in this volume). Conrad was married Mar. 15, 1914 to Willie Eva Dunlap (Jan. 1, 1898 — Feb. 1, 1975). They had nine children.

William Conrad (b. Aug. 8, 1915) married Margaret Alexander. They had one child, Faye, who married Melvin Propst. Faye and Melvin had four children: (1) Ranny Rena, who married John Eite, Jr. and they have a son, John Eite, III (who is the 10th generation from William and Nancy Bowers Hughes listed in this volume); (2) Susan Tena, (3) Melvin Jackson, and (4) James William Propst.

Mary Isabel (b. Nov. 24, 1917) married John Beatty Barber. They had three sons (one died in infancy); (2) John B., Jr., (married Teresa Davis) has a daughter, Audra and a son, Kevin; (3) Michael Steven (first, married Lisa Sherrer) has a son Michael Steven, Jr. (second, married Cynthia Smith).

Dudley Carroll (b. Oct. 29, 1919) served in the U.S. Army; married Evelyn Biddix. They had one son, Dudley Carroll, Jr. (b. Oct. 31, 1946 — d. Dec. 23, 1967). He served in the U.S. Navy and died in Viet Nam and is buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, N.C.

Sidney Jackson (b. Jan. 13, 1924), served

in the U.S. Navy; married Feb. 17, 1945 to Clara Belle Humphries. They had five children: (1) Howard Curtis (born and died Aug. 17, 1946 at Tarpon Springs, Fla.); (2) Sidney Waldo (b. Oct. 1, 1947 at Newberry, S.C. and died Oct. 4, 1947); (3) Sidney Conrad (b. Sept. 25, 1950 at Newberry, S.C. and died Oct. 4, 1950). These three sons were reinterred at Mountain Rest Cemetery at Kings Mtn., N.C.; (4) Mark Elwyn, by adoption, (b. May 22, 1951), married Patricia McDaniel; (5) Beth, by adoption (b. Nov. 23, 1954), married Randy McDaniel (Randy and Patricia not related). Beth and Randy have two sons, David Alan and John Sidney McDaniel. David b. Jan. 12, 1978; John b. July 12, 1980.

Miller Eugene (b. July 22, 1926), served in the U.S. Army; married Faye Sipes. They had four children: (1) Conrad Cleophus, (2) Edward (married Wanda Revis) and has two children, Sharon Lynn and Robert Miller Hughes; (3) Larry Dean (married Kathy Black), has one son, Larry Joseph Hughes; (4) infant Leon Nelson (born and died Oct. 29, 1957).

Harry Ray (b. May 14, 1928), married Arilla Caldwell. They have two sons: (1) Harry Ray, Jr. (married Beverly Plonk) and (2) Michael Dewey Hughes.

Erwin Newton (b. July 9, 1932), served in the U.S. Navy; married, first, Betty Childers (no children). After Betty's death he married Sue Scism. They had two daughters, Anita Ann, and Susan Renee Hughes (married Milton Mullinax).

John Lewis (b. May 23, 1935), married

Betty Moss. They have two sons, John Lewis, Jr. and Jeffrey Evans Hughes.

Shirley Phyllis (b. Sept. 19, 1937), married Henry Oliver. They have two daughters: (1) Cynthia Marie and (2) Sondra Lynn, who married Dennis Panther and they have a daughter, Crystal Lynette.

The Hughes ancestors have been mostly Baptist, farmers, carpenters, blacksmiths and livestock breeders. Hunting, fishing and baseball were the big pastimes and hobbies.

Conrad Hughes believed you had to have the best male line in all his farm animals to improve his breeder stock and he practiced this in his cattle, hogs and dogs, in which he took great pride. He bought his first registered Hereford bull in the early 1930's. About the same time, he bought a registered Poland China boar hog and offered him for service in the community. He had many fox dogs with names like Judge, Boston, Ruben, Sadie, Sweep, Hannah, etc. Our horse, "Nett", had many colts. Kate and Jane, our mules, grew up with us and were part of our daily life, and so were Star, Pet, and Otha, our cows. "The lambs and colts were the boys' to feed and keep, but when it came selling time, they were Dad's horse and sheep." (copied)

We were mostly Cleveland County born, Cleveland County bred and as we die, we are mostly Cleveland County dead.

My Mother seemed to grow up with us. She never seemed old. We enjoyed playing tricks on her. One trick we liked to play on her was, after killing a snake, bring the snake and put the head under the door step, leaving the remainder of the snake where she could see it. We would hide and watch. When she came to the door and saw it, she would say, "Shoot a monkey!" — her favorite saying. (If she knew any four letter words she did not use them.) She would run and get the little 410 double barrel, hammer gun and shoot the snake into pieces. Then we would all laugh and she would



Dudley Carroll Hughes, Jr. October 31, 1946 — December 23, 1967

say "I'm going to get you boogers!"

If unexpected company showed up, out came the double barrel gun again — and look out roosters — she had chicken and dumplings — a plenty for all.

When we worked, Mom worked. When we played, she played with us, if she could find time. She was a happy — busy soul, and her hand went out to help anyone in need. I have seen her nurse a child while churning milk, with a dasher in a stone jar and reading her Sunday School lesson at the same time, to be ready for services at Antioch Baptist Church, where we went most of our lives. I do not know where she got the strength. She would be up when we went to bed and be up when we got up. She would ride anything with her children, from a motorcycle to a cable car up Stone Mountain, or chair lifts, or boats, or snow sleds, etc.

This is only a brief summary of the very happy childhood we enjoyed, shared with you by "one-ninth" of their children.

Sources: family records, personal memory.

— S. Jack Hughes

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Young Hughes and Sarah Blanton Hughes' fourth child was a daughter, Artelissa. She was born in 1815 and was called Arty by her family. She married Napoleon Duffy Davis and they made their home near Boiling Springs. Arty and Napoleon Duffy had five children Amos, Lorena, Perry, Henry and Lavena. Lavena was a chubby light-haired child who went with her father everywhere he would take her.

One year Henry Davis taught school near Rutherfordton and one of his new friends was James Mills Flack. The following summer Mills visited in Henry's home and met Lavena. A courtship soon developed, and Mills and Lavena were married the following year on Sept. 28, 1876. The wedding took place at the N.D. Davis home and was conducted by L.L. Smith the pastor of Sharon Church. Mills' brother Joseph and Lavena's brothers, Amos and Henry signed as witnesses.

Mills and Lavena moved to Chimney Rock and lived in a log house where Mills and his brother George had been running a store. He and Lavena continued to operate the store for about four years. Two sons were born during this time, William Edgar and Joseph Duffy. Later there was a move to Shelby where seven more children were born. They were Bessie, John Mills, Stella, Lera, Velle, Harry and Horace. The last, a pair of twins, died in infancy, one in Shelby and the other after the move to Chimney Rock.

Arty died in 1894 and N.D. two years later. They are buried at Sharon Church.

The hot summers didn't agree with Lavena and she wanted to move back to the mountains. After the death of her parents Mills bought a large house in Chimney Rock from a Mr. Horton, and the family moved there in the late fall of 1898. They moved in two large wagons filled with household goods and a cow. It took two long days to make the trip.

Aunt Velle says she remembers it very well; she was seven years old.

Soon there was a steady stream of visitors coming to the mountains for vacations and to escape the heat. Mills added a large kitchen, family bedrooms and later bathrooms. That was the first indoor plumbing between Rutherfordton and Asheville!

The three oldest girls, Bessie, Stella and Lera went to the Presbyterian Home School in Asheville to complete their educations. There Stella roomed with a Miss Stella Johnston who later became my mother.

In the years of 1916-17, a large hotel was erected in front of the original building. The big flood came in 1916 and did a lot of damage in the valley. A large mud slide hit the back of the hotel and filled the first floor three feet deep in mud and water. They drilled holes in the floors to let the water escape. Some of the family papers have mud stains on them as a result of this.

The first telephone in the valley was installed and Uncle Edgar read the war news to Mr. Reynolds every evening after dinner. Mr. Reynolds was Velle's father-in-law. His phone was a party-line so it wasn't long before everyone was listening. Later Mills built a timber and cement dam across the river with a mill-race to the electric power plant. This brought the first electricity to the village and made it possible to add a washing machine, dishwasher and an electric churn to the hotel. This was the start of Mountain View Inn which they were to operate for sixty years.

Mills and Lavena had been married over sixty-seven years when he died October 7, 1943. Lavena lived to be nearly ninety-four, dying October 21, 1950. They are buried in Sharon Church Cemetery near her parents, Arty and N.D.

Their children traveled to Florida, Oklahoma, California, Montana and even Alaska before coming to North Carolina to live.

Lavena had six grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and eleven great-great-

grandchildren. At present there are four descendants living in Rutherford county, Harold Thomas and his brother John Charles Arrowood, Myrtle Flack and myself. The oldest living descendant is Velle Reynolds, ninety one; the youngest Daniel Laurance, eight months; both live in Florida.

Among the descendants there has been innkeepers, soldiers, bankers, storekeepers, managers, teachers and nurses. They tend to live long and be active and productive people.

— Leah Flack Justice

THE FORD HUGHES FAMILY

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This family photograph is from an original by American View Company entitled "Our Home" and dated 1895. Shown in the picture are Sanford Willis Hughes (known as S.W. Hughes or Ford Hughes) and Mary Jane McEntire Hughes. With the parents are six of their ten children ranging in age from seven to nineteen. One other daughter, not shown, was twenty-one at that time. Three children were then deceased, two were infants and one ten years of age.

Ford's father was Sanford Hughes, son of Benjamin Hughes of Wilkins Creek of Beaverdam. (circa 1828, when that was Rutherford County). Sanford and Sanford Willis had houses near each other on farm land north of Broad River and south of Beaverdam Creek, less than two miles northwest of the confluence of First Broad with Broad River. Ford later lived with the family on a farmstead a short distance off the east side of the Shelby-Spartanburg Road, south side of Hickory Creek, not far from a brother-in-law, M.O. (Mark) McEntire. In 1914 Ford moved to the place known as the S.E. Bostic old home on the Zoar Church Road at the railroad (formerly the S.C. and G.R.R.).

Ford lived into his sixty-seventh year in 1915. Mary Jane lived twenty-three years longer,



The S.W. "Ford" Hughes Family

into her ninety-first year. She was buried beside her husband and seven of their children in the Zoar Cemetery. One daughter, Hattie H. Hawkins, was buried in Mt. Sinai Church Cemetery. Two daughters, Jeanette H. Justus and Belle H. Grigg, were buried in Sunset Cemetery. Names of grand-children of Ford and Mary Jane are: Robert and Clyde Hawkins and Orlie Mae Hawkins Putnam; Fowler, Gordon, Erskine and Clyde Edwin Justus; William Hughes and Hilton Putnam. In the eighty-odd years since 1895, there are now those of fourth and fifth generations.

Addendum:

We all know that two and two make four; ten, thus and plus, a thousand and more; twenty, a million, thirty a billion; on and on into the past we go.

— Gordon Sanford Justus

HATCHER HUGHES

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Hatcher Hughes was born on a farm near Polkville, North Carolina, in 1881. The son of Andrew Jackson and Martha Gold Hughes, he spent his boyhood years in North and South Carolina. He was one of eleven children. Brothers and sisters were Cicero, Cora, Mollie, Sallie (Sarah), Daniel, John, Charlie, George, Fannie and Gordon. Gordon spent most of his life in Cleveland County, was a farmer, had twelve children and is buried at Kings Mountain.

Andrew Jackson Hughes fought in the Confederate Army, was wounded, and is buried with Martha Gold Hughes in the Rosehill Cemetery at York, South Carolina. Sanford and Viridianna Durham Hughes, grandparents of Hatcher Hughes, lived in Cleveland County and are buried in the cemetery facing Gardner-Webb College at Boiling Springs.

Hatcher Hughes attended high school at Grover, North Carolina and later taught there to earn money for college. He entered the University of North Carolina in 1901 and studied for two years. He dropped out of college because of lack of money and got a job as principal of a high school where he taught English, Latin and math. He went back to the University in 1905 to complete his study and taught freshman and sophomore English during his senior year to pay his expenses. He graduated in 1907 at the age of 26. He stayed one year at the University to study for his Masters degree. Two years of additional graduate study were spent at Columbia University in New York. There he completed work for his doctorate in 1911, but became so interested in writing plays that he never got around to writing his thesis. In 1912 he became a lecturer in the Department of English at Columbia and organized and taught Columbia University's first course in playwriting. In 1914 Hughes organized the Morningside Players. Assisted by Elmer Rice, leading dramatist on Broadway at that time, Hughes' aim was to provide an instrument for experimentation in the production of the University-written plays.

During World War I, Mr. Hughes served as Captain in the United States Army. Serving with the 80th Division, he went to France in



Hatcher Hughes, Playwright

1918. He fought in the battle of Argonne and was credited with bringing down the largest German plane in the war. He slept in the snow and his face and ear froze but left no permanent damage. He was not wounded but had a small twig shot from under his foot. He returned to America in the fall of 1918.

In 1930 he married Janet Cool of Cleveland, Ohio. It is reported that Janet's father objected to the marriage because of the age difference and took her to England hoping that she would forget the young playwright; however, Hatcher took the next boat and they were married in England. Miss Cool acted with the Morningside Players. They have one child, Ranney Hughes Moss, of Missoula, Montana.

In 1915, Mr. Hughes wrote *Marriage Made in Heaven* which was produced in 1926 and revised in 1935. Other plays were:

Ruint, written in 1920 and produced in 1925,

Hell Bent fer Heaven, the Pulitzer Prize winning play for 1923-1924 was written in 1922 and produced in 1924. Later the play was produced on screen in Paris, France.

Wake up Jonathan, written in 1921 was co-authored with Elmer Rice.

The Family Blues was produced in 1929.

The Lord Blesses the Bishop was produced in 1934.

Hell Bent fer Heaven is a folk play of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Mr. Hughes recalled happily the many summers spent with the mountain folk gathering material for his plays but smilingly denied the colorful background of newshawks placing his home in the hills, and his neighbors at work at their stills.

Mr. Hughes spent his time between his New York apartment and his farm in the beautiful Berkshires in West Cornwall, Connecticut. He never lost his love for the soil and enjoyed gardening, dairy farming and fishing. When he visited Cleveland County he would put on his walking shoes and he and his brother, Gordon, would walk over the farm and talk about the "crops". He enjoyed Southern cooking, especially fried chicken and apple pie.

He died in 1945 during a rehearsal at Columbia University. His ashes were scattered

over his farm in Connecticut at a spot he called "Sunset Mountain". His wife, Janet, died in 1950. Their only child, Ranney Hughes Moss, is living in Missoula, Montana and has two sons and two step-children. She has very fond memories of her father reading to her and telling her stories and patiently sitting through a play which she wrote and directed for him.

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— Ruby Hughes Baker

ANDREW JACKSON HUGHES' CONFEDERATE STATES ARMY RECORDS

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Andrew Jackson Hughes (see Sanford Hughes, this volume) was born July 4, 1838 near Boiling Springs, N.C. He grew up on the farm. At the outbreak of the Civil War, he joined the Cleveland Guards, a Company put together by Shelby Attorney, Augustus W. Burton, and Cap. Fulton, sixteen days after war was declared. In 1861, this Company was renumbered Co. E of the 12th Regiment of N.C. Infantry.

The first battle of Co. E, 12th Reg., was at Hanover Courthouse, Va. on May 27, 1862. Hughes was taken prisoner. He was held at Fort Monroe, Va. and Fort Columbus, N.Y. He was exchanged at Aikens Landing, Va. on August 5, 1862. The 12th Reg. invaded Maryland under General Lee in September 1862. Lee's army fought McClellens at South Mtn., a delaying action, and withdrew to Antietam Creek (near Sharpsburg, Md.) on September 17, 1862. The 12th Reg. supported Jackson's right flank. They were forced back to what is known as Bloody Lane. More Americans were killed at Antietam than on any other day in the war. Disease claimed almost twice as many as bullets during the war. In October 1862, Hughes was in the hospital for unknown illness. He returned to action before the Union disaster at Fredericksburg, Va. He is reported in Chinborazo Hospital, Richmond, Va. all of January and February, 1863, with contagious fever. More than 164,000 died of diseases. In May of 1863, Hughes fought with General Lee's army at the victory at Chancellorsville. May 1st and 2nd, 1863, the 12th Regiment marched with Stonewall Jackson's army around Hooker's Union Army's right flank. The Union Army was driven back. While on reconnaissance patrol, General Jackson was mortally wounded by his own men. Hughes told his family about seeing General Jackson wounded. General Lee furloughed many walking sick and wounded before he planned his invasion of Pennsylvania. Hughes was furloughed home, where he married Martha Jane Gold of Polkville, N.C. on July 2, 1863. Hughes missed the defeat at Gettysburg. He returned to active duty September, 1863. He was wounded at Morton's Ford, Va. on October 11, 1863.

The year 1864 started with General Grant's

drive toward Richmond. On May 6, 1864, Hughes fought in the Battle of the Wilderness. Grant's army was stopped at the Wilderness, but it caused General Lee's flank to move toward Spotsylvania Courthouse, Va. The battle of May 10 to 12, 1864 resulted. The 12th Regiment was badly "shot up". On May 12, 1864, Hughes was shot in the right shoulder. His choice was to leave the ball in and for the rest of his life had little or no use of that arm. After being treated at Jackson Hospital at Richmond, he was paid \$44.00 to buy new clothing and furloughed for sixty days. In November 1864, he was assigned to a hospital in Charlotte, N.C. In February 1865, he wrote Capt. Durham, his former Commander, stating it was time for peace with honor. His old regiment was with General Lee, trying to hold Petersburg, Va. On April 9, 1865, the 12th Reg. surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox, Va. Of the eighty who enlisted in the original complement, only ten were at Appomattox, Va.

On April 30, 1865, Hughes was paroled (not discharged — we lost!) at Charlotte, N.C. He returned to Polkville, N.C. where he and Martha Jane Gold Hughes raised eleven children. (See Andrew Jackson and Martha Gold Hughes in this volume.)

In 1885, Hughes received a pension from N.C., not to exceed \$30.00 per year., because he could not perform manual labor. About 1886, Hughes moved his family to the Grover, N.C. area. He lived in York County (now Cherokee Co., S.C.) and later moved to the York, S.C. area, where he lived until he died on February 2, 1906. Martha G. Hughes lived until August 11, 1926. They are buried side by side, in Rose Hill Cemetery in York, S.C. with a C.S. Army marker. Cicero, their son; Fannie, their daughter; and Ella Glenn, their granddaughter, are also buried in the family lot.

Sources: national and state archive records.

Mark E. Hughes

THE SANFORD HUGHES FAMILY

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Sanford Hughes, born July 1, 1811 on Rocky Branch of Sandy Run, son of Benjamin and Nancy Bridges Hughes. He married Viridiranna Durham, daughter of Richard and Jane Davis Durham and grand-daughter of Achilles and Mary Cates Durham, and Benjamin and Rebecca Smith Davis. Sanford and Viridiranna were married about 1830/32. They were the parents of twelve children:

(1) David Durham Hughes, born August 27, 1834, died November 12, 1919 in DeKalb County, Alabama. He married Mary Ann Beam, daughter of John Beam, at Cherryville, N.C. in 1855. They had ten children, all born in Alabama: Harriet, b. 1856, m. Pete Davis; John S., b. 1858 (never married); Edward, b. 1861 (never married); Malinda, b. 1864, m. Joe Carter; Jennie, b. 1866, m. Dock Horton; David Beam, b. 1868, m. Mary McNaron; Isiah Green, b. 1871, m. Ollie Bell Lee; William Wallace, b. 1873, m. Rosie Stafford; Bailey, b. 1875, m. Emma Killian; Benjamin W., b.

1878, m. Betty Grigg. Descendants of David D. and Mary Ann Beam Hughes still live in Fort Payne, Alabama.

(2) Greenberry Hughes, born in 1836 near Boiling Springs, died in a Union prison during the Civil War. He married March 28, 1859, in Cleveland County, Cynthia Elizabeth Tate. Shortly after their marriage they joined his brother, David, in DeKalb County, Alabama. They had two children, both born in Alabama: Rufus, b. January 15, 1861, m. Carrie Champion; Mary Ann, b. January 8, 1863, m. Silas Abernathay Carpenter. After the death of Greenberry Hughes, Cynthia brought the two children back to Cleveland County, where they grew up and married. Cynthia married second, William Conner.

(3) Andrew Jackson Hughes, born July 4, 1838, near Boiling Springs, died February 6, 1906 in York County, S.C., married Martha Jane Gold (see Andrew Jackson Hughes/Martha Jane Gold family, in this volume.)

(4) Malinda E. Hughes, born 1840/42, married Miles Francis (Nothing further is known about this couple.)

(5) Richard Durham Hughes, born October 10, 1844, died Sept. 5, 1916, married first, Eliza D. Turner, daughter of Nelson and Elizabeth Matheny Turner. They had six children: John Berry, b. 1867, d. 1930, m. Rena Adams Goode; Oscar Putnam, b. 1868, died young; Clifton C., b. 1871, m. Nancy Bagwell; Mary Jane, b. 1873, died young; Benjamin D., b. 1877 (no other data); James Richard, b. 1884, d. 1950, married first, Hannah McMurray (no children); married second, Flossie Hawkins (had twelve children, including this writer.) Richard Durham Hughes married second, Elizabeth "Betsy" Holland, daughter of Erasmus and Mary Moore Holland. They had six children: Columbus G., b. 1887, d. 1900; Eliza, b. 1889 (never married); Hoyle, b. 1890, m. Rose Ann Bailey; (two infants); Kansas, b. 1894, m. Samuel R. Bridges. (Richard Durham Hughes married third, Mary Ann Roberts. No children).

(6) Esther W. Hughes, born 1846. Never married.

(7) Sanford W. "Ford" Hughes, born July 9, 1848, died March 23, 1915, married Mary Jane McEntire. They reared a large family, many of which are buried at Zoar Baptist Church, Shelby, where "Uncle Ford" and his wife are buried.

(8) Viridiranna "Aunt Ran" Hughes, born 1850, married Doctor B.F. Putnam. No other records available on this couple.

(9) Mary Jane Hughes, born December 23, 1851, died August 2, 1929, married Cleo Patrick Ellis, born May 11, 1861, died February 6, 1929. They were the parents of seven children: Fred, b. 1880, m. Allie Robertson; Phillip Early, b. 1881, m. Zennie Harris; Clara, b. 1883, d. 1900; Tobe, b. 1885, m. first, Eliza Allison, second, Nettie Whetstine; Willie Love, b. 1887, m. Mamie Jolley; Lillie Ola, b. 1889, m. William Terry Bailey; Effie, b. 1891, m. Johnny Humphries.

(10) Sarah Ann Hughes, born 1854, married John Turner. No children.

(11) Harriet Susan Hughes, born December 21, 1855, married J. Wade Blanton.

(12) Benjamin Franklin Hughes, born 1859, married Malindy Jolley.

Sanford Hughes died June 3, 1893 and Viridiranna Durham Hughes died November 10, 1878. Both are buried at Boiling Springs Baptist Church cemetery, Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

Sources: Family records, Old Tryon County records.

— Mrs. Ernest Newton

THE WILLIAM HUGHES FAMILY

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The first of the Hughes family to settle in Cleveland County was William Hughes. The place of his birth and the names of his parents have not been ascertained at this writing. He was probably born about 1752, as our first record of him appears in the 1773 tithe (or tax) list of Lunenburg County, Virginia and evidently was the year he reached his full legal age of twenty one years. He was listed as one tithe (himself) in what is presently known as Brown's Store township. In 1777 William Hughes married Nancy Bowers, apparent daughter of Francis and Rebecca Bowers, and sister to Phillemon, Young, Sanford and perhaps John Bowers, of Lunenburg County. She was born about 1760 in Virginia.

William and Nancy Bowers Hughes were the parents of six children that we have been able to account for. They were, Sterling (or Starling) Hughes, born about 1780. He was referred to in a Deed of Gift recorded in Lunenburg County Deed Book 14, page 327 in 1786 for "the love and good will I have towards my son Sterling Hughes." Sterling Hughes lived in Person Co., NC throughout his adult life, and evidently died there in the 1850's. His wife was Sarah, her maiden name unknown. Although Sterling and Sarah Hughes had a family, we are not advised as to their names, or any other personal information about them.

Benjamin Hughes, born January 10, 1782, came to this area with his parents and remained, leaving a large number of descendants (see The Benjamin Hughes Family.)

Phillip (or Phillemon) Hughes, born 1784-5 in Lunenburg County, Virginia. We have no doubt that this was one of the two sons of William Hughes listed in the 1800 census of Rutherford County, NC as being sixteen years of age, or older. He was married prior to 1810 when he is listed in the census with a wife and two sons under 10 years of age.

On June 20, 1809, Phillip Hughes purchased 130 acres (in two tracts) of land from Charles Wilkins, lying on the South side of Beaver Dam Creek, joining Chislem Bostick, Parrot and others. By 1820, Phillip Hughes had six sons in his household. We do not know the name of his wife nor either of his children. On February 7, 1822 Phillip Hughes sold his land to Richard Lee, at which time it joined the property of Daniel Blanton, Major McCombs, etc.

This deed says the land was originally granted to James Logan in 1763, and another portion granted to Wilkins and Arthur Johnson in 1800. Phillip Hughes evidently left this area

at that time and we have no further record of him or his family.

Young Hughes, born June 4, 1787 in Lunenburg County, Va., married Sarah Blanton, daughter of Burwell Blanton. They were the parents of eleven children: Richard, born 1809, married Elizabeth Hamrick; Narcissa, born 1811, m. William A. Hamrick; Jesse, born 1813, died young?; Artelissa, b. 1815, m. Napoleon D. Davis; John Wesley, b. 1817, m. Sarah Ann Roberts; Israel Putnam, b. 1819, m. Julia Wray (he was a Methodist minister); Amos Hill, b. 1822, m. Jane Alexander; Anderson Ivan Jolly, b. 1824, died young; Elizabeth Aranna, b. 1825, m. John Wesley Blanton; Susannah, b. 1828, m. James McMurry; Sarah Wilson, b. 1831, m. John Blanton.

Rebecca Hughes, born Oct. 6, 1789 in Lunenburg Co., Virginia, married John Blanton, son of Burwell Blanton (see further details under John Blanton/Rebecca Hughes family in this volume.)

Nancy Hughes, born August 14, 1795. Nancy may have been the only child of William and Nancy Bowers Hughes to be born after their migration to North Carolina. Evidence indicates that she married Lewis Justice prior to 1818, when their oldest child, John Justice, was born. Nancy Hughes Justice died before 1850, when the census was taken for that year, showing Lewis Justice a widower with the following children: John, born 1818; Julia A., born 1822; Nancy, born 1824; Lewis, born 1830. For further record of this family we leave to the Justice researchers.

William Hughes entered the Continental Army in the state of Virginia in 1777 and served throughout the Revolutionary War, rendering service as a private soldier under Capt. Nathaniel Fox's Company, commanded by Lieut. Col. Charles Simms. His service took him through most of the major battles in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, including the Battle of Guilford Court House. He was present at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis at York Town.

William Hughes brought his wife, Nancy, and their young children to the present Cleveland County, NC in the 1790's, settling on Beaver Dam Creek, near Boiling Springs where they spent the remainder of their days. William Hughes died on June 17, 1833. He is buried in the Hughes-Blanton (or Blanton-Hughes) family cemetery, his grave marked by a well-worn field stone inscribed simply, WH, AD, 1833. Nancy Bowers Hughes died on March 5, 1843 and is, no doubt, buried by her husband of fifty-six years. No stone has been found for her.

Sources: Family Records, Old Tryon County Records.

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William Gordon Hughes was born on a farm near Polkville, North Carolina, February 9, 1877, one of eleven children born to Andrew Jackson and Martha Jane Gold Hughes.



William Gordon Hughes



Florence Wells Hughes



Brothers and sisters were Cicero, Cora, Mollie, Sallie, Daniel, John, Charlie, George, Hatcher and Fannie.

Although William Gordon Hughes had little formal education, through such training as he could afford and through self education from reading, he was well informed on public affairs and history and excelled in spelling and mathematics. He loved the outdoors and was an outstanding hunter and fisherman. He was a farmer and practiced crop rotation and soil conservation. In addition, he bought land and cut the timber to finance the purchases.

As a young boy he attended Big Springs Baptist Church near Polkville, along with his family, and recalled having traveled by wagon to attend the services. Later, after he was married, he settled in the Dixon Community in Cleveland County and became a member of Antioch Baptist Church near Grover.

Around 1896 Gordon Hughes was married to Florence Wells of Cleveland County, and they began their life together on a farm near Grover. Later they lived on a farm near York, South Carolina, then in Ogden, South Carolina, where he operated a general store and cotton gin. Around 1914 they returned to Cleveland County, where he lived until his death in 1950.

Twelve children were born to Gordon and Florence Hughes. Conrad, born in Cleveland County, September 29, 1897, married Eva Dunlap of Ogden, South Carolina. Nine children were born to this union. Conrad was a farmer and an avid fox hunter. He died in 1966 and is buried in Kings Mountain, N.C.

Alma (born in Cleveland County, July 1899, died in 1915) is buried in Kings Mountain, N.C.

Bertie, born in York County, South Carolina, November 2, 1901, married Charles Campbell of Kings Mountain. Three children were born to this union. Bertie died in 1951, and is buried in Kings Mountain, NC.

Johnnie Nevet, born in Cleveland County, May 3, 1904, married Carrie Gaffney of Gaffney, South Carolina. A retired farmer, he now

lives on a part of the family farm in Cleveland County.

Mary Lucy, born in Cleveland County November 15, 1906, married Clemmonsee Boone of Kings Mountain. They have two children, and live in Radford, Virginia.

Twin sons, William Gordon, Jr., and Gordon William, were born May 1, 1909. Gordon married Annette Ware of Kings Mountain. Three sons were born to them. Gordon died in 1977 and is buried in Kings Mountain. William (Bill) married Jessie Reams of Paris, Arkansas. They have two children. Bill is interested in antiques and Indian artifacts. He lives on a part of the family farm in Cleveland County and in Paris, Arkansas, hometown of his wife.

Florence Marie, born in Cleveland County June 29, 1911, married William Carroll of Kings Mountain, now lives in Asheboro, and has three children.

Elizabeth Victoria Hollice, born in Ogden, South Carolina, April 27, 1913, married William Atchley of Raleigh. They are parents of two children and live in Raleigh.

Helen Louise, born in Cleveland County September 13, 1915, married Ermon (Abe) Martin of Kings Mountain. They have one son and live near Kings Mountain.

Ruby Ernestine, born in Cleveland County November 6, 1917, married Luther Philip Baker, Jr., of Kings Mountain. They had two children. Luther Philip Baker, Jr. died June 1981 and is buried in Kings Mountain.

Claude Robert, born in Cleveland County April 27, 1921, married Sue Franklin of Grover. They are parents of three children, and live near Dunnellon, Florida.

With such a large family on a cotton farm there was always much work to be done and even the very young helped with the many chores. When time could be found for recreation, there were enough family members to play ball and other games. Sometimes there were short swim sessions in the old swimming hole during noon time breaks from work in the fields. Practically all the food for the family was raised on the farm. Hunters and fishermen in

the family supplied the table with wild game and fish. The family ate well and there was always enough food to share with friends, neighbors and strangers who showed up at meal time.

Sources: *Family Bible*, Family members.

— Marie Hughes Carroll

WILLIAM HUMPHRIES AND DESCENDANTS

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William Humphries, I, was born about 1750 in England. He came to Virginia and settled there, marrying Judge Walker's daughter, Morning (or Marrienne). After her death, he migrated to Number 1 Township, Cleveland County, N.C., then married, in 1788, Frances Surratt (1753-1848), in Spartanburg District, S.C. She was a resident of Cleveland County.

According to history, that area where William's residence was located, bordering the North and South Carolina line, was sometimes termed a "no man's land". There are records of land being granted, in that area, by the governors of North and South Carolina.

Records obtained from the War Department in Washington describe his service in the Revolutionary War and show that he served at different times under Colonels Campbell and Williams in the South Carolina troops and as brigade quartermaster in General Sumter's brigade and was at the Battle of King's Mountain. He served two years and was pensioned under claim No. W-4000. While in service, he received a wound by a ball passing through his thigh, from which he afterwards suffered. He died in 1827 and is buried about one hundred yards west of the old home place. The D.A.R. erected a marker on his grave in 1937.

Names of the children of William Humphries, I, were recorded in the old family Bible as John, William II, Samuel, Jesse, David, Margaret, Francis, Susanah, Anderson and Jane.

Samuel Humphries, I, (1781-1849) who was the son of William and Frances S. Humphries, married Nancy McCraw. The names of their children, recorded in the family Bible were Lawson, Celia, Daniel, Francis, William Bryson (or Brison), Thomas Jefferson, Elizabeth, Ranny and Samuel, II.

William Bryson Humphries (Mar. 8, 1812 — died ca. 1868), son of Samuel and Nancy McCraw Humphries, married Mary "Polly" Blanton. Their children were Pink, Hazael, Memory, Henry, Samuel Austin, John Perry, Arranah, Emaline and Jane.

Samuel Austin Humphries (May 17, 1850 — June 27, 1913), son of William Bryson and Mary "Polly" Blanton Humphries, married Louisa Jane Jones (Aug. 22, 1850 — Nov. 16, 1906). Their children were seven in number. (They were grandparents of the writer).

(1) Mary Ezell "Mollie" (May 5, 1875 — Dec. 12, 1899) m. John Vinesett; (2) Minnie L. (b. 1877) m. Zeb Moseley; (3) Jemima E. "Mamie" (May 15, 1879 — Nov. 17, 1959) m. Samuel A. Parker; (4) Andrew Jackson "Jack" (Mar. 16, 1881 — Nov. 6, 1952) m. July 20, 1901 to Martha Eudora "Docia"



Samuel Austin Humphries, husband of Louisa Jane Jones Humphries

Davis; (5) Lula (Dec. 18, 1884 — June 8, 1912) m. Aaron Humphries; (6) Marshall Davis "Marsh" (Aug. 23, 1886 — Nov. 26, 1939) m. Pearl Kennedy; and (7) Ferris Cordell Humphries (Nov. 26, 1893 — May 18, 1948) married Feb. 16, 1915 to Bertha Ledford (Dec. 11, 1896 — May 17, 1975), parents of the writer.

The eight children of Ferris C. and Bertha L. Humphries are as follows: (1) Edward Dwight (b. Jan. 22, 1916), married first, Dixie Howard; second, Betty Williams; third, Betsy Askins Scarboro; (2) Ella Jane (July 14, 1917 — Aug. 6, 1921), died of diphtheria (3) Herbert Brooks (b. Dec. 14, 1918) m. Mary Atwood; (4) Ruth Myrl (b. Nov. 19, 1920) m. Walter C. Stephens; (5) Clarabell (b. May 4, 1923) m. Sidney Jackson "Jack" Hughes; (6) Edna Earl (Aug. 4, 1925 — July 5, 1934), died of leukemia; (7) Thelma Raye (b. Mar. 11, 1928) m. Owen M. Holmes, III; (8) F.C., Jr. (b. Feb. 20, 1930) married first, Shylte; second, Gail Allen.

The children of Marshall D. and Pearl K.

Humphries were Phyrnia (died young); Jessie (married first, Herman Hammock; second to Robert Van Sleen); Hattie Mae (married first, Bob Childrez; second, Allan Gardner); Edwin Yates (married Mildred French); Earl Jennings (married first, Margaret Jenkins; second to Lucille Elmore); Martha Bernice (married Joseph Mills Porter); and Donald Brison Humphries, deceased, never married.

Lula Humphries married Aaron Humphries. Their children were Gladys, who married Clyde Bridges; and Lucy, a half-sister to Gladys, married a Brown.

Andrew Jackson "Jack" and Martha Eudora "Docia" Humphries's children were Wofford, Ralph, Dorch, Shirley, Hoyt, Thomas and one daughter, Madeline (married Richard Yates).

Jemima Elizabeth "Mamie" and Samuel A. Parker's children were Thomas Archie (1906-1949) and Mildred Paulette (married John W. Elliott).

The children of Mary Ezell "Mollie" H. and John Vinesett were Etha and Orin.

Many of the above named and other descen-



Louisa Jane Jones Humphries, wife of Samuel Austin Humphries

dants of William Humphries, I, still live in Cleveland County and proudly claim him as their ancestor.

Sources: Mildred P. Elliott's research papers; wills; family Bibles; war records; and research of J.C. Coleman Humphries; census.

— Clara Humphries Hughes

HAROLD RICHARD HUNNICUTT FAMILY

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Harold Richard Hunnicutt and Margaret Sue Neisler were married January 16, 1937 at her home, 510 N. Piedmont Avenue in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Harold was born March 29, 1906 in Stallings, North Carolina, Union County, son of Richard Levister Hunnicutt and Lucy Conder. Harold's father died at an early age with typhoid fever and he and his sister were reared by his aunts when his mother came to Kings Mountain and opened a millinery shop.

Harold was educated in the public schools of Matthews, Kings Mountain, Westminster Presbyterian School and Glade Valley school. He was also graduated from the Gupton-Jones School of Mortuary Science in Nashville, Tennessee. He was a funeral director until A.A. Hovis in Charlotte asked him to come to Kings Mtn. and fill a vacancy at the Neisler Mills as Plant Superintendant, which he held until the mills were sold in 1955.

Harold was an active member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served as a Deacon several times. He was a charter member of both the Country Club and the Kiwanis Club where he served as president of the latter and had a perfect attendance record of thirty-two years. He was awarded the "Kiwanian of the Year" in 1962. He was active in the Red Cross Chapter, Civil Defense and Regional Director of the Boy Scouts. He was very active in ham radio and received the Public Service Award in Radio Relay League, and also participated in the Mars Unit.

Margaret, born October 23, 1907 is the

daughter of Ida Pauline Mauney and Charles Eugene Neisler. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School and Queens College of Charlotte, North Carolina, with a Bachelor of Music degree in both public school music and piano. She was music supervisor in the Kings Mountain city schools for four years. She is a member of the First Presbyterian Church where she served as organist for around ten years, a choir member, leader of the Christian Endeavor and teacher in the primary department for over forty years. She has an attendance record in Sunday School of over thirty years.

Margaret and Harold have two children; H.R. Hunnicutt, Jr. (Dick) born September 1, 1938 and Margaret Sue born April 26, 1944. She was graduated from high school at Stratford Hall in 1962 in Danville, Virginia. She made her debut in a ball sponsored by Shelby Junior Charity League and also the Terpoichorean ball in Raleigh, North Carolina. She graduated with a B.A. degree in history from St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina in 1966. She taught history at Independence High School in Charlotte. Sue married Reginald Lane Smith April 19, 1975. They have one daughter Susan Neisler Smith born December 6, 1977. Her husband, Lane, is an honor graduate of Clemson College in South Carolina with a B.S. degree in textile management. He is vice President of manufacturing in the Fabrics Division of Riegel Textiles. They now live near Atlanta at Roswell, Ga.

H.R. Hunnicutt, Jr. attended Davidson College and graduated from Belmont Abbey College with a B.A. in business administration. He then attended N.C. State University and was graduated Magna Cum laude with a B.S. in textile engineering. He worked for five years at Parkdale Mills, Inc. in Gastonia. In 1967 he helped form Kings Mill, Inc. of Kings Mountain where he served as vice president. In 1974 Kings Mill was merged into Tultex Corporation of Martinsville, Virginia, and is part of Tultex Yarn Group, composed of five spinning mills located throughout North Carolina. Hunnicutt has served as vice president of Tultex since 1977 and is also president of the Tultex Yarn Group headquartered in Gastonia. At the Board of Directors meeting November 11, 1981, H.R. was elected as senior vice president and director of Tultex Corporation.

Hunnicutt is a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia and the Gaston County Country Club. He is a member of the Board of the N.C. Textile Manufacturers Association and has served the American Yarn Spinners Association as board member, product group chairman, two terms as treasurer and is currently second vice president. He lives in Gastonia with his wife the former Esther Reid Adams of Gastonia and their three sons.

Esther attended Salem College two years, transferring to Winthrop College where she graduated with a B.A. in elementary education. She also attended the deb ball in Gastonia and the Terpsichorean ball in Raleigh. She is a former member of the Junior Service League of Gastonia.

Esther and Dick's three sons are: H.R. Hunnicutt, III (Hal) born February 28, 1966; Minor

Adams (Chip) born January 20, 1970; Reid Neisler (Reid) born October 28, 1971.

— Mrs. Margaret Hunnicutt

AUDLY MARTIN HUNT and DESCENDANTS

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Audly (Edly) Martin Hunt, born 1860 and died 1922, in Rutherford County. He married Alice Catherine Whisnant, born 1862 and died 1904, of Cleveland County. She left four children, ages fourteen down to four. This made living rather lonely for all. But everyone did their part, and with help from neighbors, they made it.

Audly Martin had large land holdings and he was also a sawmill owner. He was first in his community to have carbide lights in his home.

To Edly and Alice were born four children: Virginia Myrtle 1890-1976, Emma Leonia 1892-1972, Winnie Florence 1894-1962, and Yates Tillman 1901-1962, (he was named for Judge Yates Webb of Shelby.)

Virginia Myrtle married Adam Witt Kowsky, 1884-1936, in 1912. They had one daughter, Jessie Pearl 1913. Kowsky was killed by lightning, during a thunderstorm.

Jessie Pearl (b. 1913) married J.D. Carpenter in 1934. He was from Rutherford County. To this union were born four children: Virginia Helen born 1934; Donald Glenn born 1941; Sheila Whisnant born 1946; and Larry Dean born 1951.

Virginia Helen married, Robert B. Hutchens of Reidsville, North Carolina in 1961. They have one son, Benton. They reside in Jacksonville, Florida.

Donald Glenn married Linda Joyce Wortman of Casar, North Carolina, in 1967. They have two children, Carla and Jeffrey. Donald is employed by Roadway Express. They reside at Route 5, Shelby, North Carolina.

Sheila Whisnant married Bobby Leon Morrow of Gastonia, North Carolina, in 1974. She is a teacher at Ashbrook High School in Gastonia where they live.

Larry Dean married Joyce Ann Mauldin of Lincolnton, North Carolina in 1974. They have two girls Miranda and Laura. Larry is employed with Sunbeam Bakery of Shelby. They reside at Route 1, Casar, North Carolina.

Emma Leonia married James Edgar Hunt, b. 1886-1978. They lived in Cleveland County and were a hard working family, earning their living from the farm. To this union were born four children: Alice Marie b. 1912; Bulah Clayton, b. 1917; James Lee b. 1920; and Hoyete, b. 1927.

Alice Marie married John Pleas Gold of Lattimore in 1934. To this union were born Edith Shirley, 1937 and Elizabeth Burnette, 1938. They moved to Jacksonville, Florida, during the second world war where Pleas worked in the shipyard and their last daughter, Linda Marie, was born in 1944.

Edith Shirley married John Kolb b. 1937, in 1962. He was from New York. They met while Shirley was working on her master's degree in Miami, Florida. She is a consultant decorator with J.C. Penny in Tampa, Florida where they

live. They have a daughter Kelly born 1964, and a son Chris, born 1966.

Elizabeth Burnette married Steven Blanton of Lattimore, North Carolina, in 1956. Burnette is a registered nurse at Crawley Memorial in Boiling Springs. They have two children: Ricky b. 1957 and Dana b. 1959. They live near Shelby.

Linda Marie married Thomas Watson Hamrick, Jr., b. 1943, in 1964. Linda is an insurance agent. They have two boys: Bradley b. 1965 and Kaylan b. 1968. They live near Shelby.

Bulah Clayton married Allen White b. 1912, in 1935. They live on the farm in the Oak Grove Community near Polkville, North Carolina. They have two sons: Shannon Lerow, b. 1937 and Gerald Kenneth b. 1936. Gerald died in 1977.

Shannon married Ruby Shytles in 1956 of Polkville, North Carolina. They have one son, Gary Allen, b. 1960.

Gerald Kenneth married Ruby Morrison of Lawndale in 1957. He was in textiles and farming. They have two daughters: Lisa Dianne b. 1959 and Patti Faye b. 1961. Lisa married Dewey Leonhardt in 1977. They have one son, Luke b. 1980 and live in Georgia. Patti married James Ives of Lawndale in 1981 and they have one son born 1982.

James Lee Hunt born 1920 married in 1964 Moneta Elliott of Polkville (b. 1918). James served in World War II and was a parachute packer. He is employed with Shelby Concrete works of Shelby, where they live. They do not have any children.

Hoytte Edgar b. 1927 married Lucille Pruett (born in South Carolina in 1936) in 1953. To this union were born Belinda Joyce 1954 and Wanda Christine b. 1956. They reside in Cleveland County. Hoytte is with the Pantry Stores.

Winnie Florence married Fow Cooke of Rutherford County where they chose to live. They had two children: Lallage born in 1916 and Talmage Lee born in 1918. In later years Winnie went to Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she studied nursing and was a nurse. She died in 1962 and is buried in Tulsa.

Lallage married James Grigg of Lawndale in 1932 where they made their home. Their children were Joan and Jerry.

Talmage Lee married Lois (last name unknown) in Tulsa where he died in 1977 and is buried there.

Yates Tillman lived in Rutherford County until the death of his father, Audly Martin, then he went to Tulsa where he worked as an automobile mechanic. He married Mary Johnson of Anderson, Missouri. No children. He died in 1962 and she died later. Both are buried in Union Church Cemetery in Anderson.

Sources: Family Bible, Newspaper clippings, family interviews.

— Jessie Pearl Carpenter

JAMES MADISON and SARAH LATTIMORE HUNT FAMILY

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James (Jim) Madison Hunt was born December 10, 1820 to William Kenchen and Rebecca Catherine Simmons Hunt in upper

Rutherford County. He married May 7, 1842, Sarah (Sally) Lattimore, daughter of Francis (Frank) and Catherine Lattimore, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. Drury Dobbins.

They lived and reared their family in the Golden Valley section of upper Cleveland County (formerly Rutherford County), near First Broad Baptist Church. Minutes of this church, Feb. 7, 1849, read that James and Sarah Hunt were members of the church and he had paid on this date 50¢ "for support of preachers." (It is interesting to note in further minutes, on Aug. 10, 1850, a total of \$2.55 was sent "to convention for home and foreign missions by church.")

The 1860 Cleveland County census lists him age 40, as a farmer with \$1,000.00 real estate and \$11,000.00 personal property. It is said that he continued to acquire much land in this area.

A granddaughter remembers him as a man of rather large stature, extremely sharp black eyes, and in his later years as having very white hair and beard. She recalls that he always asked the blessing at meal time, and vividly remembers ("I can see him now," she says) how his eyes were always wandering around to those seated at the table, seeing that they were properly behaved. As a young child, and in later years she wondered what thoughts were in his mind.

She, also, recalls her fear of fording the river in a buggy when the family went to visit, and once when the river was overflowing from heavy rains a business satchel being carried by an uncle was washed into the river. She felt this very frightening and dangerous. On a young, impressionistic mind these experiences left their imprint and have been clearly remembered through the years.

"Jim" and "Sally," it is said, were very entertaining and shared a hospitable home where friends and relatives enjoyed visiting. Habitually it was made their stopping place when they were in the area.

He died at age 95, March 30, 1916, of blood poisoning, resulting from an accident while chopping wood. She died July 8, 1901. They are buried in the First Broad Church Cemetery.

Census records give the names of eight children born of this marriage.

Rebecca Catherine (Cath) born April 8, 1847 died May 28, 1898, married Aug. 22, 1863, John Russell Gamble born January 3, 1844 died January 1, 1918, son of William Gamble. She is buried in the High Shoals Baptist Church Cemetery, Cliffside, N.C. They were the parents of thirteen children. Seven reached the age of maturity and were married. Six died young (age 18 years or less). Mary, born Sept. 30, 1864, married Hamp Jones. Billy, born February 12, 1867, married Eugenia Lattimore. Alice married Jack Jones. James Madison, born June 8, 1871; died June 19, 1934, married (1) Maggie Martin (2) Blanch Griffin, (3) Ella Wilson. Rachel Louise (Lou), born January 10, 1875; died Dec. 7, 1962, married Crawford Durham Hicks, October 11, 1897. (See Rachel Louise Gamble Hicks Family.) He was born January 23, 1876 and died April 2, 1952. George H., born Jan. 11, 1882; died

April, 1942, married Oct. 7, 1913; Lula Pearl Grier born June 6, 1888; died May 5, 1933. Robert born Sept. 27, 1873; died Jan. 30, 1891. Jennie born Jan. 27, 1878; died Sept. 3, 1896. Minnie born Jan. 27, 1878; died July 25, 1898, married Willie L. Walker, born Nov. 23, 1873; died Nov. 5, 1909. Raney born July 27, 1880; died March 22, 1897. Jessie born May 27, 1885; died Sept. 11, 1898. Julie born Aug. 13, 1887; died Feb. 16, 1891. Dovie born April 8, 1890; died May 15, 1901.

John Jackson born Dec. 18, 1850 died; Jan. 6, 1921 married June 5, 1873 Elizabeth Ellen Peeler. (See John Jackson and Elizabeth Ellen Peeler Hunt Family.)

Robert W. (Rob) born 1853 went to Texas, date and place unknown. His wife's first name was Raney and a Record of Cleveland County Court Settlements, April 23, 1918 states that he is deceased with six children, names unknown, as sharing a joint settlement from a relative.

Lucretia (Lou), born 1854 remained single, living at the homeplace of her parents until her death.

George M. born Jan. 1858 died Jan. 18, 1906. It is said he was a man of large stature, a quick temper, emotional, a lover of square dancing and played the violin well. He had two marriages, first, to Julie Hamrick, and secondly, to King Price, daughter of Wade Price. His tombstone in the First Broad Church Cemetery where he is buried indicates he was a Mason.

Audley (Edley) Martin born Oct. 9, 1860; died June 5, 1922, married Alice C. Whisnant. (See Audley Martin Hunt Family.)

Mary L. (Missy) born April 4, 1865; died February 9, 1952 married Ben F. Gamble. They continued to live at the family homeplace with her sister, Lou. They are buried, along with their infant son, in the First Broad Church Cemetery.

James C., born 1863, went to Texas, also, and little else is known about him.

Sources of information are Cleveland and Rutherford County Census records, Cleveland County Marriage Bonds, church records, family records, gravestones and interviews with family relatives.

— Burnette Hunt

THE JOHN JACKSON and ELIZABETH ELLEN PEELER HUNT FAMILY

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John Jackson (John) Hunt was born December 18, 1850, to James Madison and Sally Lattimore Hunt in the Golden Valley section of Cleveland County (See James Madison Hunt Family). He married June 5, 1873, Elizabeth Ellen Peeler, daughter of Alfred Graves and Elizabeth Cline Peeler who lived in the Belwood area.

They made their home in a large five bedroom house in Upper Cleveland County near Hollis where he became a prosperous farmer and extensive land owner. Since electricity had not become available, carbide lights were installed in the home to replace the oil lamps, and an interesting feature was the erection of lightning rods on the roof, customary of the period.



Elizabeth Ellen Peeler Hunt, wife of John Jackson Hunt, and granddaughter, Ruth Beam

Their children were taught to do their share in tending the land, the garden, and barnyard chores. Sharecroppers, also, assumed their responsibilities. The table was always laden with an abundance of food, with all the little niceties, such as jellies, jams, and honey, as the mother and daughters were excellent cooks. The "smokehouse" was filled in the fall with rows of hams, shoulders and "hind quarters of beef." As the children grew older and came back to visit the parents great joy was in sharing and having a ham, or something to give as a parting gift.

They always had beautiful horses for their buggies and surry, a sense of pride in their manner and dress, and it is said they made a striking appearance when they journeyed to social and religious events.

John Hunt had brown hair and very dark twinkling eyes, quite in contrast to "Liz" who was blonde. He had a speech impediment known as stammering and was said to be quite "witty and interesting."

He met with an accident around 1891 which

paralyzed the lower part of his body, but this did not hamper his spirits. He used a wheel chair when necessary, but enjoyed sitting on the edge of porch while overseeing the farm duties, with legs in a comfortable position and crutches nearby to tease and trip the grandchildren as they came near.

He died January 6, 1921, of pneumonia and is buried along with his wife in the nearby Mt. Harmony Church Cemetery. After his death she came to live with her son, Dr. Robert Lee Hunt, in Lattimore. She died November 6, 1922.

They were the parents of eleven children, seven reaching the age of maturity.

Julia Texaner born 1873 died in infancy.

Esther (Essie) Suzner born December 25, 1874, died March 12, 1891.

James Gafney born December 11, 1876, died April 18, 1881. He met accidental death with a gun while playing with a friend.

Minnie Lector (Leck) born December 2, 1878, died March 28, 1947. She was married December 2, 1902 to James M. Beam of Cher-



John Jackson and Elizabeth Ellen Peeler Hunt with grand-son, Paul Beam

ryville, N.C., where they spent their married life, rearing four children, Paul H., J. Ralph, Ruth Elizabeth, and Robert H. She was a kind, compassionate, loving person with a warm, friendly personality, highly admired and respected by her many friends. She possessed both physical and spiritual beauty. She is buried in Cherryville Memorial Cemetery, Cherryville, N.C.

Daisy Lillian born Sept. 25, 1881, died March 29, 1949. She married Ivey Willis (See Ivey Willis Family).

Anna Dixon born December 24, 1883; died June 5, 1885.

Robert Lee born October 25, 1885; died December 18, 1957, married Alma Harrill (See Robert Lee Hunt Family).

Lura Lee born January 22, 1888; died May 13, 1960. She married Orange Lattimore October 15, 1924, son of John Bynum and Dorcas McFarland Lattimore, and was a school teacher before her marriage. She was a very industrious person and gave generously of her time and means to the Big Springs Baptist Church of which she was a member. There were no children. She and her husband lived at his family homeplace and are buried in the Lattimore Family Cemetery near Polkville, N.C.

John Lee, born January 18, 1890; died June 30, 1969, married Sally Cathleen Harrill (See John Lee Hunt Family).

Almira Eliza born January 29, 1894; died April 14, 1980, married James Augustus Self of Lincoln County. Before her marriage she taught in the county schools. She was a striking brunette in appearance, possessing grace, charm, and a captivating personality. Their

married life was spent in Florence, S.C., where he was a prominent business man, operating a men's clothing store. They were the parents of two children: James Alfred and Martha Elizabeth. She and her husband are buried in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Florence, S.C.

Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie), born September 20, 1896; died Sept. 1, 1970, married ca. 1916 Pet Harrill, son of Columbus and Susan Grigg Harrill. He was killed April 9, 1939, in an automobile accident. She reared her family in Cleveland County where she was a school teacher and an employee of Bost Bakery in Shelby. She was a petite, attractive brunette with a pleasant smile and a gracious manner. Her last years were spent with her daughter, Helen Christensen in Orem, Utah, where she died. She and her husband are buried in the Big Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. Children born of this union are J.P., Dorothy Sue, Helen, Max, Pansy and Barbara.

Sources: Family Bible and relatives.

— Burnette Hunt

JOHN JACKSON (JACK) D.D.S. and RUBY CROWDER HUNT

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John Jackson (Jack) Hunt II was born Nov. 27, 1922 in Lattimore, N.C. to Dr. Robert Lee and Alma Harrill Hunt (See Robert Lee Hunt D.D.S. family). He graduated from Lattimore High School in 1939 and from Wake Forest College in 1943 where he was a member of Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity. He received his D.D.S. degree from Emory University in 1946.

Ruby Frances Crowder was born in Lattimore, N.C. on March 14, 1926 to Plato Dixon and Vada Spangler Crowder (See Plato Crowder family). After graduating from Lattimore High School in 1943, she attended Appalachian State University. While there she was on the Miss Rhododendron Court.

Jack and Ruby were married June 22, 1946 in the Double Springs Baptist Church by the Rev. John W. Suttle.

Jack served in the army in 1946-1948 and 1950-1952. Upon discharge from the army, he opened a dental practice in Cliffside, N.C. where they lived.

Later he bought a home (R.R. Hewitt house) in Lattimore and became a partner with his brother, Robert, in a dairy farm which they called the Huntland Farms.

Jack, like his father, began branching out in other business ventures. One interest was the salvage business from which evolved The Round-Up Stores, Inc.

Around the 1950's Jack became involved in various organizations in both Cleveland and Rutherford County. He has served as President of Isothermal Dental Society, Meredith College Parents' Association Board of Directors, has been active in The Young Life Program, and a deacon in the Lattimore Baptist Church.

He also became active with the Democratic Party, serving as precinct officer and county officer. Jack is a strong believer in the goals and ideals of the Democratic Party, and, also, in the two-party system of government.

Presently he is on the board of advisors of Gardner-Webb College, Crawley Memorial Hospital, is a member of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, and is a Mason and Shriner.

Jack is serving his fourth term in the state legislature. Chairman of the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee is among one of the various committees on which he has served. He was elected an honorary member of the North Carolina National Guard Association for having rendered conspicuous service to The Veterans of North Carolina. Also, he received the North Carolina Battleship Award for distinguished service to the veterans and citizens of North Carolina. Presently, he is serving as chairman of the House Rules Committee.

Ruby and Jack embrace life. They have always had a strong, positive perspective which they have tried to pass on to their family, a message that it is better to dwell on the positive than the negative aspects of life.

When the Round-Up Store was burned by arsonists in 1980 and 1981, all of the family members were deeply hurt, outraged, and mostly bewildered at the senselessness of it all. This store had been a good family business where a lot of hard work had been done together. It was the source of many happy and exciting memories for the entire family as well as friends and customers. For Jack and Ruby it was all this plus a retirement plan, a place where they could go and sit while they were growing older, a place to work and sit outside and talk to their friends.

Firemen from both Rutherford and Cleveland Counties frantically fought to save what they could. Not knowing what to do or why any of it was happening, the family just sat and watched. Jack broke the silence with his characteristic, calm perspective saying, "It makes you feel good to see these forty volunteer firemen who have disturbed their own sleep and their families to come out here and fight this blaze, doesn't it? That's what you are supposed to be thinking about right now."

Ruby, as Jack, has much zest for life and she has enjoyed, benefited from, and contributed to his own ideas and plans, sometimes against her own better judgment. Both Ruby and Jack have had many reflections and comments on life, but there are two that seem to capsule their thoughts. Her philosophy is that "you shouldn't let your world get too small." Even when she was not certain that the right thing was being done, she tried to have an open mind about the possibilities of what could be.

Jack and Ruby have enjoyed life in many dimensions. They have always been participants in the community and contributors to life which may be why one of Jack's philosophies is "Don't look at the world through a peephole in the fence."

At the time of this writing (1982), Jack and Ruby live on their farm near Lattimore. Three of their five daughters live nearby.

— Sally Hunt





Easter 1960: 1st row L to R: Judy and Penny. 2nd row L to R: Cindy, Libby and Sally

JOHN JACKSON (JACK) D.D.S. and RUBY CROWDER HUNT FAMILY

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Jack and Ruby are the parents of five daughters, Judy, Penny, Libby, Cindy and Sally.

Judy Frances Hunt was born May 16, 1949 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Shelby, N.C. She is a graduate of Shelby High School and received her degree from Meredith College Raleigh, N.C. in 1971. After receiving a Masters Degree in sociology from Appalachian State University, she married William Hanse Kohler, formerly of Pensacola, Fla. They have a daughter, Jackie Hunt Kohler and make their home in Blowing Rock, N.C.

Penny Ann Hunt was born July 4, 1951 at Frot Bragg, N.C. and is a graduate of Shelby High School. She attended Peace College in Raleigh, N.C. and in 1973 received her degree in Early Childhood Education from UNC, Chapel Hill, N.C. She married William James (Jim) Corn of Shelby and they have three children, James Hunter Corn, Annabeth Jones Corn, and William James Corn, Jr. They live in Lattimore, N.C.

Alma Elizabeth (Libby) Hunt was born at Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Shelby, N.C. on July 18, 1952. She is a graduate of Shelby High School and received her degree in Early Childhood Education and Home Economics in 1974 from Meredith College, Raleigh, N.C. She married Paul Mark Sarazen III of Shelby, N.C. They have two children, Paul Mark Sarazen IV and Elizabeth Hunt Sarazen. They live in Lattimore, N.C.

Cindy Jane Hunt was born at Royster Memorial Hospital, Boiling Springs, N.C. on

March 19, 1954. She is a graduate of Shelby High School and attended Meredith College for two years before entering UNC, Chapel Hill where she received a Masters Degree in Physical Education in 1976. She teaches at Isothermal Community College in Rutherford County and lives in Lattimore, N.C.

Sally Lou Hunt was born at Royster Memorial Hospital in Boiling Springs, N.C. on March 1, 1956. A graduate of Shelby High School, she attended Appalachian State University for two years before entering UNC — Chapel Hill where she received an American Studies degree in History and Political Science in 1978. She works as Sales/Market Support Representative for a Word Data Processing Co. She married Roland Jones, formerly of Mt. Pleasant, S.C. They live in Raleigh, N.C.

— Sally Hunt

JOHN LEE and KATE HARRILL HUNT FAMILY

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John Lee, born January 18, 1890, died June 29, 1969, was the ninth child of John Jackson and Elizabeth Ellen Peeler Hunt (See John Jackson and Elizabeth Ellen Peeler Hunt Family). He was born in Cleveland County, grew up on the family farm and attended Piedmont High School. At the age of 24 he married Sally Cathleen "Kate" Harrill, born August 31, 1897, daughter of Franklin and Rixie Stuart Harrill of the Double Springs Community of Cleveland County, and a direct descendant of Housen Harrill, Revolutionary War soldier. She attended Boiling Springs High School. For a number of years they lived at or near the Hunt homeplace, later moved to Lattimore, then to

Polkville where their children grew up and graduated from high school. John was a farmer and dairyman. Kate was a homemaker, prepared delicious meals for the family, and helped with the farm and dairy work. John especially enjoyed raising hogs and curing hams and "Miss Kate," as the children affectionately called her, had a very special way of cooking it just right and serving it to family and friends. The Hunts were a good natured, fun loving, hard working family. They reared six children:

Daisy Frances, born October 23, 1915, entered Shelby Hospital School of Nursing after high school graduation and later worked many years in New York City.

John Billy, born December 17, 1918, served in the Army Infantry during World War II and was seriously injured in the Asiatic-Pacific Theater. He received the Purple Heart, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster and Good Conduct Medals. He married Kathleen Gillespie, daughter of J.S. and Mary Elizabeth Blanton Gillespie. They have two children: Doris Elaine and Robert Lee. Doris and Robert graduated from Crest High School. Doris is a graduate of Limestone College and teaches in the County School System. She is married to John Wesson, farmer and salesman. They live in the Poplar Springs Community. Their children are Mary Elizabeth, Joseph Iredell and Alice Caroline. Robert, a graduate of Gardner-Webb College, is married to Rachel Barber and they have two children, Laura Lee and Jesse Benjamin. Robert and family live in the Poplar Spring Community. He works with United Parcel Service in Charlotte.

Jane Elizabeth, born July 25, 1921, a graduate of Shelby Beauty College, married Darwin Earl Hobbs, son of Mildred G. and Earl Hobbs of Ellenburg Corners, New York. They established a home in Polkville where their only child, Daniel Lee, was born. They later moved to Hollywood, Florida, where he is engaged in heavy construction work. Danny is married to Vickie Coniff, and is the father of three daughters.



John Lee Hunt, 1890-1969



Sally Cathleen "Kate" Harrill Hunt, b. 1897

ters: Dawn Lee, Brandi Jane, and Tammy Ruth. Danny is pressman for the Ft. Lauderdale News and Times and Vickie is office manager for Century 21 Real Estate.

James Lee "Jim", born October 7, 1928, married Betty Grayson, daughter of Howard and Myrtle Wellman Grayson. For a number of years they lived in their home in Cleveland County and were engaged in farming, rug making, apple growing, but later moved to Lake James where they now reside and operate Benfield's Landing and Store. Their children are Jimmy Stephen, Donald Stuart and Franklin Scott. "Jim" and Betty have two grandchildren: Amy Lynn, daughter of Jimmy Stephen; and Amanda Jean, daughter of Donald Stuart.

Joe Alfred, born August 27, 1930, served in the United States Air Force in England. He was a Staff Sergeant in teletype and cryptographic repairs. He received BS and MA degrees from Appalachian State University and is Branch Manager, North and South Carolina, for Peerless Insurance Company, Charlotte. He married Joan Wesson, a registered nurse and daughter of Ray and Grace Owens Wesson. Joan is Injury Compensation Supervisor with the Charlotte Post Office. They reside in Waxhaw and have two children: Patrice Elaine, educated at Western Carolina University and Wingate College, and Joe, Jr., who holds a BS degree from Wingate College.

Betty Lee Hunt, born December 3, 1935, graduated from Appalachian State University and teaches in the Cherryville School System. She is married to C. Richard Blackwelder, son of John William and Ocie Witherspoon Blackwelder, who is a machinist. They have one daughter, Catherine Leigh, who has a BS degree in Middle School Education from Appalachian State University. They live in Cherryville.

Sources: Family members, family records and personal knowledge.

— John B. Hunt
and Kathleen G. Hunt

ROBERT LEE HUNT D.D.S. and ALMA HARRILL HUNT FAMILY 655

Robert Lee Hunt, D.D.S. and Alma Harrill were married January 1911 by Rev. Gordon Washburn and were the parents of four children who were reared in Lattimore, N.C.

Robert Lee Hunt (b. October 25, 1885 d. December 18, 1957) was a proud and loving family man, giving unselfishly of himself and his resources to his family and fellowmen. (See Memorial Page, Robert Lee Hunt, D.D.S.) He is remembered as a generous benefactor, tender-hearted, and sensitive to those in need. He possessed a keen mind which served him well in business, along with the insight for problem solving, advising many who came to him seeking personal advice.

He was active in the civic, educational, and religious activities of the community. He served as town Alderman (Secretary and Treasurer) 1913-1917 and two terms as Mayor, 1929-1933 and 1949-1955. During this tenure (1929) the town owned electric light system was sold to Southern Public Utilities Company for \$18,500.00 and in 1952 monies from the Powell Bill Fund was applied for and secured.

He was a person who was interested in growth and progress in the county and community. Within the small city limits of Lattimore are at least thirteen or more houses, buildings or lots where houses have been built which he sold to others. He was a Shareholder in the Cleveland County Fair Association and the Lake Lure Project.

A leader in the advancement of education he was influential in the building and growth of the Lattimore school in the 1920's serving as trustee for many years, giving generously and unselfishly of his time and means.

A member of the Lattimore Baptist Church he was a church deacon for many years. When the new church was completed in 1951, he had served actively as a member of the building

committee, being called by many as a "peace-maker" when the committee could not resolve a particular issue.

He was a Pythian, Mason and Shriner, enjoyed hunting and fishing and was a basketball enthusiast. In his later years he spent many happy hours at his cottage in Lake Lure fishing with family and friends. By nature he was a happy man — always a ready smile, a contagious laugh and a good sense of humor.

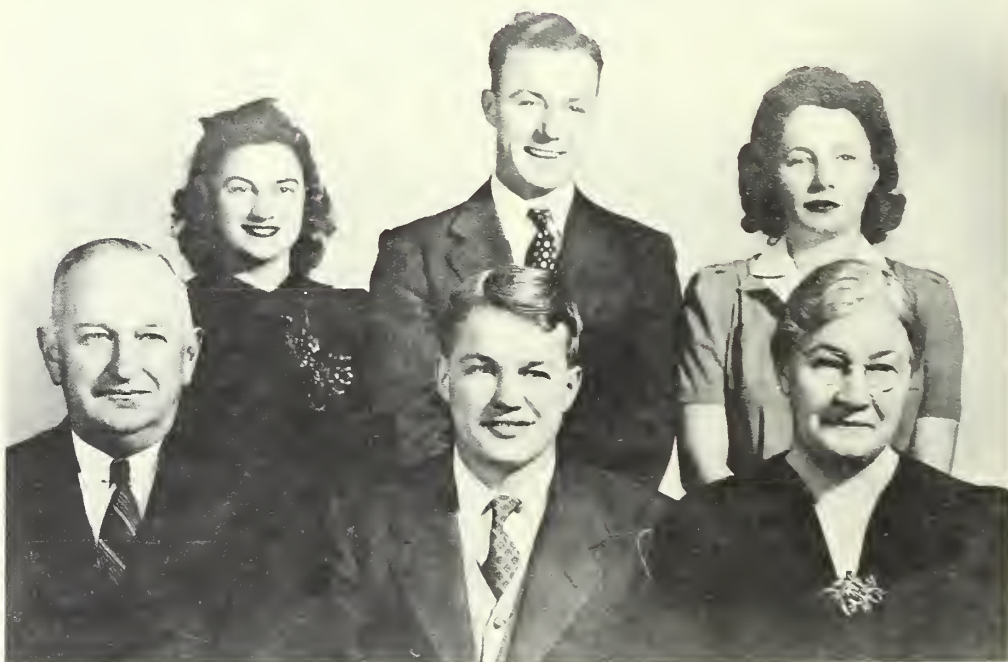
Alma Harrill Hunt, b. April 17, 1888 was the daughter of Robert Lee and Julia McSwain Harrill (See Robert Lee Harrill Family). Her earliest memories of school (age five) was riding with her father on his bicycle to Lattimore where she would attend subscription school for the week. (The teacher was Mrs. Mary Calton).

As a young girl, being the oldest child, she assumed the responsibility of looking after her younger brothers and sisters and seeing that they had the proper clothes to wear. She made most of their clothes quite often without patterns, being a good creative seamstress. This talent was further appreciated as she reared her own family and continued with her grandchildren. She has remained meticulous as to fit and appearance in dress.

She was a good wife and prepared many meals on short notice for dental patients, hired hands, salesmen, friends, and anyone who happened to be around at mealtime.

She is a quiet, modest, humble, unassuming person who loves everyone and has no enemies. She has always had compassion and empathy for the underprivileged, and is an inspiration and pillar of strength to her children and grandchildren. She loves her Church and Sunday School and gives generously of her time wherever she can be of help.

At 94, she is very mentally alert and active in her home which we share. Others have been known to say they would not mind growing old if they could do it as graciously and beautiful as she.



The R. L. Hunt, D.D.S., and Alma Harrill Hunt Family: 1st row L to R: R. L. Hunt, D.D.S., "Jack," and Alma Harrill Hunt. 2nd row L to R: Julia, Robert, Jr., and Burnette



Alma Hunt, 80th Birthday. L to R: Burnette, Robert, Jr., Alma (Mother) Julia and Jack.

Her secrets seem to be not worrying about things which cannot be changed, not to speak unkindly or be critical of others, to be unselfish in all things and above all else love others as oneself.

Hazel Burnette Hunt (b. 1911) graduated from Lattimore High School in 1927 as class valedictorian. She was active in extra curricular activities, including the girls basketball team (later receiving a letter in basketball at Meredith). She received a BM degree from Meredith College in 1931, an MA with a major in Music Education from Appalachian State University in 1957, and continued further study in Choral Music at UNC, Chapel Hill.

She was Supervisor of music in the Hendersonville City Schools for three years before accepting a position as Choral Music Teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools where she taught for sixteen years before retiring in 1976. She was an active member of local, state, and national teacher organizations and the American Choral Directors Association. She always strove for excellence and was recognized throughout the state for the superior ratings awarded her choral groups, and was held in high esteem by her students, administrators and peers.

Presently, she is a member of the Old Tryon Genealogical Society, the Cleveland County Historical Society where she has served on the Board of Directors for five years, and as Chairman of the Oral History Committee. A member of the Lattimore Baptist Church, she is active in the church choir, handbell choir, serves as Sunday School pianist, Extension Director, church hostess, and Vice-President of the Over 60 Club. She is a member of the DAR, a committee member of the Council on Aging, has an avid interest in antiques, and enjoys oil painting and sports, especially basketball.

The other three children (See related articles) are Robert Lee Hunt, Jr. (b. February 22, 1916 d. December 20, 1976) m. Mary Martha Bingham; Julia Cathleen Hunt (b. September 6, 1918) m. Walter Shields Clayton, D.D.S., and John Jackson Hunt II D.D.S. (b. November 27, 1922) m. Ruby Frances Crowder.

Sources: Family Bible, Lattimore Town Minutes, relatives and personal knowledge.

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Alma Hunt, 90th Birthday.

ROBERT LEE, JR. and MARY MARTHA BINGHAM HUNT FAMILY

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Robert Lee Hunt, Jr. (b. February 23, 1916 d. December 20, 1976) was the son of Robert Lee and Alma Harrill Hunt of Lattimore, N.C. (See Robert Lee Hunt, D.D.S. Family)

Robert attended Lattimore Schools where he excelled in both studies and sports. He was a member of the debating team, the State

Championship basketball team in 1934, participated in many school plays and was voted "Best All-Around" student in the Senior Class. His interest in sports and the depression were deciding factors in his decision to remain in high school an extra year.

After graduation (1934) he attended UNC at Chapel Hill for two years. Undecided about his future he worked a few years with his dad in various family enterprises, also, surveying land for the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service. He saved his money and entered N.C. State College to study animal production, graduating with honors in 1943.

Robert began his career as a field representative for Coble Dairies, at Sugar Grove, N.C. His love of sports continued throughout his life, and it was on the tennis court that he met his future wife, Mary Martha Bingham, daughter of Charles McKinley Bingham (1896-1936) and Ruth Rhodes Bingham (1897-1980) of Sugar Grove, N.C. They were married November 18, 1945 in Waynesville, N.C.

Since his work necessitated frequent moves, he and his bride returned to his home in Lattimore permanently. With his brother, Jack, he bought a farm, (Huntland Farms) from his dad. For about fifteen years the farm was operated full-scale, producing most of the feed for the livestock. He was an able and patient farmer, especially proud of a herd of prize winning registered guernseys. He was one of the first to win an award from Cleveland County Dairy Herd Improvement (1958) and was secretary and treasurer of the County Artificial Breeders Association.

In 1960 Robert and Jack opened a Lowe's Associate Store in Shelby, later bought by Lowe's Inc. Robert remained with Lowe's until his health failed in 1975.

At any job, Robert did his very best. Although unassuming, he had a winning personality, a pleasant smile and was extremely kind and generous to others. He was always cheerful and had a good sense of humor. However, he is best remembered for his integrity and set an example for us to live by.

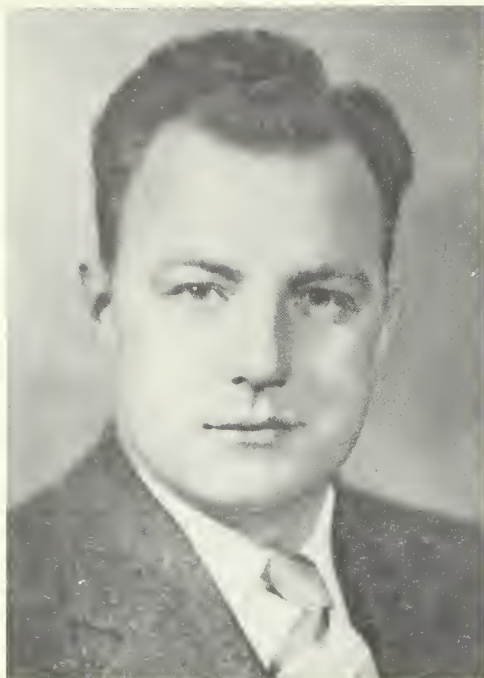
He was a charter member and life-long secretary of the Lattimore Lions Club, a faithful and active member of the Lattimore Baptist Church, serving as deacon for many years (one of the youngest deacons ever elected) and Sunday School teacher.

Mary Martha (b. April 24, 1927) graduated from Cove Creek High School, Sugar Grove, N.C. as salutatorian of her class in 1944. She attended Salem College and ASU before her marriage.

Always an excellent homemaker, a devoted wife and mother, she was happiest when the children were growing up. When the oldest child started to college, she took a position as a social worker with the County Schools, retiring in 1971 due to medical problems. She has been a dedicated church worker and is presently director of the W.M.U. She is kind, compassionate, and responsive to the needs of others. Her great inner strength and high Christian ideals have been an inspiration to those close to her.

Five children were born of this marriage:

Mary Linda (b. February 3, 1947) was an



Robert Lee Hunt, Jr., 1945.

from ASU in 1977. He is an avid sportsman who enjoys fishing, hunting, basketball, softball and tennis. He is employed by the N.C. Department of Agriculture in the Plant Protection Division and lives in a log cabin in Boone, N.C.

David Bingham (b. May 11, 1954) a graduate of Crest High School was a member of the Beta Club and lettered in track and football. He received his B.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from N.C. State University in 1976. Currently he is employed with Carlon in Woodland, California. He enjoys sports and toured England in 1979 with a Rugby team representing N.C.

John Jackson (b. January 27, 1956) graduated from Crest High School and Haywood Technical Institute (1976) in Forest Management. He is employed by the State as County Forest Technician. John's hobbies are farming, canoeing and backpacking. He is an Eagle Scout and is assistant Scout Master of Lattimore Boy Scout Troop 113 and president of the Cleveland County Earth Science Club. John lives with his mother on the farm where they

continue to maintain a small herd of beef cattle.

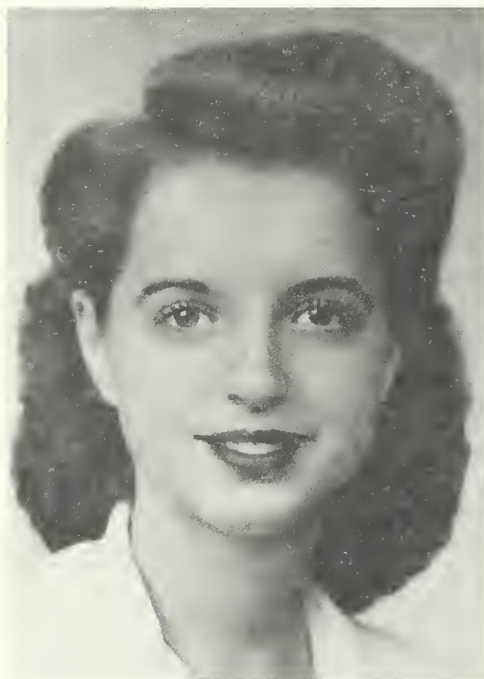
— Linda Hunt Clemmer

ABRAM CHRISTOPHER IRVIN FAMILY

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Abram Christopher Irvin (b. Feb. 4, 1843, d. Jan. 8, 1926) in the Zion Church Community, Cleveland County was the son of Ancil J. (b. 1815, d. 1895) and Elizabeth Beam Irvin (b. 1817, d. 1895). His grandfather, James Irvin (Revolutionary War Soldier) was among the first settlers in Cleveland County. His home (1785) is on the National Register of Historic Homes. His ancestors were Scotch-Irish and German.

As a young man A.C. Irvin served with the Confederate Army in the Civil War. He was wounded in the Battle of Cold Harbor in 1862 and was in the Battle of Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. He was captured by the "Yankees" on July 3, 1863, taken prisoner to Fort



Mary Martha Bingham Hunt, 1945.

honor student and cheerleader at Crest High School. She graduated cum laude from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1969 with a degree in Mathematics. On August 16, 1969 she married Leonard (Lennie) Clemmer, Jr. b. July 15, 1945, son of Leonard Clemmer and Anneliese Mueller Clemmer of Charlotte, N.C. They have a lovely home in Gastonia furnished with antiques, many of which they refinished themselves. They are instructors with the Clemmer School of Gymnastics in Charlotte and Gastonia.

Charles Lee (b. November 23, 1948 — d. November 27, 1948)

Robert Lee, III (Rob) b. April 17, 1951 was awarded the Eagle Scout badge in 1967. A graduate of Crest High School he was a marshall and member of the Beta Club. He received an A.B. Degree in Zoology from UNC, Chapel Hill, in 1973 and an M.A. in Biology



The Robert Lee Hunt, Jr. Family, 1978 — L to R, standing: Lennie Clemmer, David, and Rob. L to R, seated: Linda Hunt Clemmer, Mary Martha, and John.



Rev. Abram Christopher Irvin

Delaware and later to Point Lookout where he was kept for twenty-two months.

When he returned to his farm in Cleveland County he prepared to serve his Lord as fervently as he had served his country. Ordained to the ministry at Zion Baptist Church in 1875, he began his fifty years of service, as pastor of his home church.

It was while he was Moderator of Kings Mountain Baptist Association that Boiling Springs High School was established (1907), which is now Gardner Webb College.

During his ministry he served many pastorate both in Cleveland and surrounding counties. Among them were Beaver Dam, Boiling Springs, Double Springs, Lattimore, Elizabeth, Double Shoals and Zion.

The only means of travel was by horse and buggy. In the midst of winter he prepared for his comfort by heating bricks to keep his feet warm and seeing that the curtains on the buggy were in place. The automobile did come into use in his late ministry and he was once a

victim of an auto-related accident. His faithful horse became frightened by a car, and when he got out of the buggy to hold the reins he was knocked against a wheel and painfully injured.

In all the half century as one of the pioneer Baptist preachers he never received more than \$250.00 annually from any one church. Some of his charges only paid \$40.00 a year. By serving several churches at one time his annual pay never exceeded \$1,000.00. Yet in his own words, "I was amply provided for and richly rewarded in knowing that I had done the Master's Will".

Mr. Irvin was first married to Harriett Weathers (b. 1843-d. 1872). Ollie and Hessie were born to this union. Ollie (b. 1868-d. 1935) married Dr. J.W. Wood (b. 1861-d. 1935), a prominent country doctor of Boiling Springs. She was active in all phases of church work, especially missions. They had no children but sponsored two young men and treated them as their own.

Hessie (b. 1869-d. 1941) married Chivous Washburn (b. 1863-d. 1950) of the Double Springs Community. They later moved to Shelby to make their permanent home. Hessie was a dedicated home-maker and had the privilege of keeping her father in his latter years. Their children was Grady, Mozelle, Yates, Bufie and Selma. Mozelle, Yates and Selma died in early childhood. Grady first married Vastine Crowder and they had two sons and a daughter. His second marriage was to Estelle Davenport. Bufie married Baxter Kirkpatrick and they were the parents of one son.

Mr. Irvin's second marriage was to Mariah Jane Cornwell (b. 1839-d. 1915). Their children were James William (b. 1873-d. 1960); John Yancey (b. 1874-d. 1958); Guilford Pinkney (b. 1878-d. 1957); and May (b. 1880-d. 1918). James and Pinkney were farmers and spent their lives in Cleveland County. They were both active in Zion Church, holding positions as deacons, Sunday School Superintendents, teachers and church treasurer. John spent his life as an educator in the county, serving as Superintendent of County Schools, principal and teacher. May was a victim of polio and died in early womanhood.

James W. Irvin married Lillie Whiting Logan (1874-1948). Their children were John Randolph, who died in infancy, Lucile and Jane. Lucile married Andrew McCarter and they have one daughter. Jane married John M. Gold, Jr. and they have three daughters.

John Y. Irvin married Pearl Lattimore (b. 1883-d. 1953). John Y. Irvin, Jr. is their son.

G. Pinkney Irvin married Mary Elizabeth Simmons (b. 1880-d. 1920). Their children were Eubert, Ruby, Madge, James, Ruth, A.V., Jessie, Hugh and Mary. Eubert married Mildred Boyles. They had one son. Madge married Lowery Austell. They have a daughter and a son. James married Thelma Powers and they have a son. Ruth married C.L. Moore and has one daughter. A.V. married Alise Reid and they have two sons. Jessie married Robert Forney. Hugh married Catherine Dellinger. They have two sons. Mary married Evans Lackey, and they have one daughter and three sons.

As a reminder of this sturdy pioneer family, one can visit the home places of Ancil and Abram Irvin, now owned by Walter and Beatrice Cabaniss Davis on Davis Road and the James Irvin home near Beaver Dam Creek.

Sources: Cleveland Star Jan. 9, 1926 & August 1940. History of Kings Mountain Baptist Association 1851-1951. History of Zion Church.

— Lucile Irvin McCarter
— Ruby Irvin

THE JAMES IRVIN FAMILY

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James Irvin was born in Chatham County, N.C. His tombstone reads "died May 15, 1845, aged 82 years, two months." He is buried in the family cemetery across the road from his homeplace. The house is near Crest Jr. High School in Cleveland County.

James Irvin built his home ca. 1785 and lived there until his death. In 1850 the family sold the house to Street Hamrick and it became known as the Hamrick homeplace. The Hamrick family still own the house and meet there every year from the Hamrick reunion. The house is listed in the National Register as the Irvin-Hamrick house.

James Irvin was a soldier in the Revolution (W-2117 National Archives). The government marker at his grave reads "James Irvin, Johnston's Co. Hammonds' S.C. Regt. Revolutionary War." He enlisted in the South Carolina State Troops in May, 1781, at the age of 16. He was living in the 96 District of South Carolina at the time of enlistment. His regiment was part of General Pinkens' army with whom Private James Irvin marched to "the high hills of Santee," and later to White Hall, South Carolina, where he was stationed for a short time. He later "marched about from one place to another in South Carolina" under the command of General Green, and was in the Battle of Eutaw Springs in September 1781.

It was during this Battle that he received three wounds, once in the head by a sword. He was taken prisoner by the British and kept until he recovered. He then reported back to his company and was granted permission by Capt. Johnston to go home, subject to being



Rev. A.C. Irvin family at home

called back when he had fully recovered. By the time his wounds had completely healed, his six months term of enlistment had expired, and he did not return to duty.

In 1795 he married Rebecca Hardin. She stated in her pension application that they were married in Lincoln County, N.C.

James Irvin's will was filed for probate in Cleveland County Court at the August, 1845 term. He provided for his wife, Rebecca, and stated that all of his real and personal estate be sold and the proceeds divided equally among his nine children and one granddaughter, Margaret Susannah Irvin, the daughter of John Irvin, deceased. (His sons, John Young and Isaac James were not living at the time he wrote his will).

The eleven children of James and Rebecca were: Susanna (b. 15 May 1797 d. 9 May 1846) never married; Isaac James (b. 5 March 1800 d. 30 July 1839); Abram Collins (b. 4 Oct. 1801; d. 1 June 1865) married 16 March 1830 Louisa Beam (b. 1812); Rachael (b. 19 Dec 1803) married William Earls; John Young (b. 5 April 1806 d. 16 June 1829); Martha "Patsey" (b. 23 May 1818) married Loranzo Dow Webb, (See article else where in book); James Wiley (b. 17 August 1810); Hannah (b. 11 May 1813) married Jesse Hardin; Ancil Jackson (b. 2 Oct. 1815 d. 14 Sept. 1895); Elizabeth Martin (b. 24 Aug. 1819) married Matthias Mason; Sarah (b. ca. 1821) married Michael Workman.

Sources: Tombstones, Wills, census records, estate settlements and pension records

— Mrs. S. Arnold Ramey

MARGARET PLONK ISLEY

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Margaret Regina Plonk, second daughter of Clarence Sloan Plonk and Ellen Patterson Plonk was born September 17, 1913 in Cleveland County six miles north of Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

She received her early education in Cleveland and Gaston County Schools, and graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1930. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Womans College, Greensboro, North Carolina (now University of North Carolina) in 1934.

Margaret was married to Sessler Carlisle Isley of Burlington, North Carolina June 23, 1937 in St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Their only daughter, Kay Ellen Isley born May 27, 1941 married John Baker Lewis February 25, 1967. Their children are Benjamine May Lewis born May 16, 1970 and John Thomas Carlisle Lewis born January 6, 1973.

Their first son, Carlisle Scott Isley born September 29, 1947 married Cynthia Sessions November 26, 1977. Their only child is Caroline Sessions Isley born April 26, 1981.

The second son, Joseph Plonk Isley born June 9, 1952, married Pamela Ann Jewett November 26, 1976. Their only child, Kathryn Jewett Plonk, was born June 27, 1980.

Margaret taught school in Graham and Burlington, North Carolina. She has lived her entire married life in Burlington, where she has been

very active in the social and civic life of the community.

Sources: Family, Newspaper, Cemetery, *Our Kin* — Hoffman

— Willie P. Patterson

HUGH IVESTER

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Our great, great, great, great grandfather was Hugh Ivester, married to Barbara in Rutherford County in 1790.

Their children were Hugh, George, Jacob and John. John married Elizabeth Helms on July 14, 1817, she had a son named John. Our great, great, great grandfather was born April 12, 1822, whose name was also John, married also, a woman named Barbara. They built a log home in upper Cleveland County on about 300 acres of land which Hugh settled and had a son Albert Ivester, who in later years was called Uncle Bert.

Albert Ivester was a preacher, a circuit rider as he was called. He was a small man in size. He married Sarah McCall and had five children: one daughter born dead, Avette, (Esper) William, (Lero) Clemen and Velus. Albert died of the flu and pneumonia on January 17, 1923. Velus our grandfather, was born August 7, 1877. He lived with his father (uncle Bert) until he married Zula Edwards on May 21, 1899. Their nine children were Alvin, Evertt, Carl, Claude, Eloise, Warren, Forest Velus, Calver Lee and a daughter born dead. Grandmother Ivester died in child birth with Calver Lee, November 14, 1919. Velus married Rebecca Willis on June 21, 1922. They had three children: Boyd D., Ruth, and Velma. He built a home, which is still standing, and is in great shape. The land is now owned by Carl Ivester. It is about 200 yds. from the old log house which Hugh built around 1800. The log house was torn down several years ago.

Velus Ivester was one of the largest cotton farmers in the upper Cleveland area and was a champion chicken farmer. He won several awards and trophies.

He worked one day in a cotton mill and never went back. He later joined with two area farmers in a cotton gin. He always told the family if you were not a Democrat and Methodist you wasn't an Ivester, Velus died on October 28, 1966.

Warren Ivester, b. February 4, 1913, married Ruby Whisnant February 21, 1940 who was the daughter of Robert Whisnant. She was born July 3, 1919.

They had six sons: Richard, James Lee (Jim), Ronald, Donald, Phillip and Roger. Jim has twins: Mike and Sherry. Ronald has a son, Jason. Don has two, Tony and Gwen. Roger's children are Chad and Brady.

Sources: Family Records

— Mrs. Carl Ivester

THE ANTONIO IZZI FAMILY

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The IZZI Surname originated in Italy. Since history of the IZZI family has not been established, this synopsis will cover the IZZI coat-of-

arms and the first IZZI's to settle in Cleveland County.

The IZZI coat-of-arms contains the letter "I", two wings divided by a small inner green shield and four vertical bands of black and gold. The coat-of-arms incorporated the color green. The color green represents Hope, Vitality, and Plenty. The wings symbolizes Quickness, Freedom, and Protection.

The first IZZI's to settle in Cleveland County sought Freedom and Protection. They received this. They were full of Hope for success in their new enterprise. Due to their vitality it was successful. The Plenty came in the form of children (nine) and many, many friends. The IZZI's were known as Mr. Tony and Mrs. Tony by many people in this County probably not realizing their surname was IZZI.

Antonio, (Tony) IZZI was born December 13, 1897 in Vitucuso, Italy, which lies between Rome and Naples. His parents were Michael IZZI and Dario (Papa) IZZI of Vitucuso.

Carmella (Dimeo) IZZI was born January 7, 1899 in Vitucuso. Her parents were Antonio Dimeo and Filomena Dimeo (maiden name also) of Vitucuso.

Antonio and Carmella were married in October, 1920, in Italy. They came to the United States in December, 1920 on a slightly delayed honeymoon. It was a long honeymoon, they never returned to Italy. The Honeymooners traveled from New York City, N.Y. to Rock Hill, South Carolina, where Antonio Dimeo (Carmella's Father) was residing. Carmella's father returned to Italy shortly after their arrival in South Carolina but the IZZI's stayed in Rock Hill with the Tony Jeanette's (Friends also from Vitucuso) for approximately two years. In October, 1922 the IZZI's moved to Gastonia, North Carolina where they started their first venture in the art of Ice Cream manufacturing. They worked for Ralph and Antonia Dimeo (cousins to Carmella who came to the U.S. after World War I) for two years. The IZZI's started their first ice cream business in Gastonia and remained until 1929. In August 1929 they moved their business equipment (a five gallon non-refrigerated ice cream freezer) to a modified basement in their home in Shelby.

The Big Depression which started in 1929 almost destroyed the ice cream business but the IZZI's perseverance beat the Depression. After several moves in East Shelby the IZZI's made a final move in 1931 to South Shelby on Lafayette street. The business grew slowly, due to the Depression but showed considerable improvement as the Depression waned.

Tony and Carmella lived on this street raising their nine children as good Americans (his phraseology) and selling their ice cream from a horse drawn wagon and retail store. As the Depression diminished, the better living conditions led to the sadness of replacing the horse and wagon with trucks. When the economy was getting into the "Good Ole Days" World War II broke out and started the Sacrificial days once more. The IZZI's sent four sons into the service from 1942 until the late 1950's. One of the happiest days of Tony IZZI's life was in 1943 when he received his United States Citizenship after many hard years of study and tests. Tony lived and worked in this

location until his death December 14, 1955.

Carmella remained here until her death which occurred November 15, 1974.

The following children were born to Antonio and Carmella Izzi: Angelina (Izzi) Hall b. Rock Hill, S.C., living at Tacoma Park, Maryland; Jerry Izzi b. Gastonia, N.C., Deceased; Michael P. Izzi b. Gastonia, N.C., living at Shelby, N.C.; Catherine (Izzi) McArthur b. Gastonia, N.C., living at Shelby, N.C.; Pauline (Izzi) Glover b. Gastonia, N.C., living at Shelby, N.C.; Tony Izzi, Jr. b. Shelby, N.C., living at Shelby, N.C.; Lewis B. Izzi, Sr. b. Shelby, N.C., living at Shelby, N.C.; Christine (Izzi) Whisnant b. Shelby, N.C., living at Atlanta, Ga.; Joseph Izzi b. Shelby, N.C., living at Shelby, N.C.

There are people who remember the horse drawn ice cream wagon. Tony's big smile, and especially the language dialect. There are those who remember the retail store and the white ice cream trucks. The many people who ate Tony's Ice Cream expressed it was the best ice cream that was made. (Tony) and (Mrs. Tony) believed that all people deserved the best and lots of it and as I listen to people relate their stories I believe that Antonio and Carmella exceeded their goals.

— Mr. Michael Izzi

THE JAMES L. JENKINS FAMILY

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The Rev. James L. Jenkins (native of Stanly County) and Mrs. Kate Watson Jenkins (native of Riverton in Scotland County) moved with their four children to Cleveland County in 1927 when he became pastor of Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

A graduate of Wake Forest College (1910), he attended Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. Mrs. Jenkins graduated from Meredith College (1912) and in the 1930s served as principal of Boiling Springs Elementary School. The Rev. Mr. Jenkins served pastorates in Parkton, North Carolina and Umatilla, Florida, before moving to Boiling Springs.

During the early years of his ministry at Boiling Springs, that church shared his services with the New Hope and Zion Baptist churches. At two intervals, for a total of three years during the Great Depression of the 1930s, he served as the unpaid president of Boiling Springs Junior College (forerunner to Gardner-Webb). He also taught Bible at that institution.

In 1951 the Rev. Mr. Jenkins was president of the North Carolina Baptist Pastors Conference. For a period of 20 years, before and after he retired as pastor in Boiling Springs in 1952, he was an instructor in homiletics at Fruitland Bible Institute. He lived in the Boiling Springs parsonage following retirement and a steady stream of his "preacher boys" continued to visit and solicit his help and counsel.

Mrs. Jenkins died in Boiling Springs at age 55 on June 27, 1946. The Rev. Mr. Jenkins died in Boiling Springs on March 21, 1973, at the age of 89; at the time of his death he was

serving as teacher to the Bible Study Group of the Women's Missionary Society of Boiling Springs. The day of his death the *Shelby Daily Star* announced that Gardner-Webb College planned to bestow on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity at its next commencement. The Rev. and Mrs. Jenkins are buried in Spring Hill cemetery near Wagram in Scotland County.

The Jenkins children are: James L. (Jay) Jenkins, Jr. of Raleigh, N.C. (married to the former Ruth Byers of Shelby, N.C.); parents of James L. (Jim), III; Catherine Watson of Cullowhee, N.C. married to Dr. E.W. Vosecky of Chicago, Illinois, and with him parents of Jeanne, married to Dr. Max White of Alto, Georgia and now living in Clemson, S.C. Their children are Douglas and David White; Kate Vosecky of New York, and W.E. Jr. of Cullowhee, married to the former Barbara Arnie of Cullowhee. Ella McNeill Jenkins of Shelby, N.C. married to Dr. R.G. Burrus, originally of Mooresboro, N.C. and with him parents of R.G., Jr. and Robert Jenkins both of Shelby, N.C., and Thomas Vernon Burrus, married to the former Ann Pence of Kannapolis, N.C. and now living in Shelby, N.C. Betty Lew Jenkins of Boiling Springs, N.C. married to Harry Eugene Washburn of Route 4, Shelby, N.C. and with him parents of Catherine McNeill of Chesnee, S.C., married to James Boyd, originally of Union, S.C. They are the parents of Wesley and Jerry Boyd; Elizabeth Wright Washburn of Boiling Springs, N.C. and Harry Eugene, Jr. of Boiling Springs married to the former Sherwin Johnson of Statesville. They have one daughter, Downey McNeill.

— Jay Jenkins

THE JAMES ALBERT JOHNSON FAMILY

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James Albert Johnson was born December 17, 1875, Greenville County, South Carolina, at foot hills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, Tigerville, South Carolina.

The son of Oliver Perry and Martha Louisa Southern Johnson, his grandparents were Fortunatis and Mary Ann Cox Johnson.

When Albert was twenty-one years old he left South Carolina, on foot, and came to Lattimore, North Carolina. Brother Henry was already in North Carolina, Cleveland and Rutherford Counties.

He went to work for Mr. James McKinney, a large farmer, with a blacksmith shop and other trades.

Near the McKinneys lived another large farmer, Jesse Whitson Bridges, whose only daughter, Lora, had lost her husband in an epidemic of typhoid fever. She had returned to live with her father and mother, along with a small son, John Blanton. Being neighbors, Albert soon met and fell in love with Lora. They were married January 10, 1900.

James Albert Johnson and Lora Manassa Bridges Blanton had four children: Whitson Durham, born September 11, 1901; Aquilla Jane, born September 20, 1903; Mattie Lou, born July 3, 1907; Bether Berniece, born De-

cember 1, 1913. All children were born in Cleveland County.

Durham married September 3, 1924, to Dora Selma Greene, born July 6, 1904.

Aquilla married January 15, 1938, in Billings, Montana, to Louis Heinrich Otte, born June 15, 1900, in Horpel b Hannover, Germany.

Mattie Lou married December 2, 1931, at Lattimore, North Carolina to Alfred Paris Weathers, born May 24, 1908.

Bether Berniece married November 10, 1938, Cleveland County, to Wayne Estel Dawson, born August 19, 1911, Bloomington, Nebraska, died September 5, 1949, at Powell, Wyoming. Second husband was Wayne's brother, Russell William Dawson, married June 21, 1950, born May 4, 1913.

Durham had one child, Dora Lorene, born February 13, 1927, married Grady Alonza Humphries, July 18, 1942. Grady was born November 6, 1922.

Lorene had two sons, Ronald Bennett, born August 5, 1945; Dennis, born January 1, 1955. Ronald married Wand Rebecca Littlejohn of Gaffney, South Carolina. They had two children, Ronald Bennett, Jr., and Ronda Rebecca. Ronald Jr. born April 20, 1967. Rebecca born August 13, 1968.

Dennis is not married.

Aquilla Otte had two children: Daisy Beatrix, born February 7, 1939; Louis Albert born February 29, 1940. Both born in Park County, Wyoming. Daisy married March 17, 1956, to William Woodrow Berryman, born March 17, 1934. Their two children were Lorita Berniece, born February 14, 1957, and Michael William, born October 12, 1960. Daisy's second husband, Thomas Eugene Carter.

Louis Albert Otte, married May, 1961, to Mary Ellen Wilson. They had five children: Shannon Lou, born June 1, 1962; Randall Louis, born June 15, 1964; David Mark born November 15, 1968; Jeremiah Albert, born August 15, 1970; Sindi Jane, born August 7, 1973.

Mattie Lou Johnson Weathers had four children: Lora Jacqueline born November 7, 1932, married May 17, 1975, to Joseph Allen Duffel at Carmel, California.

Nancy Jane born February 11, 1934, married Richard Meriweather Mitchell on July 15, 1972, at Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Alfred Paris Weathers, Jr. born October 30, 1935, married April 10, 1955 at Gaffney, South Carolina to Elsie Ann Jones, born October 22, 1936. Four children were born: Michael Dean born January 3, 1956, Shelby North Carolina; Ronald Wayne born December 9, 1958, Shelby, North Carolina; Sandra Lee born January 29, 1961, Rutherford County, North Carolina; Terry Loy, born April 6, 1963, Rutherford County, North Carolina. Michael Dean married June 6, 1975 to Cynthia Ann Moore, born April 4, 1957, Rutherford County.

William Albert Weathers D.D.S., born April 20, 1943; married Marcella Areleene Phillips June 30, 1973, at Burke County. Marcella born February 2, 1952.

Berniece Johnson Dawson had two sons, Wayne Estel Jr. born November 12, 1939 at

Powell, Wyoming; John Albert, born September 25, 1942, Powell, Wyoming.

Wayne, Jr. married December 17, 1966 to Angeline Quijada Solis, of Douglas, Arizona. Three daughters, Betina Michelle, born on September 30, 1967, Indio, California; Julia Ann, born October 24, 1969, Lancaster, California; Barbara Kathleen, born February 24, 1971.

John Albert, not married.

Sources: family Bible

— Mattie Lou Johnson Weathers

MONROE GARLAND JOHNSON, JR. FAMILY

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Monroe Garland Johnson, Jr. was born in Spindale, North Carolina (Rutherfordton County), March 18, 1929. He is the son of Una Setzer Johnson (July 5, 1907), and the late Monroe Garland Johnson, Sr. (1897-1964). His Mother resides on a farm in Cherokee County, South Carolina, and a sister, Mrs. Jane (Olin) Hunter (widowed) living in Charlotte, North Carolina with her children, Catherine and Will.

Garland was educated in the Spindale Elementary Schools and Rutherfordton Central High School. He left the Spindale area in 1945 to attend Woodberry Forest Preparatory School in Orange, Virginia, graduating in 1948. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina in 1952, where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity and Grogan's Head Lodge.

After his graduation from the University, and the Naval R. O. T. C. program, he was commissioned and Ensign and sent to Bayoone, New Jersey for Supply Officer training for two months. His next duty was at the Norfolk Naval Station, Norfolk, Virginia for two years, leaving the service in 1954 as a Lieutenant Junior Grade.

He returned to his family, who had since moved to a farm twenty miles outside of Gaffney, South Carolina, located between the Pacolet and the Broad rivers. He stayed for only a short time before joining his family's business, Cleveland Lumber Company, Shelby, North Carolina in 1955. This company was founded by his father in 1934. He now serves as Vice President and General Manager.

He was united in marriage to Graceliene Macklin on August 12, 1961 at the Lutz-Austell Chapel, Shelby, North Carolina.

His wife, Graceliene, born January 6, 1930 in Hutchinson, Kansas (Reno) County) is the daughter of Fredrick George Macklin (1900-) and the late Mary Belle Farney Macklin (1902-1954), both born in Hutchinson, Kansas. She has three sisters, Betty Lucile Kruse, Miami Springs, Florida; Vada Belle Morgan, Tucson, Arizona; and Mary Louise Moss (Mrs. M.L. Thomas), Shelby, North Carolina, and one brother, Ira Edward Macklin, Denver, Colorado.

She was educated in the Hutchinson Elementary Schools and Hutchinson High School, graduating in 1947. She also gradu-



Monroe Garland Johnson Jr. Family. L to R: Garland, Graceliene, Carter and Teresa

ated from Hutchinson Junior College, and attended the University of Kansas.

Garland and Graceliene have two children. James Carter Johnson, born November 4, 1966, and Teresa Louise Johnson, born September 2, 1969.

The Johnson family are members of Central United Methodist Church, Shelby, North Carolina, where Garland has served on the Financial Board, Pastorial Relations Board, Building Committee and the Hoey Men's Bible Class. Graceliene has served as a Sunday School teacher.

Garland served as President of the Carolinas Lumber Dealers and Building Supply Association in 1980; was on the board of Union Trust Company, then a merger to be called Independence National Bank, and another merger to Branch Bank and Trust Company; a member of the Cleveland Country Club, North Lake Country Club, and the Shelby Elk's Lodge, No. 1709.

Graceliene is a member of the Shelby Junior Charity League, serving as 1981-82 Sustaining Member's Secretary; President of the Ladies of the Carolina Lumber Dealer's and Building Supply Association for 1980, and a charter member and past President of The Doll Study of Shelby.

The Johnson family resides at 1307 Montrose Drive, Shelby, North Carolina.

— Mrs. M. Garland Johnson, Jr.

THE RHETT and MARY JOHNSTON FAMILY

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Mary Livingstone Boyd (b. August 21, 1862 — d. March 29, 1918) of York County, South Carolina, and William Rhett Johnston (b. January 11, 1852 — d. May 7, 1939) of Gaston County, North Carolina, were married on Feb-

ruary 11, 1880 at Bethel Presbyterian Church near Clover, South Carolina.

They were rural people, both of Scotch Irish descent, and the roots of their faith were deep in the tenets of the Presbyterian Church.

Their formal education was limited to what was available to them in the public schools of their time. However, as young adults, they both taught in the public schools of their area.

About 1883 the couple migrated to Arkansas where they bought 100 acres of land in Pulaski County, northeast of Little Rock and Jacksonville. They reared their family on this farm and it continued to be home to all of them until the home was broken up after Mary's death in 1918. Ten children were born to the couple.

The Johnston siblings in order of their ages were: William Hamilton (b. November 17, 1880 — d. April 8, 1962). He graduated from the University of South Carolina and from Columbia Presbyterian Seminary, Decatur, Georgia, and became a Presbyterian Minister. He was twice married; first to Mary Harper and, after her death, to Nellie Gandy.

Ada Jane (b. September 1, 1882 — d. December 9, 1972). She became a practical nurse. She was married to John F. Gordon, who was postmaster and operated a general store at Tirzah, South Carolina.

Emily Caroline (b. September 4, 1884 — d. December 1, 1884).

Ula Erwin (b. October 2, 1886 — d. November 9, 1963). She graduated from Arkansas Teachers College at Conway and was a teacher before marriage to J. Frank Wilson, a farmer and wood craftsman. They lived in Gaston County.

Thomas Boyd (b. October 8, 1889 — d. October 24, 1959). He attended the University of Arkansas, "read law" under a Little Rock practicing attorney and passed the Arkansas

State Bar examination. However, he never practiced law. He became treasurer and office manager for a car dealership in Little Rock. He was married to Orrie Bell.

Mary Eleanor (b. February 11, 1892 — d. January 7, 1933). She attended Arkansas Teachers College and was a teacher before marriage to Carl B. Craig, a Presbyterian Minister. They lived in Laurinburg, North Carolina, and Suffolk, Virginia.

Velma Lavinia (b. November 20, 1893 — d. September 22, 1899).

David Dale (b. August 23, 1895 — d. June 13, 1975). He served in the U.S. Navy during World War I. After his discharge he owned and operated his own farm in York County, South Carolina. He was married to Lula Boyd.

Clara Willard (b. August 17, 1898 — d. October 31, 1974). She received her R.N. degree from the nursing school of the Pulaski County Hospital in Little Rock. Later she completed a course in anaesthesiology and was nurse-anaesthetist at General Hospital in Athens, Georgia, for 31 years. She was married to Ralph Saye of Athens, who was a cigarette salesman.

Erma Aleta, who came to Shelby in Cleveland County, North Carolina, in the fall of 1922, after graduation from Winthrop College in June that year. She taught in Shelby High School for a number of years. Later she became woman's page editor and columnist for the *Cleveland Star* (now the *Shelby Daily Star*) and continued her association with the *Star* for 34 years. She was married to Renn Drum, Sr., who was City Editor of the *Star*.

Rhett and his youngest son, Dale, are buried in Bethel Presbyterian Church cemetery. Mary and three of her daughters, Ada, Emily and Velma, are buried in Bayou Meto Cemetery near Jacksonville. Hamilton is buried in Sharon Memorial Park, Charlotte, North Carolina; Ula at Union Presbyterian Church Cemetery in Gaston County; Tom at

Pleasant Grove Cemetery near Little Rock; Eleanor in Forest Lawn Cemetery in Greensboro, North Carolina; Clara at Evergreen Memorial Cemetery in Athens; and Erma expects, when her time comes, to be buried beside her husband in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Rhett was a son of William Hunter and Martha Jane Johnston Johnston. The parents were second cousins. Mary's parents were John Hamilton and Jane Adelaide Laney Boyd.

— Erma Johnston Drum

HISTORY OF THE R. ALLEN JOLLEY FAMILY

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Ancestors of the R. Allen Jolley family are known as far back as great-great-grandfather. Jessie Jolley lived in the general area around Rutherford and Cleveland counties, but the exact home place is not known to me. His son, Porch Jolley, my great-grandfather, served in the War Between the States, and died and was buried during the war with none of the family knowing the place of burial.

James Richard Jolley, my grandfather, lived in the Mt. Pleasant community, near Boiling Springs, North Carolina. My father, R.L. Jolley was born there, and died in the same area where he was born. The house was rebuilt after a fire in 1946 destroyed the Jolley home-place. My father was a farmer, a traveling music teacher, a school teacher, and a carpenter. He and my mother, Eula Carter of Gaffney, South Carolina, met while they were both teaching school. He worked as a carpenter during the World War II years.

My brother, James Carter Jolley, and I came through some hard times. During the depression of the thirties we had plenty to eat, since we lived on a farm, but not much else. We did have a loving family, which helped. I remember especially that we did not have a car all

during my teen years. However, many others were in this same shape, so we didn't feel too bad, and we survived.

In December of 1942 I married Betty Simmons. Our father's farms joined and we had known each other most of our lives. Her father, Flay Simmons, had been in World War I. He was a carpenter, and he and my father sometimes worked together.

Shortly after our marriage, I was inducted into the army for a stint of three years during World War II, coming home in 1946. Betty and I had a family when a daughter, Alicia Gay, made her appearance. Another daughter, Joy Ann, came in the fifties. Their happy names were not chosen by accident, and they live up to them.

After the war, I had planned to farm and raise beef cattle, but I soon felt divine leading to prepare to serve in a church-related field. I attended Gardner-Webb and Limestone colleges and other schools in preparation.

My first place of service was in my home church, Mt. Pleasant, in Cleveland County. Calvary Church in Shelby was the next place my work led us. We stayed there six years. In 1961 we came to Kings Mountain to begin serving in the First Baptist Church. As this is being written in 1981, this is still our place of service. In all the places, we worked with music and religious education. It has been a happy time and always the people were cooperative and good to work with.

During much of our married lives, Betty has worked as a cosmetologist. She was an instructor in Shelby Beauty College for several years.

Our children grew up while living in Shelby and Kings Mountain. Gay graduated from Shelby High School, and Joy graduated from Kings Mountain High School. While at Kings Mountain High School, her joy was in serving as a cheerleader for two years. Gay attended UNC at Chapel Hill, Gardner-Webb, and Appalachian State colleges, and Joy attended Gardner-Webb College.

Gay lives in Lowell, North Carolina, and teaches English at Ashley Junior High School. Joy works in First Federal Savings and Loan Association in Gastonia. She married Paul Shuman in 1976, and lives in Gastonia. They have one child, Melissa Ann, making Betty and me proud grandparents.

During the past five years, Betty and I have spent our vacations taking pictures in all of the one hundred counties of North Carolina. We present slide programs whenever possible and have appeared at civic and garden clubs, schools, churches, and other places.

We have been privileged to live in a wonderful time, just missing the horse and buggy days, but living to see, in living color on television, man walk on the moon. We lived through three wars, although some may have been called something else; a depression was weathered, and a family was raised. Our children were reared in three different homes, and we found that home truly is where the heart is.

Wherever we have been we have found that people have been good to us, and we thank God for our lives, and for what we have experienced. Our Depression days, when we were



Rhett and Mary Johnston Family. Front row L to R: Velma, Tom, holding Dale, Mary, Holding Clara, Ula and Eleanor. Back row L to R: Hamilton and Ada. Taken 1898



R. Allen Jolley Family

youngsters, gave us the capacity to live with less and be happy. Our families gave us love, and we have tried to pass this on to our children and to others with whom we have been associated.

— R. Allen Jolley

THE THOMAS EDWARD JOLLY FAMILY

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Thomas Edward Jolly was born in Gaffney, South Carolina, in 1920, the third child of Appy Horace Jolly (1892-1970) and Irene Martin

Jolly (1895-1970). Appy was the son of Joe Jolly, the son of Richard Jolly. Irene was the daughter of Elam and Margaret Boone Martin. Margaret Boone was an alleged descendant of Daniel Boone. The children of Appy Horace Jolly are as follows: Margaret Amelia Jolly (1915), Horace Boone Jolly (1918-1961), Thomas Edward Jolly (1920), Harvey Franklin Jolly (1924), Jack Pittman Jolly (1928), Bobby Reid Jolly (1932) who married Louise Frances and currently lives in Shelby.

Thomas graduated from Shelby High School in 1939. He served in World War II in the Eighth Air Force (1942-1945) in England where he was awarded the bronze star. Follow-

ing his discharge he was and has been employed by Saco-Lowell Shops for thirty-four years, traveling and working in many different southern, eastern, and western states. He is an active member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church, serving as a deacon and Sunday School teacher.

Jane Amelia Putnam Jolly was born in Spartanburg, South Carolina in 1923; the third child of Foy B. Putnam, Sr. and Wray Elam Putnam. The other children of this couple are Katherine Louise (1918, died in infancy), Foy B. Putnam, Jr. (1919) married Doris A. Fraser and they now live near Mt. Sinai Church.

Thomas and Jane were married in 1943 in Walterboro, South Carolina, where Thomas was stationed at the Walterboro Air Base. The marriage was in the Baptist parsonage.

The Foy Putnam, Sr. family lived on a farm in the Mt. Sinai community. Foy B. Putnam, Sr. (1888-1963) was the third child of Monroe and Lou Bostic Putnam. Lou was the daughter of Samuel E. Bostic. Foy Putnam, Sr. served in the U.S. Army (1912-1915) at Fort Caswell, N.C. Wray Elam Putnam (1891-1981) was the daughter of Franklin and Kate Wray Elam. Franklin was the son of Samuel Elam (1826-1907), son of Anderson Elam (1792-1875). Wray graduated from Piedmont High School in 1911 and taught for a few years.

Jane P. Jolly is a registered nurse (North Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, 1946 and Limestone College 1977) and has worked for over twenty-eight years as a nurse in Cleveland County. She is an active member of Mt. Sinai Baptist Church.

The children of the Thomas Jolly family are as follows: Stephen Edward Jolly (1946). He served in the U.S. Army (1966-1969), going to Vietnam twice; graduated UNC-C in 1978; married Joyce Murray in 1969. They have one child, Deborah Wray Jolly (1979).

Michael Thomas Jolly (1953) graduated from Crest High School in 1972 and is currently employed at Copeland as a machinist.

Miriam Thomas Jolly (1969) is enrolled in the seventh grade at Crest Junior High School.

Sources: Family Bibles

— Jane P. Jolly (Mrs. Thomas)



Thomas Jolly Family

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN and DOVIE TOWERY JONES FAMILY

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Benjamin Franklin Jones (November 9, 1873 — April 25, 1945) was the son of Asbury B. Jones (August 4, 1851 — May 10, 1932), son of Starlin and Malindy Philbeck Jones, and Melinda Jenkins (December 7, 1852 — April 4, 1924), daughter of B. A. Jenkins (September 10, 1829 — June 16, 1865) and N.V. Chitwood (June 30, 1830 — September 21, 1886). Ben was a lumberman working in North Carolina and Georgia. On January 14, 1897 he married Dovie Elizabeth Towery (November 3, 1882 — October 28, 1958) of New House, North Carolina. She was the daughter of William Pinkney Towery (March 18, 1854 — April 25, 1934), a blacksmith, and Sarah Jane



Stephen Edward Jolly

Brackett Towery (December 25, 1860 — September 11, 1898), and the sister of Corrie Towery (May 13, 1886 — December 19, 1978) who married William French Bettis (September 21, 1879 — March 20, 1960), son of Allen Erastus (July 13, 1854 — April 15, 1928) and Leola Austell Bettis (January 5, 1861 — April 14, 1921).

To Benjamin and Dovie Jones two children were born: Pinkie Alpha (May 2, 1899 — July 12, 1981) who married Robert Landrum Nichols, and Evett Asbury (May 16, 1901 — September 17, 1979) who married, on September 1, 1923, Lera Mae Moss (August 25, 1898 —), daughter of Merrimon and Alice Randall Moss. Evett was an electrical engineering graduate of North Carolina State University, and was with General Electric Company from his graduation until his retirement in 1965, as order service manager of the Southeastern District.

R.L. and Pinkie had one daughter, Doris Jean, who married Thomas Bostick Austell.

Sources: Family Bible, Gravestones, Family Records
— Doris Nichols Austell

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JONES

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Benjamin Franklin Jones was a native and life-long resident of Cleveland County, North Carolina. He and Susanah Clarinda Blanton were married July 16, 1873 at her parents' home on Highway 150, West, when she was eighteen and he was twenty-one. They set up housekeeping in a little house near his parents' home at Lattimore, North Carolina.

They had eleven children before moving to the Poplar Springs Community, Cleveland County, in 1888. Later five more children were born. Thirteen children grew to maturity.

The boys enjoyed confusing people by saying that there were nine boys and they all had four sisters apiece.

Their children were: Laura Jane Jones (1874-1933) married Charles Robert Smith;

Doctor Young Jones (1876-1953) married Sallie Joanna Ponder; Clint Andrew Jones (1877-1943) married Janie Amanda Wesson and Bessie Pack; Infant Effie; Infant Joe; Samuel Edward Jones (1881-1957) married Ora Lee Blanton; twin Sidney Hamrick Jones (1883-1963) married Willie Hester Wallace; twin Cynthia Harrill Jones (1883-1967) married Robert Master Lemons; Winslow Washburn Jones (1884-1965) married Neater Texie Hamrick; John Bunyan Jones (1886-1960) married Lottie Carrie Arnold and Elva Gertrude Barnett; Julius Troy Jones (1888-1977) married Bunah Vista Holland; Wite Quitman Jones (1890-1961) married Elizabeth Lucindy Jenkins; Edmund D (NMN) Jones (1891-1974) married Donna Alice Queen and Mrs. Merle Dayberry Price; Loria Ann Jones (1893-1939) married William Plato Bridges; Agatha (NMN) Jones (1895-1963) married Lawrence Evins Hamrick; Infant, stillborn.

My father, Julius Troy Jones, said that about 1894 the family sold their home and moved to Henrietta, North Carolina hoping to learn millwork. They only stayed five months before moving to south Shelby, North Carolina where they briefly ran a cotton gin at the Bel-

mont Mill. They farmed there for several years before moving back to the Poplar Springs Community.

Susan and all her children had measles, (which settled on her brain), while living in the house they built on Old Boiling Springs Road, later known as the Gilliatt Hamrick place.

They owned land and later built next to the Dr. Peeler house on West Warren Street in Shelby. Susan became paralyzed while living there and couldn't walk.

Their remaining years were spent with their son, Bunyan Jones, who lived next to Poplar Springs Baptist Church.

Poplar Springs Baptist Church "was not ceiled at the time it was built (1898), some years later Ben Jones sawed the lumber for the ceiling and gave it to the church" . . . "Bunion Jones was elected as sexton in 1911. His salary was one dollar per month." These notes from the church history, eightieth anniversary.

On the out-doors baptismal pool, one can still see where some of the Jones boys put their initials in the cement when it was poured.

Benjamin Franklin Jones was born April 2, 1852 near Lattimore, North Carolina and died December 15, 1924. He is buried in Poplar



Benjamin Franklin Jones Family. L to R: Benjamin Franklin, Evett Asbury. Standing: Dovie Elizabeth Towery Jones, Pinkie Alpha



Benjamin Franklin and Susan Blanton Jones



Salena Harrill Jones, 1827-1912.

Springs Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

His father, William Alva Jones (1827-1898) was a private in the Infantry, Company B of the 34th North Carolina Regiment. His mother was Salena Kendrick Harrill (1827-1912). She was described as "good and easy" by her grandson Hudson Blanton. They are buried in the Lattimore Baptist Cemetery, Lattimore, North Carolina.

Alva, Salena and several of their children were granted letters in November 1891 from Sandy Run Baptist Church to help form a new church at Lattimore, North Carolina.

Their children were: Sarah, Benjamin Franklin, Roxanna, John, Infant, twins Martha and Mary, Albert, twins Drury and Doctor, Robert and Pantha Jones.

Ben's paternal grandparents were Edmund and Susanna McKinney Jones. Edmund was ordained a deacon at Sandy Run Baptist Church in June 1833. They are buried at the family homeplace near Lattimore, North Carolina. His maternal grandparents were Richard and Artie Mincie Dobbins Harrill.

His paternal great-grandparents were John and Mary Poole Jones; William and Amy Parrish McKinney. His maternal great-grandparents were Housen and Frances Philadelphia Street Harrill; Drury and Hannah Calahan Sams Dobbins.

— Annie Ray Jones Dodd

GILBERT GRIFFIN, SR. and LEONA BEATRICE DAVIS JONES and DESCENDANTS

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Gilbert Griffin Jones, Sr., son of George Baily and Bell Wray Jones, was born in the northwestern part of Cleveland County, January 1890. His family moved to Shelby and ran a small grocery store.

While working at the Old Globe cotton mill in Gaffney, South Carolina, as boss spinner he met Leona Beatrice Davis, daughter of Jack

Andrew and Emma McMurray Davis. She was born May 15, 1900 in Madison County. When she was eight years old she moved to Gaffney, South Carolina to live with her half-sister, and began working in the cotton mill at the age of fourteen.

Gilbert and Leona were married March 24, 1917. They worked in several cotton mills in neighboring towns but eventually made Shelby their home where five children were born.

Mr. Jones became an independent ice dealer. He bought ice wholesale from Old Shelby Ice Plant on South Morgan Street. A living was made by selling and delivering ice to many families and small businesses throughout the county.

The ice business was only a warm weather occupation. In winter when no refrigeration was needed, Mr. Jones worked for K and S Trucking Company.

Mr. Jones in later years suffered from diabetes and cirrhosis. He died in a veterans hospital in Columbia, South Carolina, 1954, and is buried in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Leona became an excellent cook. She got up at three o'clock A.M. to start fires for morning meals. Leona, a pleasant, quiet natured lady cooked breakfast and noon meals for the men employed by Mr. Jones.

She makes her home with their second child, Ozelle Jones Harris. With her loving ways, she has cared for many grandchildren and still welcomes their many visits.

Their first child, Jack Leonard Jones, was born March 20, 1921. Jack married Virginia Bessie Gladden December 24, 1941.

Jack worked for J.P. Stevens Transportation Department, Greenville, South Carolina, until his death, October 24, 1964. He was involved in a trucking accident in Talledega, Alabama. Before authorities could reach the scene of the accident, he and his co-driver were robbed of their personal belongings. He is buried in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Virginia took great pride in making beautiful clothing for herself. She worked as a secretary for the Seal Wire Company on South Lafayette Street until she was stricken with cancer. She died May 24, 1973, and is buried in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Jack and Virginia had a daughter, Dana Michelle, born September 16, 1943; a son, Ricky Lind, born June 27, 1947.

Dana Michelle married Grant Grigg June 1967. They have three children, Danielle Nicole, born March 7, 1969; Kimberly Renee born February 2, 1971; and Jason Scott, born September 1972. They presently reside in Hudson, North Carolina.



K & S Trucking Employees. Gentleman in white shirt is Gilbert Griffin Jones, Sr.



Shannon Lea Jones, age 4, 1981

Ricky Lind married Deborah McAlister December 16, 1976. They are divorced now and Ricky makes his home in Shelby.

The second child is Ozelle Virginia Jones, born July 24, 1923. Ozelle married Charles William Harris, June 16, 1948. Ozelle began working at the Shelby Cotton Mills September 1942. She was secretary and bookkeeper there until the closing of the mill in 1977. She presently works for Rogers Pontiac.

Charles worked as lineman for the Savannah River Power Plant, Aiken, South Carolina, until he was stricken with Burgers disease. He died in August 1966 and is buried in Cleveland Memorial Park.

They had two children, Constance Lee Harris, April 1, 1949, and Charles William Harris, Jr., June 29, 1954. Constance married Bobby Hunnicutt in 1966 and Francis Scott was born March 8, 1967. Divorced, Constance teaches school in Charleston, South Carolina.

Charles, Jr. married Pam Kirkendall, June 13, 1977. Pam is a student, Gardner-Webb College, majoring in education. Charles Jr. works at Thermo Welco, Kings Mountain and East Texas Motor Freight, Shelby.

The third child, Gilbert Griffin Jones, Jr., was born January 30, 1926. He served in the Navy from March 1943 until April 1946 on the *U.S.S. Vance DE 387*, making 27 trips across the Atlantic Ocean. He began working for the Transportation Department of J.P. Stevens September 1950. Gilbert has driven more than 30 years and three million accident-free miles in his service to the Stevens Company. In December 1978, he was named Driver of the Month by the Motor Transportation of South Carolina.

By a previous marriage to Jean Elizabeth Toney one son Roger Gene Jones was born October 20, 1946. Roger is making a career in the Air Force. He has two sons, Kevin Scott Jones, born March 15, 1969 and Clint Corey born May 27, 1973.

Gilbert Jr. married Mary Katherine Lewis August 29, 1976. Mary was born September

5, 1950. She is of French-Indian-English descent. Mary, a registered Lab Technician, came from McDowell County to work at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. Mary presently works at Crawley Memorial Hospital, Boiling Springs. They have one daughter, Shannon Lea Jones, born May 28, 1977. They live in Shelby.

The fourth child, Wayne Bailey Jones was born August 25, 1928. He worked for Akers Motor Lines until he became disabled. Wayne married Judy Blanton. One daughter, Sandy Jones, was born. Sandy married Benny Ledbetter and they have two daughters. They live in Shelby.

On January 17, 1960, Wayne married Vernie Church Poole. They have one son, Wayne (Chip) Bailey Jones, Jr., born November 24, 1962. Chip is presently a student at Cleveland Technical College. There are three stepdaughters, Gail Poole Beason, Debbie Poole Arrowood and Susan Poole Hand.

The fifth child, Emma Jo Jones was born December 25, 1937. She married Joseph Bailey Anthony April 5, 1958. Joseph stationed in Italy served in the Korean Conflict. He was assistant office manager for the Shelby Mill until it closed in 1977. He presently works for Spectrum Fibers, Kings Mountain. Being of exceptional intelligence, and because of her avid devotion to the company, Emma Jo is Benefits Administrator for Fiber Industries.

One daughter, Lisa Jo Anthony, was born May 10, 1963. She is a student at Appalachian State University majoring in Business Administration.

Sources: Family records and interviews with family members.

— Mary Lewis Jones



Gilbert Griffin Jones, Jr.



GRANNY JONES and SOME WHO CAME AFTER

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Mary Ann Magness Jones died at the age of ninety-nine on April 1, 1954. The "Cleveland Star" reported her to be the oldest citizen of Shelby at that time.

She was married to William ("Will") Donald Jones 12-28-1878. They lived in the Palm Tree Community and were instrumental in building Palm Tree Church and Palm Tree School.

After her husband's death July 28, 1916, she made her home with her youngest son, William Judson Jones, born Jan. 29, 1893.

"Jud" married Florence Belle Elliott, born July 14, 1885 in the New House Community. They met at Piedmont School and she came to teach at the Palm Tree School. They were married Feb. 15, 1917, lived in the Palm Tree area until moving to Shelby in 1921.

For the next fifty years, "Grannie Jones", as she became to many, related stories about living in the time of no cookstoves and sewing machines.

Her family played a real part in the Civil War. Her oldest brother was a physician and two brothers were captains. For several nights, as Yankee soldiers came through this area, her family slept in the woods near the house. They muzzled the dogs to keep them from barking.

Another story she liked to tell was that her sons married sisters because they owned only one buggy and the boys had to go courting at the same house.

The children of Florence and "Jud", who never tired of Grannie's tales, were:

Louise Magness Jones, born Nov. 24, 1917 married James Edward Byers June 12, 1943; Annabeth Hoyle Jones, born Aug. 6, 1919 married George Henry Corn May 29, 1941; William Judson Jones, Jr., born Sept. 25, 1921 married Millicent Hicks May 6, 1947; Thomas Reinhardt Jones, born Feb. 14, 1923 married Virginia McMurry Nov. 26, 1946. Florence died 05-10-1971. Tom died 08-1971. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Jud married Willie Mae Cline Lackey, widow of Doctor Austin Lackey 09-1972.

Sources: *Cleveland Star*, Family Bible, Memories.

— Ann Corn

MAMIE JONES

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Miss Mamie Jones was born September 13, 1883. She was the daughter of R.S. Jones and Katie Beatrice Jones.

She was the great-great-granddaughter of the Revolutionary soldier, Martin Roberts who was buried near his father, the pioneer Morris Roberts on the old Roberts Plantation in Number Three Township, Cleveland County, North Carolina. She became a charter member of the Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in December 1923.

She spent much time and energy researching Cleveland County history. She published many articles in the Shelby Daily Star and had planned to write a history of the county.

She was a member of Central United Methodist Church, the Woman's Bible Sunday School class, the DAR and the UDC.

"Miss Mamie", as she was affectionately called by many, was a gracious Southern lady. She had an exceptionally keen mind. She was honest and quite outspoken, had high ideals and strong connections. She seldom changed her mind — never for the approval of others. Her keen sense of humor added to her uniqueness. Anyone who asked "How are you?" heard the familiar response, "I'm young and beautiful!"

Anyone who really knew Miss Mamie loved her for her kindness and sincerity. If she was your friend, you possessed a priceless gift.

Sources: D.A.R. Records, *Shelby Daily Star*, Cemetery.

— (Mrs. W.H.) Virginia Brown

THE THOMAS REINHARDT JONES FAMILY

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Thomas Reinhardt Jones, son of Florence Elliott and William Judson Jones, was born February 14, 1923 in Lawndale, Cleveland County, North Carolina. His family moved to Shelby during his early childhood and he attended Shelby schools, graduating from the local high school in 1940. He interrupted his education at Western Carolina Teachers College at the end of his sophomore year to enter the United States Naval Air Corps in August 1942. During his three and a half years of service Lieutenant, junior grade, Jones served on the air craft carriers Franklin, Hancock and the Ticonderoga. He flew bombers in the Peleliu, Formosa, Philippine, Iwo Jima and the China Sea campaigns. He received an honorable discharge December 21, 1945.

He was a life long member of Central Methodist Church, Shelby, North Carolina. He served as Chairman of the Board of Stewards and participated actively in the finance and building programs as well as most areas of service for the church.

He belonged to the Masonic Lodge, Number 202, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Junior Chamber of Commerce — served as president 1949-50, the Shelby Rotary Club — served as president 1964-65, the Shelby Board of Realtors — served as president, and as Western Region Vice President of the North Carolina Board of Realtors 1966.

In 1948 he established the Carolina RefinOil Company. In the early 1950's he was active in the textile industry as a cotton waste broker. In 1957 he established a real estate and insurance business, Gilbert-Jones, Inc. Ralph Gilbert was a partner. The company was later named Jones and Honeycutt, Inc. In 1961 the firm completed Windsor Acres, the first subdivision in Shelby to be planned and executed under Shelby's all-embracing new subdivision ordinance. It was unique in Shelby real estate history because it was developed without any cost to the city. He was very active in the growth of real estate development in Shelby until his death in 1971.

He married Virginia Elizabeth McMurry,

daughter of Julia Virginia Ligon and Andrew Willis, McMurry, on November 26, 1946, at the First Baptist Church where she was a member. She was born in Shelby, North Carolina June 10, 1923. She attended Shelby schools, graduating from the local high school in 1940. She graduated from Salem College, Winston-Salem, North Carolina in 1944 with a degree in Sociology-Economics.

She worked at the Shelby Public Library from 1944-1946. Along with the work inside the library she drove the bookmobile throughout Cleveland County. She joined Central Methodist Church in 1947, serving as teacher, girl scout leader, member of the Women of the Church and many other areas. She was a Social Worker for the Shelby City School system from 1967-1973. She has been the Director of Volunteer Services at Cleveland Memorial Hospital since 1975. She has been active in the Junior Womans Club, the Junior Charity League, the Cleveland County Boys Club, the Literario Book Club, the Shelby Art League and other community service groups.

Tom and Virginia had four children: Julia Virginia born August 30, 1948. BA English 1970, Queens College, Charlotte, North Carolina. MA Reading 1971, Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina. LLB Law 1977, Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Jean Anne born May 16, 1952, BA Journalism 1974, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She married Peter Adams Barnes from Chapel Hill, BA Journalism, 1974, University of North Carolina, LLB Law 1980, Yale University, New Haven, Conn.

Linda Louise born November 21, 1954. BA Economics 1977, Davidson College. Married James Joseph Kopel, Jr. from Venice, Florida. BA English 1977, Davidson College.

Thomas Reinhardt, Jr. born August 2, 1957, student at Appalachian State University, Boone.

Tom died at the age of forty-eight (coronary occlusion), August 13, 1971 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Source: Personal knowledge

— Virginia McMurry Jones



Salena Harrill Jones (1827-1912), wife of William Alvah Jones (1827-1898)

THE WILLIAM ALVAH JONES FAMILY

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William Alvah Jones was born February 3, 1827 in the family home south of Lattimore, N.C. A descendant of Benjamin Jones and Amy Parrish Jones of Wales (1700). He departed this life at the home place on April 26, 1898. He was a son of John Edmond Jones, born September 8, 1786 and died May 30, 1825. He was married to Susannah McKinney, born in 1785. She was a daughter of William McKinney, born May 6, 1766 and died October 31, 1857, a Revolutionary War soldier.

John Edmond Jones, father of William Alvah Jones was a son of John Jones, born February 19, 1750, also a Revolutionary soldier. He married Elizabeth Poole, born July 27, 1771. Fourteen children, eight boys and six girls were born to this John and Elizabeth Jones, John died May 30, 1825 and Elizabeth, his wife, died September 2, 1818.

On September 6, 1849, William Alvah Jones married Salena K. Harrill born September 30, 1827 and died 1912. Her mother was Mincie Dobbins, born 1797 and died 1878, daughter of Drury Dobbins born 1775 and died 1847, a famous Baptist Minister. Her Father was Richard Harrill born 1784, died 1859 son of Housen Harrill born 1731, died 1820, a Revolutionary War soldier. This makes her a granddaughter of a Revolutionary soldier. William Alva Jones, her husband, was a grandson of William McKinney a Revolutionary War soldier on his mother's side of the family.

The children of William Alvah Jones and Salena Harrill are as follows: Sarah Jane Jones (never married) born July 9, 1850; Benjamin Franklin Jones born April 2, 1852; Roxana Jones born March 18, 1854 (Saturday night); John Alexander Jones born November 3, 1856 (Monday). He married Mary Jane Jolley born May 11, 1857. They had one child, girl named Sunie Macie Jones, born December 30, 1885. She married John Broadus Lattimore January 2, 1906. There were two sets of twins in the Alvah Jones family. Girls — Martha and Mary Jones were born October 23, 1860 (Tuesday). Boys — Drury Dobbins and Doctor Miller Jones were born August 3, 1866 (Friday morning); Abnah Cisero Jones was born February 17, 1863; Robert Lee Jones was born July 31, 1869 (Saturday); Pantha Jones was born January 18, 1873. This makes eleven children. Large families seem to be characteristic of the Jones name. All of these children married but one girl, Sarah Jane.

William Alvah Jones was a large land owner in Cleveland County. He was living near the town of Lattimore, and was a prominent county civic leader. His home and those of several of his children helped to make Lattimore a Town. Their homes are among the oldest ones in the town. They were Baptists and very interested in church life.

William Alvah was a Confederate soldier serving in the Civil War. He entered February 22, 1863. He was a Private, Infantry, Cleveland County, 34th Regiment, Company B. He was wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, but lived to return home and continue having his

large family. He was paroled at Appomattox Court House Virginia April 9, 1865.

There were only two girls, Jane and Roxana, when he left for war. The soldiers would come through and take food and cattle. Salena, his wife would hide meat because she never knew when the soldiers might come by. Alvah would never let his picture be taken.

William Alvah Jones and wife are buried in the Lattimore Baptist Church Cemetery. His father and mother are buried in the family cemetery at the old Jones homeplace south of Lattimore, North Carolina. I, Mary Agnes Lattimore, am a granddaughter of John Alexander Jones, son of William Alvah Jones.

Sources: Family Bible of William Alvah Jones. Family Bible of John Alexander Jones. Genealogical records compiled by Eddie McSwain, teacher at Crest High School. A Relative. Mrs. Warren Gamble records (a past D.A.R. Regent of Flint Hills Chapter, NSDAR.) The Hamrick Generations — Written by S.C. Jones Some Information as I remember myself. — Mary Agnes Lattimore

— Mary Agnes Lattimore

THE WINSLOW JONES FAMILY 675

Winslow Washburn Jones, son of Benjamin Franklin and Susan Blanton Jones, was born in Cleveland County on August 4, 1884. At age 21, he managed the farm for his father, who sawmilled, for a share of the income. His goal was to have enough wheat, corn, and meat to supply his basic food needs for a year before he took on the responsibility of marriage. On December 26, 1906, he married Neter Texan Hamrick, who was the daughter of Alonzo and Elnora McMurry Hamrick. A son, William Allen, was born to this couple on September 25, 1908. They also bought their first farm that year.

Winslow and Neter were faithful members of the Poplar Springs Baptist Church where he was a deacon. They were known for helping to care for the sick in the community. Neter was called by many to help with the delivery of babies although she was not a midwife.

Their generosity and love for others was shown by many experiences with others, especially young people. Bunyan, Winslow's brother, and his infant son Alvie lived with the Joneses for a while after the mother was fatally burned. Two others, Roy Splawn and Edison Noggle, came to live with the Joneses as teenagers. Katie Jones, a niece, lived with them for a time after her mother died.

Allen attended Shanghai Elementary School through the seventh grade then went to Boiling Springs where he boarded with the Byers family in order to finish high school. He continued his schooling there and was a member of the first graduating class of Boiling Springs Junior College in 1930. After college he came back home to work with his parents on the farm. He enjoyed the outdoors, fishing and hunting in his spare time. He was active also in the church, serving as Sunday School Superintendent, secretary and teacher.

At age 23, Allen married Hannah Jarrett McCurry, daughter of Robert Wilson and Maultie Jarrett McCurry from the Beaver Dam Community. They lived with Allen's parents and continued to farm. Peggy Love, the first

child and only daughter, was born on August 21, 1932. Robert Allen was born on October 26, 1934. Lyman Winslow came the next fall on November 5, 1935. William Allen was born on November 6, 1936.

Allen became ill with typhoid fever in August, 1936. He died on August 27, 1936, at the age of 27 leaving a wife with three small children, four years of age and under, and one to be born in three months.

Hannah and the children lived with the Joneses until 1941. At that time they moved next door to a four room house where they lived for the first time as a separate family, working on the farm with the grandparents. Those were happy years, being out to themselves, and at the same time having the love and care of grandparents who tried to help fill the vacancy of a husband and father.

Hannah and the children moved back with the Joneses after Neter suffered a stroke and died in 1950.

Peggy graduated at the School of Nursing at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte and works part time as an RN at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. She married John Osborne (Jack) Ware from the Oak Grove Community. Jack is a foreman at Foote Mineral in Kings Mountain. Their children are Nita Susan Davis (Mrs. John), Jerry Scott who married Sandra Hendrick, and John Osborne Ware.

After high school, Robert helped his grandfather on the farm until he died in 1965. He has farmed and worked with farmers in the fertilizer business through the years. In 1957 he married Betty Jean Banning from Henderson County. Betty teaches English at Crest High School. Their children are Andy Winslow and Laura Jean Jones.

Lyman married Martha Jean Allen from Grover in 1957. Soon after graduating from high school, he began work at NuWay Laundry and Cleaners. After a short time he and Jean bought it and continue to operate it. They have two children, Ricky Allen and Paul Ann Jones.

Allen has worked since high school at the Ora Mill. He is married to Sonja Bess Hedrick from Boiling Springs. She is a kindergarten teacher at Boiling Springs School. They have two children, Rachel Elizabeth and Lyman Allen Jones.

Winslow gave each of the grandchildren a part of his farm. Peggy, Robert and Lyman live on that property. Hannah lives in the house he provided for her.

— Betty Jones

REV. H.A. KEATON, D.D. 676

History, we are told, is the recreation of the past for the enrichment of the present. It is fashioned out of the warp and woof of human experience; and into its rich tapestry are interwoven the strands of hope and fear, of dream and disillusion, revealing our kinship with past generations.

This sketch attempts, within the limits of a few paragraphs, to present in essence the life and works of Haywood Alexander Keaton.

Rev. H.A. Keaton, known throughout the A.M.E. Zion Connection as the organizer and



Rev. H.A. Keaton, D.D., Pastor of Wardell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church, Shelby

builder of Churches, was born May 3, 1877, in Iredell County, N.C., eight miles north of Statesville, N.C. He was the son of Adolphus and Louise Keaton. As one of the older children he had the responsibility of taking care of his mother and father, sisters and brothers while working on the farm.

As a young boy Rev. Keaton attended the public schools of Iredell County and later continued his education by means of a private tutor, by mail, and by associating with other ministers in the study and practice of the ministry. Some of his private teachers and mentors were D.T. Hawkins, a methodist minister, Dr. S.G. Atkins; Dr. G. Hodge, Dr. W.A. Blackwell, and Bishop L.W. Kyles. In further pursuit of his education he took courses by mail from Chicago University. The record will show that he took courses from Howard University, Washington, D.C., and was later awarded the D.D. degree from Hood Theological Seminary.

Rev. Keaton was admitted to the Western North Carolina Conference, which includes Shelby and Cleveland County, on Thanksgiving Day, the last Thursday in November 1902.

The minutes of the Western North Carolina and Blue Ridge Annual Conference of the A.M.E. Zion Church will reveal that he was so versed in the polity and discipline of the Church that he was an examiner of new ministers to be admitted to each conference.

One of Rev. Keaton's most outstanding contributions to the A.M.E. Zion Connection was his pastorate at Wardell Chapel in Shelby, North Carolina. When he was assigned to that church there were only fifty two members, the church building was in bad repair, and there was a debt of \$2,400.00. In time a new structure was completed at a cost of \$20,000.00. Before leaving Wardell Chapel the membership had grown to 337 and the mortgage had been reduced to \$3,300.00.

Realizing the importance of education as a tool, Rev. Keaton taught for many years in the following elementary schools of Cleveland



Rev. Susanna Lackey Keaton, 1889-1978

County: Patterson Springs Elementary, Mooresboro Elementary, Borders School House and Hopewell Elementary. The latter two schools were later consolidated into Washington Elementary in Waco.

Rev. Keaton received several high honors: Pastor of some of Zions' best churches in the Conference, served as Presiding Elder, and brought help and a ministry of love throughout Shelby and Cleveland County.

He was married to the late Mrs. Susanna Lackey. The names of his children are Henrietta, Marybell, John Robert, Paul Roosevelt, Susanna Ruth, and Willie Beatrice Keaton Lee. It should be noted that Mrs. Willie Keaton Lee & Glen Keaton are still residents of Shelby, N.C. Willie is a member of the teaching profession (Shelby City Schools), and an active member of the church built by her father. Glen Keaton retired after forty nine years of work at Bost Bakery.

Rev. Dr. Keaton acquired greatness through his works. He will live always in the hearts of those men and women whose lives he touched.

Sources: Family Bible, Personal Records

— Willie Keaton Lee

THE JOHN BYRON KEETER FAMILY

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John Byron Keeter was born June 8, 1896 in Grover, North Carolina, son of Dock John Keeter and Leonora Jane Harry Keeter.

He graduated from Grover High School, attended Wake Forest College and was a Veteran of World War I, at the end of which he went into the merchandising business with his father.

He was married to Mary Morris Alston of Powellsville, Bertie County, N.C. in 1919. To them, two daughters were born: Leonora Eoline — Mrs. D.F. Hord, Jr. of Kings Mountain, North Carolina; Kathryn Jo — Mrs. Randolph Madison Jr., of Petersburg, Virginia, and there are seven grandchildren.

He opened a store in Bessemer City which he ran for three years, then moved to Kings Mountain, where Keeter's Department Stores, Inc. continued successfully until his death in 1963 — also Dixie Bargain Store.

During World War II he was Director of several successful drives and fund raising campaigns. He served as Chairman of U.S.O. and Red Cross campaigns, also aiding in the Administration of the Selective Training and Service Act and was cited by these organizations for his work.

He was Chairman of the campaign to buy books for the Mauney Memorial Library when it was opened. He was a Mason, Elk, member of the Cleveland County Executives Club, and a charter member of the Kings Mountain Country Club.

He was the first President of Kings Mountain Merchants Association and served as President of the Kiwanis Club and as District Governor of Kiwanis International.

He was active in the church, served as Sunday School Superintendent in Grover and Bessemer City First Baptist Churches and was for years a Deacon in First Baptist Church of Kings Mountain and later in Kings Mountain Baptist Church. At one time he was a Trustee of Gardner-Webb College.

He owned and successfully showed Tennessee Walking Horses in the forties and early fifties.

He died December 26, 1962 and was interred in Kings Mountain cemetery.

Sources: Family Bible, Obituaries.

— Mary Alston Keeter

THE DOCK JOHN and LEONORA HARRY KEETER FAMILY

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Dock John Keeter was born February 28, 1858 to John Calvin Keeter and Emaline Moore Keeter in Union Mills, Rutherford County, North Carolina.

As a young man he went to Grover as a Telegraph Operator for what is now Southern Railway. He later entered the Mercantile business.

He was married November 1, 1882 to Leonora Jane Harry, native of Grover and Cleveland County, where she spent all of her life. She was born June 11, 1868 — the daughter of John W. McMacklin Harry and Dicey Catherine Bell Harry. Her paternal ancestors were Washington Marion Harry and Mary McArthur (first cousin of Arthur McArthur, father of General Douglas McArthur) and John B. Harry and Sarah Ann Hutchinson. Her maternal grandparents were Fielding Bell and Jane Whisnant.

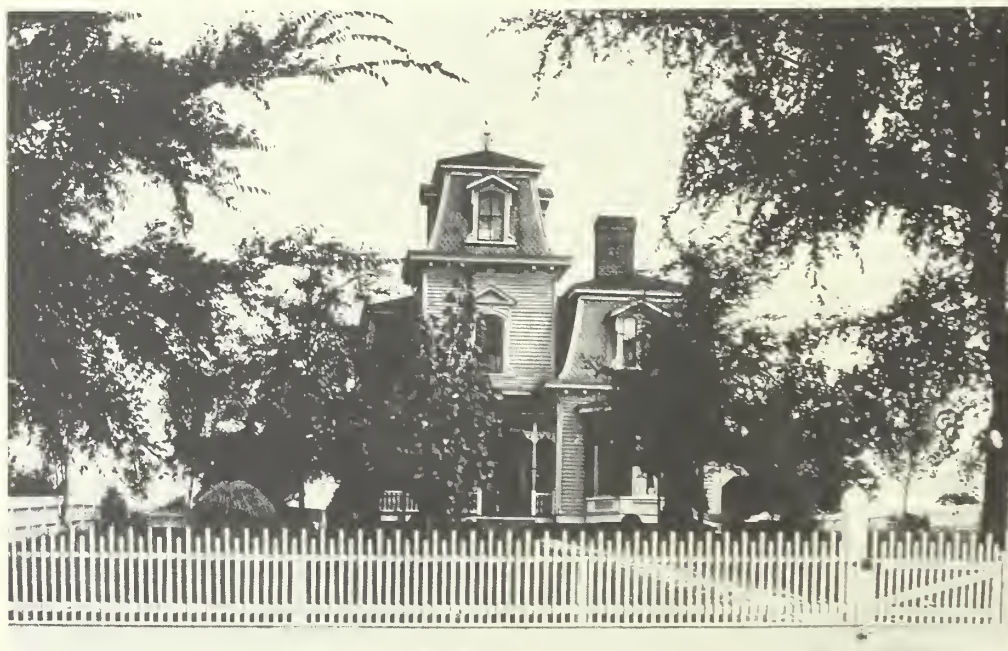
The D.J. Keeter home in Grover was built in the eighteen seventies by J.W. McMacklin Harry (father of Leonora Jane Harry Keeter) and lived in by his family and later by the Keeters who were married there by the Reverend G.P. Hamrick. Also four of their daughters' weddings took place there.

There were seven children — They were: Oviedo who was Mrs. Marvin Turner and is deceased; Viola who is Mrs. J.P. Wharton, of Greenville, South Carolina; Ethel who is Mrs. J.H.B. Jenkins, and lives in York, South Carolina; Leonora who is Mrs. Hamilton McBride, and lives in Dunedin, Florida; John Byron who lived in Kings Mountain, North Carolina and is deceased; Harry Paul who lived in Greensboro, North Carolina and is deceased; Mary Helen who was Mrs. Charles Pearce, and lived in Greenwood, South Carolina is deceased.

There were eleven grandchildren.

Mr. Keeter was a leading member of the First Baptist Church of Grover, being a Deacon and Teacher of the Ladies Adult Class in Sunday School for many years. He was a Mason and a Trustee of Gardner-Webb College for several years.

His Mercantile Business flourished and with his son Byron, he extended his interests to Bessemer City and later to Kings Mountain, becoming one of the respected business leaders of the County.



D.J. Keeter Home in Grover, N.C.

He died December 27, 1946 and was buried in Grover, North Carolina. Mrs. Keeter had died two years earlier.

Sources: Family Bible, Obituaries, newspaper

— Mary Alston Keeter

THE KENDALL FAMILY

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Members of the Kendall family who emigrated to America in the early 1600s, had come from Westmoreland County, England, while many others came from Yorkshire, Essex and Sussex. A Kendall was with William the Conqueror when he arrived in England, in 1066. As early as 1265 Hugh de Kendall was a judge in Westmoreland County.

The town of Kendall is situated on the banks and dale of the River Ken. It was here the Kendalls began resenting the oppression of the British government, and came to the conclusion that freedom could be found in America. The first to arrive settled in Va. and Mass.

In the "Generall Historie" of Virginia, New England and the West Indies, by Captain John Smith, published in London in 1627, an item of interest states, "Mr. Miles Kendall was elected Governor of Bermuda, in 1615".

John Kendall, along with Thomas and brother Francis settled in Lynn and Woburn, Mass. respectively, about 1640. Later they were joined by "Mr." Miles Kendall who went to Va. John Kendall was one of the first arrivals. It was he who was the ancestor of the American Kendalls. John was born in the early 1600s and died at Cambridge, Mass. in 1660. The Kendalls appear among the earliest British Colonists in the New World.

It is interesting to note the businesses and professions followed by members of the family during the following generations. There were several millers, preachers, teachers, carpenters, writers, a few manufacturers, lawyers, and several army officers. This was an outstanding group, and an addition to a young nation.

The Rev. Benjamin D. Kendall, a Methodist minister, came from England to America soon after the Revolutionary War. He moved first to Va. and then to Stanley County, N.C. in 1784. In 1843 he died and is interred in Wadesboro, N.C.

William Pinkney Kendall, son of Rev. Benjamin, lived in Anson County. A son of William Pinkney's, Benjamin Douglas, born 1836, in Anson County, died July, 1902, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby.

Benjamin Douglas Kendall married Sallie D. Horton, July 27, 1858. After more than twenty years of marriage, the couple decided, in July 1886, to make a new home for themselves and the family in Shelby, Cleveland County. In three generations, this branch of the Kendall family had left their homeland for the growing new nation of America.

In Benjamin Douglas's family there were seven boys and three girls, all of whom became successful citizens in their different fields. Two of the boys, Henry, and Bloomfield Horton became pharmacists. Bloom, as he was affectionately known, born May 6, 1876, died August 24, 1972, married Ethel Eugenia

Gaffney, born June 19, 1878, died October 19, 1972. They were married December 20, 1899. Bloom was employed by his brother, Henry, as a pharmacist at Kendall's Drug Store. He was paid the munificent salary of \$40.00 per month!

After a number of years Bloom organized the Kendall Medicine Company. This he operated successfully until his retirement.

The Kendalls had three children, the oldest, Mabel Marie (Rhyne) of Hickory, Benjamin Horton, and Francis Bloomfield, of Tucson, Ariz. Benjamin Horton has remained in Shelby and became a dedicated and successful cardiologist.

Dr. Kendall married Ruby Spratt, a former school teacher. They have two sons, William Alexander, and James Marion Kendall, and five grandchildren.

As we trace the Kendall family line some names seem to repeat themselves, almost like a tradition. Names play an important role in establishing relationships. This practice is found in tracing almost all family lines.

Kendall names reappearing in many generations are: John, Francis, Jesse, Benjamin, Jacob, Isaac, David, Peter, Hannah, Anna, Mary, Sallie, Eliza, Sara, Elizabeth, Abigail, and numerous others. This tradition will, hopefully, be continued in generations to come.

Sources: Family knowledge, Bible

— Lucille Gaffney Thomas

HENRY ELI KENDALL (SR.)

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Henry E. Kendall, born Nov. 12, 1869 — died March 15, 1922, is buried in Sunset Cemetery in the family plot. He married Mary Whitelaw Wiseman from Danville, Va., born July 15, 1871 — died April 13, 1957. To this union were born five boys — Henry Wiseman Kendall, Frank H. Kendall, Henry Eli Kendall, Jr., Plummer Whitelaw Kendall and Bloomfield Douglas Kendall.

Douglas Kendall died an infant at the age of only three months.

Henry Kendall Sr. was a pharmacist, and after a few years at a drugstore in Danville, Va., he opened his own store in Shelby which he ran for 35 years. He established the Kendall Medicine Co. of Shelby, a wholesale drug house, and was most active in public and civic affairs. For many years he was a steward of the board of aldermen for the town. Also, he was director of the Shelby Building and Loan Association.

He is buried in the family plot in Sunset Cemetery.

H. Wiseman Kendall, born March 19, 1897 — died Jan. 1, 1968, married Leslie Moss of Spartanburg, S.C. (born March 18, 1898 — died Nov. 15, 1961). H.W. (Slim) Kendall, graduated from Trinity College (Duke University) and started working as a reporter and later editor of the Rocky Mount (N.C.) Telegram. After a few years there, he became editor of the Greensboro Daily News where he continued as editor until his death. Although he had no children, he was active in the Greensboro area among the crippled and mentally retarded children and a building in Greensboro is named for

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him today because of his activity. He was an outstanding editor of the state and was a friend of many governors who sought his ideas and advice.

Frank Hunter Kendall was born June 25, 1901 and died June 6, 1973. He was married to Sara Thomas of Ridgeway, S.C. Frank attended Trinity College (Duke) and was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He returned to Shelby and worked at several jobs but was auto parts salesman for many years in Shelby before he retired prior to his death.

Henry E. Kendall, Jr. (born Aug. 24, 1905, died Dec. 4, 1981), married first to Isobel Gilman and later to Katherine Kerr. Henry received a degree in civil engineering from N.C. State College in 1926, and he served in the Army Corps of Engineers during World War II in Great Britain, the Philippines and Japan. He attained the rank of Lt. Col. in 1945.

He was in Shanghai for several years with Dibrell Bros. Tobacco Co. and on returning, worked in Danville, Va. with a construction company before being appointed commissioner of Employment Security Commission by Gov. Greg Cherry in 1946. He held this position until he retired in 1973.

In 1968 Kendall, Jr. received a merit award from the International Association of Personnel Employment for outstanding service to handicapped workers. He received the outstanding service award for Veterans of Foreign Wars in 1966. He was a member of the President's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped from 1957-1969 and received the outstanding service award in 1965.

In 1982 the North Carolina Capital Planning Commission voted to name their new building for Henry E. Kendall, a longtime Employment Security chairman.

Whitelaw Kendall (b. Jan. 27, 1908, d. Jan. 15, 1977) married Josephine (Jo) Arnett. To this union were born 2 children, JoAnne and P. Whitelaw Kendall, Jr.

Whitelaw grew up in Shelby and worked for many years in a drugstore. He later moved to Charlotte where he was a salesman for a national wholesale drug company. He was a member of the Lions Club and an elder in the Presbyterian Church.

He is buried in the family plot in Sunset Cemetery of Shelby.

Sources: Family records

— Henry Lee Weather, Sr.

JOHN BURL KENDRICK 681

John Burl Kendrick, youngest child of Lawson Irvin Kendrick and Zura Ponola Camp Kendrick, was born April 10, 1906, at the homeplace in the Pleasant Hill Community of Cleveland County, near Patterson Springs.

We have family pictures of Burl as an adorable little brown-eyed boy, who looked like a little girl with his long black curls, which were fashionable for little boys of that day.

Being the "baby" of the family, he received extra attention from older brothers, Gus, Yates, Quinn, Clyde, & Tom, and sisters, Annie, Edna, Ida, and Lizzie Lee, and told often of visiting older married brother, Gus, and his wife, Mae, who lived in "town."

His wit and humor began to show in early childhood, as one of his early school teachers told the story of his frantically waving his finger in class as if asking for attention. Impatiently, she said, "What is it, Burl?" He giggled and replied, "My finger."

Newspaper clippings tell of Burl's athletic prowess, even though he was relatively small of stature . . . about 5'10" . . . as he played basketball and baseball for Piedmont High School at Lawndale, and then at Boiling Springs High School, Boiling Springs, N.C.

Burl's sister, Lizzie Lee, was a student at Boiling Springs High School during the same time that he was there, and at the beginning of the school year, she made a new friend, who was Reola Wall from Chesnee, S.C. (born, Jan. 11, 1907, daughter of Elias Franklin Wall and Sara Edna Martin Wall).

Early in the school year, the students gathered to welcome the baseball team home from an out of town game, and Reola confided to her new friend, Lizzie Lee, that the very handsome brown-eyed short-stop was the one she was going to 'set her cap for.' Lizzie Lee did not let on that she would tell her brother that Reola was interested. After much note-passing, that turned into love letters, it seemed to be generally known that Burl and Reola were sweethearts. We still have the dainty little pearl ring that was Burl's gift to Reola on her 16th birthday.

After graduation from Boiling Springs High School in 1925, Burl worked as a meat-cutter for Swift Packing Company in Charlotte, N.C. and Reola taught school in Hicks Grove Community near Cliffside, N.C., but the distance between proved too great, and Burl and Reola married, June 27, 1928, and moved Reola to Charlotte, too. There, they were blessed with their first child, a daughter, Frances Carolyn, on July 4, 1929. Almost ten years later, on March 9, 1939, the second child, a son, Charles Franklin, who was called "Buster" almost from birth, appeared on the scene.

In the fall of 1940, the family moved from Charlotte, N.C. "back home" to the Pleasant Hill Community of Cleveland County, where Carolyn and Buster grew up.

'Miss Ree and Mr. Burl' or 'Aunt Ree and Uncle Burl' or 'Bubba and Daddy Bill' to the children and grandchildren, were into many community and church activities. Their home was a favorite gathering place for young and old.

Every big event was cause for a family celebration, like on Carolyn's 16th birthday, Daddy Bill made arrangements to use a big cattle truck to take all the community kids on a picnic trip to Rainbow Lake; and after Buster's basketball team won the county championship in 1957, the whole team and their girlfriends were treated to a big meal at the Kendrick's home.

I doubt they ever missed a ballgame or school event at Number Three High School — and carried just as many children to the game as the old car could hold. Any program of community talents always included "Mr. Burl" to buck-dance. Also, he was quite at home on the square-dance floor.

Although Burl had grown up in a rural area, he did not choose to farm for a livelihood, but rather spent most of his time as a meat-cutter.

Miss Ree was known for her creative talents. Every new baby in the community was proud owner of a sweater and bootee set crocheted by Miss Ree. Her handmade afghans still add their beauty to many homes. Her kindness and love (and patience) was exhibited when her Sunday School class of teenage girls met at her home to make what seemed like tons of homemade candy to send to all the boys from Pleasant Hill Baptist Church who were away in service during World War II.

She had a way with words that made writing seem effortless and could write rhymes without erasing a word. Many of her human interest poems have been published in local papers. Most of all her talents, though, she and everyone else enjoyed her music, as she played piano, organ, and accordion.

Mother did work outside the home, for many years decorating cakes at Bost Bakery, then as floor-secretary at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

On April 10, 1949, Carolyn married Bobby Gene Putnam (son of Spurgeon Britton Putnam and Maggie Lee Bridges Putnam) and on June 21, 1959, Buster married Priscilla Ann Panther (daughter of Archie Cree Panther and Annie Hudson Panther).

Death came to John Burl Kendrick on January 9, 1966 . . . and to Reola Wall Kendrick on February 1, 1971. Both are buried in the cemetery at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, where they had faithfully served for a greater part of their lifetime.

Sources: interviews with relatives and friends and family memories.

— Mrs. Carolyn Kendrick Putnam

CHARLES FRANKLIN KENDRICK 682

Charles Franklin Kendrick, son of John Burl Kendrick and Reola Wall Kendrick, was born March 9, 1939 . . . in Charlotte, N.C. . . . but moved with the family to Cleveland County in the fall of 1940. He was married, June 21, 1959 to Priscilla Ann Panther (b. April 25, 1941) daughter of Archie Cree Panther and Annie Hudson Panther.

Children: Son, Charles Phillip Kendrick (b. May 2, 1961); Daughter, Karla Suzanne Kendrick (b. Dec. 6, 1964); Daughter, Angela Kay Kendrick (b. Sept. 24, 1967).

— Mrs. Carolyn Putnam

JOHN and ELIZABETH CHERRY KENDRICK 683

John Kendrick, oldest son of Thomas and Sarah Kendrick was born December 7, 1799. He married Elizabeth Cherry on April 16, 1822. Still in the possession of the Kendrick family is a handwritten paper labeled "A Record of the ages of Jn. Kindricks Children." Those listed are: Mary Kindrick, born January 26, 1823; Robert Kindrick, born March 28, 1825; Thomas L. Kindrick born August 12, 1827; Sally R. Kindrick, born September 20, 1829; Margaret E. Kindrick, born February 15, 1832; Elizabeth A. Kindrick, born June 26, 1834; Larkin S. Kindrick, born April 28, 1837; Amanda C. Kindrick, born November 7, 1840; and John L. Kindrick, born January 24, 1845. Notice that all names are spelled Kindrick. In most other places the "i" has become an "e" to form Kendrick.

John Kendrick is listed in the 1830-40 census in the Upper Regiment Militia, Lincoln County, which became Cleveland County 1841. He has living great-grandchildren who remember the John Kendrick homeplace on Machine Branch in Cleveland County near the Fairgrounds. J. Yates Kendrick (age 93) says he was born at the John Kendrick homeplace.

In John Kendrick's will, he mentioned his property adjoining that of Thomas L. Kendrick on Machine Branch and left that twenty-acre tract to Thomas's son Lawson Irvin at the death of John's daughter Elizabeth A. Kendrick. A piece of property "lying on the head waters of Hickory Creek of Buffalo Creek adjoining lands of Wilson Gidney and others" was willed to John's son, John L. Kendrick and to Thomas's son Joseph. This handwritten will is in the North Carolina Archives in Raleigh.

According to records found in the settlement of the John Kendrick estate, Mary married a Hicks, Sally R. married a Moss, Margaret E. married a Lindsay (whose heirs were J.M. Lindsay, M.M. Ferguson, and Jane Ann Lindsay); Elizabeth never married; and Amanda married D. Branton. Larkin's heirs were J.W. Kendrick and N.B. Kendrick. No information is known of Robert. John L. died in Gaffney, South Carolina. His daughter Margaret Lenora married Ingram Beauregard Allen and her descendants are in Cleveland County today.

Sources: Quoted papers, Will, Census records, Estate records

— Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord and Carolyn Kendrick Putnam





Lawson Irvin Kendrick Home, circa 1907. L to R: Annie, Ponola, Tom, Clyde, Lawson Irvin holding Burl, Lizzie Lee, Ida, Quinn, Edna. Not pictured: Gus, Yates, Claudie Lee (deceased).

THE LAWSON IRVIN and ZUAR PONOLA CAMP KENDRICK FAMILY

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Lawson Irvin Kendrick was known as a gentle man and a gentleman. He gained the reputation of being a gracious host, a Christian man, a devoted husband and father, a good provider, and a successful farmer. His wife Ponola was known for her good personality and humor and ability to cook delicious meals for many. Together they provided a good home for their children and a welcome to anyone else who needed a place to stay.

Lawson Irvin Kendrick, son of Thomas Lawson and Ann Jane Beam Kendrick was born July 9, 1862. At school he met a "beautiful shy little girl of ten." She won his heart and he won her father's consent to marry her while she was still only fifteen. But he was twenty-one and knew he could take care of her. One of their friends received a note from Ponola which said, "Dear Pink, You and Arthur Moore bring Mattie Dover and come over home Sunday and see Lawson and me jump the broom." For the wedding, the bride wore a brown mohair dress trimmed with brown satin, Basque style with big puffed sleeves. The groom wore a black suit made by his stepmother for the occasion. Rev. G. M. Webb performed the ceremony November 4, 1883. Afterwards all went to Pleasant Hill Church for preaching and returned to the Camp home for dinner — "cakes, pies, chicken, and everything that could be imagined." L.P. Allen and Dock Hamrick helped serve the seventy-five guests. The whole party spent the afternoon at Cleveland Springs. The following day, they all went to the groom's father's home for another big dinner.

After living with and near parents for nine years, they bought one hundred thirty acres from Ponola's Grandmother Roberts, built a log house, lived there several years before building "up on the road." In this house they

reared their children, and it still stands at the fork of Ponder Pleasant Hill Church Roads. It remains in the Kendrick family and is the home of the widow of son Quinn Kendrick.

Zuar Ponola Camp Kendrick was the oldest child of Joseph Alexander (b. February 13, 1841 — d. October 12, 1923) and Ellen Mose-line (b. December 9, 1850 — d. September 14, 1888) Roberts Camp. Her grandparents were Joseph (b. 1800 — d. January 17, 1876) and Lucretia Taylor Camp (b. 1800 — d. January 1865) and Martin (b. March 1, 1828 — d. March 4, 1905) and Elizabeth Roberts (b. August 31, 1881 — d. July 31, 1912). Ponola was born August 10, 1868.

Loss and Ponola have four children living today, ages seventy-eight to ninety-three. As they reminisced recently, they recalled life in the Kendrick household. Being a farmer meant fulltime work to Loss Kendrick, who was about five feet nine inches tall with hazel eyes, black hair, and mustache. Ponola was five feet five and one-half inches, with black hair and hazel eyes. (The family always called them cat eyes.) The children remember the log barn where cotton was stored and livestock kept, the big barn with hayloft and stables for horses and mules, the two corn cribs with a wagon shed between, so they could drive in with a load of corn and pitch it into the cribs. There was a blacksmith shop where the family did their own horseshoeing and plow-sharpening, a wash pot used for making soap and washing clothes, a car shed, and a smoke house which every year was filled with a barrel each of pickles, kraut, molasses and peaches, strings of sausages stuffed and dipped in melted lard to seal and preserve them as well as the usual supply of hams and shoulder. They dried fruits and canned vegetables, made their own vinegar, and stored away hills of potatoes, so they purchased only a few basics such as coffee and sugar.

Although their family was large and they had many to care for, Loss and Ponola were known for opening their home to others. It is told by the children that they can remember that for

twenty-five years there was someone staying with the family. Daughters-in-law Pearl and Ollie Kendrick remember that the couple always enjoyed having company and met all circumstances with good humor.

L.I. Kendrick was known as a strong churchman. He served Pleasant Hill Church as a deacon, Sunday School Superintendent, a member of various committees, and was Chairman of the Building Committee for the structure built in 1929.

In their mature years Loss and Ponola moved to South Lafayette Street in Shelby where their home became a gathering place for their many grandchildren. Every Sunday afternoon as family groups visited, all would go through the back porch to the dining room where they would lift the white cloth from the long dining table to see what was left from lunch and to snatch a bite here and there. A box of rock candy always stayed on the mantle of the sitting room, and at times Loss would dole out a few rocks to each grandchild. A favorite pastime for the grandkids was to pile into the car parked in the barn at the rear of the lot and take imaginary trips. Several granddaughters the same age would spend the night and sleep upstairs, each dressed in one of grandmother's white nightgowns.

Loss Kendrick died of a stroke on August 17, 1942. Ponola lived until January 3, 1949. Bodies of both are buried in Pleasant Hill Church cemetery.

Sources: Kendrick Family Bible, Family Records, Conversation with Family Members

— Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord
and Carolyn Kendrick Putnam

THE LAWSON IRVIN and ZUAR PONOLA CAMP KENDRICK FAMILY

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The Lawson Irvin and Ponola Camp Kendrick Family is one of long-time residence in the Pleasant Hill Community. Their children and grandchildren are as follows:

Claudie Lee, first born (b. October 27, 1884), lived to be only thirteen years old. He became ill at school one day with severe pain in his arm. The doctor called it "flying rheumatism." It moved to his heart. He died at eleven P.M. on February 22, 1898. His brother Clyde, was born the next morning.

Augustus Beam, second son (b. July 25, 1886, d. December 23, 1959) had mechanical ability. He operated an ice plant before going into the meat-packing business and operating Shelby Meat Packing Co. He married Mae Turner (b. July 11, 1884 — d. May 14, 1962) on March 30, 1910. Children born to this marriage were Mary Aileen, Gary Benjamin, Dorothy Penola, and James Lawson.

Joseph Yates, third son, born March 23, 1889, celebrated his ninety-third birthday the year of this writing. As a young man he farmed, and for eighteen years he was also a deputy sheriff. He recalls several occasions where he tracked suspects and caught them. Yates married Selena Lowery (b. November 6, 1895) on December 9, 1914. Their children

are Mayme, Louise, Annie Ella, Sophie, and Mary Jo.

Edna Moseline, born July 22, 1891, was a tall, black-haired girl who married William White Jackson August 26, 1908. She became a widow when their children Elizabeth, Kendrick, Viola, David, and Rachel were still young. Edna courageously worked to rear the children by operating a boarding house in Shelby. She died July 7, 1958.

Annie Jane (b. July 30, 1893) was quiet and reserved. She married Jesse James Neal (b. January 24, 1887 — d. June 15, 1966), in a home wedding on December 15, 1912. She died January 19, 1919, nine days after their child Alda was born.

Hugh Quinn, (b. November 26, 1895 — d. May 1, 1968) was the only son to serve in World War I. He returned to tell of being at the front lines on Armistice Day. He said "our boys" and the Germans were shooting at each other one minute and shaking hands the next. He was a farmer and married Luvicie Lowery (b. June 13, 1899) on December 11, 1919. Their children are Rebecca, Edwin Randolph, Lawson Irvin, Betty Catherine, Hugh Lowery, and Joe Reid.

Clyde Lawson, born February 23, 1898, loves sports. He remembers as a boy unraveling hand-knit socks with holes in the heel and re-wrapping the yarn around a small rubber ball to make a baseball. He says that on Sunday afternoons they would play Straight Cat (to get to bat, one had to catch one flyball or two balls on first bounce) and Round Cat (a game similar to baseball). As a young man Clyde traveled to the mid-west several times but settled in Pleasant Hill Community later to become a farmer, growing some of the finest cotton and the best watermelons in the country. He married Ollie Rippey (b. April 28, 1902) on June 6, 1924. Their children: Mary Nadine, born March 12, 1925 and died September 15, 1958 from open heart surgery; Evelyn Elaine, and Joseph Carl who was born January 6, 1930 and died September 1, 1933 from diphtheria.

Ida Maudillion, born February 18, 1900, was also quiet and reserved. She married Jesse James Neal, sister Annie's widowed husband, on January 7, 1920. She was an excellent cook and devoted mother to her sister's child and to her own child, James Irvin Neal. She died August 3, 1958.

Thomas Grady, born May 20, 1902, has always been full of humor. He is looked upon with fond affection by those who enjoy his quips and good stories. He remembers many funny happenings including driving a horse and buggy to church with brother Clyde. Each brother went home some other way, not knowing until the next day that the horse was left at the church. Tom married Pearl Moore (b. April 15, 1905) on October 29, 1924. Their children are: Billie Jean Donnis Nell, Marilyn Anne, twins Nancy Lane and Norma Jane, Thomas Lawson who died at age five, and Roger Hilton.

Lizzie Lee, born December 4, 1903, was dark-haired and vivacious. She remembers riding in the buggy to town to see the circus and falling in the mud and ruining her new

umbrella. She became a teacher, married A.V. Dedmon (b. October 4, 1899 — d. October 5, 1967), on June 10, 1925, and had children Mary Ruth, Doris Ann, Charles Edward, Joseph Hal, Betty Sue, Roy Lee, and Richard Kendrick.

John Burl, youngest of the Kendrick clan was born April 10, 1906. He too was fun-loving and full of humor. He loved music and loved to dance. John Burl became a butcher rather than a farmer like his father and brothers. On June 27, 1928, he married Reola Wall. Their children are Frances Carolyn and Charles Franklin, better known as "Buster". John Burl died January 9, 1966.

Sources: Family records, Kendrick Bible, Tombstones, Conversations with family members, Family Tree

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THOMAS and SARAH KENDRICK

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The first Kendrick known to be in North Carolina was Thomas Kendrick, born 24 January 1769 in Virginia; died 11 November 1855 in North Carolina. He married Sarah Lambert, born 11 November 1779, in Maryland. She died 24 July, 1865, in North Carolina. The marriage is listed as circa 1797, North Carolina.

The original handwritten will of Thomas Kendrick is in the North Carolina Archives in Raleigh. In it he lists wife Sarah and children Mary, John, Nancy Selena, Margaret, Elizabeth, Larkin, William, Thomas, and Anna Marilla. He also mentions specifically cows, calves, sheep, household and kitchen goods, as well as the "residue of my estate," thus indicating that he was a farmer.

The census for 1830-40 places him in the Upper Regiment Militia Lincoln County which today is the eastern portion of Cleveland County. That census gives no names of family members, only numbers of people within an age range. There is listed one male, age 20-30 (assumed to be son Thomas Kendrick, b. 29 October 1815 — d. 10 April 1905, m. Susan E. Starns, b. 1822) whose son Jacob Pinckney Kendrick moved to Oklahoma and has living descendants there; one male, age 30-40 (assumed to be son William M. Kendrick, b. 25 March, 1810); and one male, age 70-80 (Thomas, head of the household.) The females are: one, age 20-30 (assumed to be Anna Marilla); one, age 30-40 (Nancy Selena b. 20 July 1801); and one, age 60-70 (the mother, Sarah.) This information coincides with information secured from the National Archives in Washington by Ronald Herd, relative of the Thomas Kendrick descendants in Oklahoma.

Other family households listed on that same census page 59 are those of sons John Kendrick and Larkin Kendrick, showing that they have married and established homes of their own. It is assumed that the three daughters Mary, Margaret, and Elizabeth had also married and left home. Their married names are not known.

Sources: Census records, Will, Family genealogy from Archives

— Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord



Thomas Lawson Kendrick, circa 1900.

THE THOMAS LAWSON KENDRICK FAMILY

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Thomas Lawson Kendrick, third child of John and Elizabeth Cherry Kendrick, was born August 12, 1827, in what is now Cleveland County, North Carolina. He lived almost eighty-eight years, fought in the Civil War, was married three times, and had eleven children.

His first marriage was to Elizabeth Watts (b. January 17, 1833), on October 17, 1850. To this union was born Sarah Elizabeth Kendrick. The mother, Elizabeth, died twenty days later on August 11, 1851.

Thomas Lawson's second marriage was on July 8, 1852, to Ann Jane Beam who was born near Waco, North Carolina on December 22, 1830 — died March 7, 1875. She was the daughter of Teter and Lettie Dickson Beam. Her grandparents were John Teter Beam (first Beam settler in America) and his wife Elizabeth Rudolph; and Thomas and Rachel Dickson. Children of Thomas Lawson and Ann Jane were: Manerva (b. August 17, 1853 — d. February 1854); Columbus Marion (b. October 23, 1854) who married Mary Allen; Robert Munro (b. July 15, 1856 — d. April 2, 1878) who married Susan Borders; Phillips Hill (b. September 8, 1858) who married Launy Babington January 5, 1887, and after her death married Eugenia Poston; Luler Beatis (b. August 25, 1860) who never married; Lawson Irvin (b. July 9, 1862 — d. August 17, 1942) who married Zuar Ponola Camp on November 4, 1883; Joseph (b. May 11, 1866) who married Elizar Hoard December 23, 1885; Ider Jane (b. March 25, 1868) who married Hill Blanton; John Cleveland (b. September 6, 1870 — d. August 15, 1876); and Ely Fa (b. June 24, 1873 — d. August 22, 1876).

As a young man with a family, Thomas Lawson, like most others, left to fight in the War Between the States. Still in the possession of the Kendrick family is a letter he wrote to wife, Ann Jane, on Christmas Day, 1864 "at the same place, Va." In it he wrote . . . "My loveing wife this is the third Christmas that I

have been far from you and this morning my mind is running forward to another year and wonder if I shall be spared to ever see another Christmas morning." . . . He stated that he received a provision that she sent to him, mentioned others who had received packages, friends he had seen and that all were well. He asked her to tell his daughter Sarah Elizabeth to knit him a pair of gloves and send them by John L. when he came. He continued: "Jane there is nothing new with us worth your notice. The boys is generally well. Some is barefooted which is not very comfortable. We get no money yet it looks like the Confederacy is getting so they can get their fighting done without money or very much to eat so things is () but where or how things will end I can't say." He concludes with: "Let me hear from you soon. I ever remain your loving and affectionate husband. May the Lord smile on you all and preserve you from all is ever my sincere prayer. T.L. to A.J. Kendrick"

Thomas Lawson did return home. He was released the 28th of June AD 1865. Baby Lawson Irvin had never known his father, so when Thomas Lawson came home from the war, Lawson Irvin (almost three years old) hid behind the corn crib when he saw the strange man. According to grandson Thomas Grady Kendrick, Thomas Lawson told of the difficulties they had. He said that many soldiers had worn their shoes out and that others could follow their trail home by the blood stains on the ground. He also told of their starving condition and how, when some of them came upon a duck near a farmyard, that they caught it, skinned it and ate it raw. Thomas Lawson said he got a small piece of it.

Thomas Lawson recovered from the war to become a highly respected farmer and churchman in this community. Granddaughter Lizzie Lee Dedmon remembers him as a "refined gentleman," always neat and well-groomed, with a little chin beard and glasses. Grandson Joseph Yates Kendrick remembers going with sister Annie to "my Granddaddy's" and staying a week or more. Grandson Clyde Lawson Kendrick and all others remember going to visit every summer on Grandpa's birthday. All took baskets of food, and as soon as the children arrived, they headed for the branch to play in the water with all the cousins. The branch was Machine Branch near the Cleveland County fairgrounds where Thomas Lawson owned a farm near his father John's farm.

Thomas Lawson's wife Ann Jane died March 7, 1875, leaving several young children, including two who died the following year with diphtheria. Thomas Lawson married Elizabeth Ann Beattie, June 27, 1875. She was known as Betsy, and the grandchildren all called her "Granny." She helped rear the children and following the death of Thomas Lawson went to live with Lawson Irving's family for a while before moving on to live with her relatives in Waco.

According to the Prisoner of War Release, Thomas Lawson Kendrick was six feet tall and had dark brown hair and hazel eyes.

He was well known as a churchman. Grandson Yates Kendrick says that Thomas Lawson was "solid, solid as a rock. He believed what

he believed." Living descendants of residents of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church community tell that Thomas Lawson and wife rode horseback to church. When Elizabeth Baptist Church was organized, they became members there. Thomas Lawson died July 28, 1915. Bodies of Thomas Lawson and Elizabeth A. are buried in the Elizabeth Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sources: Kendrick Family Bible, Oral history, Civil War papers, conversation with living descendants.

— Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord
and Carolyn Kendrick Putnam

THE JOHN KESTER FAMILY

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John Kester, b. April 8, 1905 — d. February 26, 1977, came to Shelby in 1929 to open the Kester — Groome Furniture Company. It was situated on North Lafayette Street facing First Baptist Church. Later in 1958 the name was changed to Kester Furniture Co., which is the oldest continuous furniture store in Shelby. Mr. Kester met and married Sedahlia Propst Kester, b. Sept. 13, 1910, and to that union was born an infant that died at birth, also John Glenn Kester, Jr. b. January 31, 1934 — d. February 26, 1957. Sue Kester Mauney, b. May 1, 1940, who is married to Joseph Billy Mauney, b. August 6, 1931, to them were born Elizabeth b. July 10, 1964; Anna b. June 24, 1967; and Susan b. May 22, 1970.

Also to the John Kester's was born James William Kester, b. October 26, 1949, who married Rebecca Williams, b. October 21, 1949 of Portsmouth, Virginia and they had three children: Michell b. August 2, 1971; Kristen b. August 30, 1974 and Adam James, b. March 6, 1979.

Sources: Family Bible, cemetery.

— Sedahlia P. Kester



Dorothy Kiser Ford and Ozell Kiser Freeman



THE LARKIN ALEXANDER KISER FAMILY

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In 1761 Lawrence Kiser settled on Long Creek, Gaston County, a grant of 300 acres from King George II of Great Britain and Ireland.

Lawrence Kiser migrated from Pennsylvania to North Carolina where he reared twelve children. His daughter Margaret married Jacob Paysour, son of George Paysour who came from Germany prior to the Revolutionary War. George Paysour, Jr. married Hannah Hoyle, grand-daughter of Peter Hoyle and Catherine Dobes who were married in Germany. Mary Paysour, daughter of George Paysour, Jr., married John Kiser, son of Samuel Kiser and grandson of Adam Kiser and Sallie Bost Kiser. They had nine children.

Their son, Levi Kiser, was born October 22, 1822 and died June 12, 1907, and was buried in St. Luke's Cemetery, Cleveland County. He had six children.

John Philip Kiser, son of Mary Mauney Kiser, was born April 9, 1852, Cleveland County and died October 22, 1932. John married Mary Elizabeth Sellers on July 29, 1874. She was born October 6, 1856 and died January 20, 1939. They were buried in St. Luke's Cemetery.

John Philip Kiser and Elizabeth had eight children: Larkin Alexander, Laura Elminer, Jacob Levi, Lucy Etta, William Andrew, Mary Pearl, Vernia Edith and Augustus Sellers.

Larkin Alexander Kiser, son of John Philip Kiser and Elizabeth Sellers Kiser, was born November 14, 1875, in Cleveland County and died May 2, 1932. He was buried in St. Luke's Cemetery Cleveland County, near Kings Mountain.

Lorena Jeanette Williams, the daughter of Joseph Williams, was born in Burlington on May 8, 1877. When "Rena" was a young lady, her brother Dennis ("Bud") Williams took her on the train to see brother Jess Williams in Kings Mountain. "Uncle Jess" introduced "Rena" to Larkin and it was love at first sight. They married on April 11, 1900 and have five children: Jesse, Eugene, Arnold, Dorothy and Ozell.

Lorena died March 30, 1939 in Gastonia City Hospital and was buried in St. Luke's Cemetery.

Larkin Kiser and his brother-in-law, Floyd Mauney, owned and operated Kiser-Mauney General Store until it was sold to Ideal Mercantile Company.

In 1920 Larkin A. Kiser, D.C. Mauney and others built the Sadie Cotton Mill in Kings Mountain. Larkin was President of the Sadie Mill until his death in 1932. He was a leader in St. Matthew's Lutheran Church where he served on the Church Council for many years. He worked with Boy Scouts and was a great humanitarian.

Jesse Alexander Kiser, born December 18, 1901, married Cora Watterson on November 2, 1922. He attended Lenoir-Rhyne College. Cora, born August 26, 1900, died on November 2, 1977. Her funeral was held at Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, and she

SEBASTIAN (BOSTIAN) KLEIN (CLINE)

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For the true heritage of the Cline families of Cleveland, Lincoln, Catawba and a branch of Cabarrus Counties to be depicted, it is felt background information should be shown on their immigrant ancestor, Sebastian (Bostian) Klein.

Sebastian, later called Bostian, Klein arrived in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on the Ship "Robert and Alice," commanded by Captain Walter Goodman, on September 3, 1739, from his native home, the Province of Palatinate, Germany. He was born in Germany about 1710-15. He married Elizabeth Beiber (Now called Beaver), who was the daughter of Mathias and Susannah Beiber. The Clines and Beiber-in-laws moved from Pennsylvania to Cabarrus County, North Carolina about the year 1750 and settled near what now is Mt. Pleasant on Elk Creek. They later moved to about 4 miles northwest of present Newton in Catawba County on Clark's Creek from which farm the Indians forced them to flee for awhile. They went back to Cabarrus County until the Indian dangers were past and then all, with the exception of the oldest son, Daniel, went back to the Clark's Creek Farm in 1768.

It is thought that Sebastian married probably in Lancaster County Pennsylvania, where it is said he lived until 1750. He had a number of deeds in Rowan County from February 28, 1755 through 1755 on Clark's Creek, later in Lincoln County, now in Catawba County. A deed of July 22, 1775 shows Bostian and wife, Elizabeth Cline, Germans, let John Cline, all of Rowan County, have land.

Bostian was a tanner by occupation, certainly in 1771, by another Rowan deed, when he and his wife, Elizabeth let George Pope have land, part of the tract upon which Bostian lives at that time. He was also appointed Constable on February 7, 1772 in Rowan County.

He must have been well-educated since he always signed his name in a flowing German script. His will was written on December 27, 1791, and probated in April 1792 in Lincoln County.

Bostian and his wife Elizabeth had ten children, but the Clines in Cleveland County descend from his second son Christopher, who was born about 1740 in Pennsylvania and who was about ten years of age when he came to North Carolina with his parents. Christopher was married twice and the Clines in Cleveland descend from Christopher and his first wife Margaret Ramsour, and through their third son, David, born about 1769 and died January 1872, living to be 103 years old. David married Salome Carpenter, and the Cline lineage follows through their son John Klein I, who was the father of David Anderson Cline. (See related article on David Anderson Cline).

Sources: Lincoln County Library and Mr. Robert Gidney, County Historian.

— Mrs. Ambrose B. Cline



Arnold, Jesse and Eugene Kiser

was buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain. Jesse was employed in Marketing by Exxon Company and retired after 41 years of service.

On June 25, 1978, Jesse married Ethel M. Daniels of Raleigh and they now commute between Raleigh and Myrtle Beach homes.

Harvey Eugene Kiser was born June 28, 1903. He was graduated from the University of North Carolina Law School and practiced in Charlotte. He married Willie Holt Wiley June 28, 1933, but died soon afterwards on July 31, 1933, following a tonsilectomy.

Louis Arnold Kiser, born June 15, 1906, attended Oak Ridge and textile school in Philadelphia. He married Julia Wright Kiser of Ingold on May 23, 1931, and they had one son, Louis Arnold Kiser, Jr. ("Johnny"). Arnold was President of Sadie Cotton Mill and treasurer of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church and a member of Church Council, Kings Mountain. He promoted the establishment of Kings Mountain Hospital and served as Board Chairman until his death on April 30, 1966. He died in this hospital and was buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery. Julia taught in Lowell and Kings Mountain City Schools.

Their son, Louis Arnold Kiser, Jr. was born June 29, 1934 and graduated from State College in textiles. He married Lila Brent Haney on June 15, 1956. They had three children: Louis Arnold III, born September 7, 1960; Julia Brent born March 20, 1962, and Thomas Wright born January 8, 1965. The children now live in Cary with their mother.

On April 15, 1971 Louis Arnold Kiser, Jr.

married a second time to Victoria Jean Umstead, daughter of Mrs. Charles Lee Umstead and the late Mr. Umstead of Bahama, North Carolina. They now live in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan.

Mary Dorothy Kiser, born July 22, 1908, graduated from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and taught in Gaston County until retirement. She married William Miller Ford on August 6, 1936 (January 26, 1905 — August 27, 1977) and was buried in Edgewood Cemetery, Lowell. He worked in the office of Cramerton Mills until he retired.

Philip Larkin Ford, their only child, was born January 2, 1948 in Gastonia. He graduated from Belmont Abbey College. Now, Captain Philip Ford and his wife, Captain Marjel Lane Ford, of Arkansas, are in the United States Air Force and stationed in the Azores.

Lucy Ozell Kiser, born June 30, 1910, attended Lenoir Rhyne College and spent 38 years teaching in North Carolina Schools, mainly at Salisbury where she was "Teacher of the Year" in 1974. Lenoir Rhyne College honored her with the 1975 Distinguished Alumnus Award. Ozell married Glenn David Freeman of Rutherford County on April 12, 1941. Together they produced *The History of North Carolina — "The Goodliest Land"* which is now in the fourth edition over with 12,000 copies. Glenn, a graduate of the University of North Carolina, is now President of Isenhour-Freeman Insurance & Realty, Co., Inc. in Salisbury. Ozell recently retired.

Sources: Family Bible and family members.

— Glenn D. Freeman

JAMES PINKNEY LACKEY

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Pinkney Lackey was born Aug. 9, 1847 in Cleveland County (d) 1930. He was the son of James Lackey and Rebecca Mauney.

He was married to Sarah Crouse (b) 1848 (d) 1924.

Pinkney was a veteran in the Civil War at age 18.

The original home was burned in 1915 but rebuilt the following year. The home still remains and is owned by his grandson, Rev. Jacob Lackey.

He was sheriff of Cleveland County. His prisoners were first taken to the justice of the peace and if they could not come to a verdict, then the prisoners were sent for trial in Shelby, North Carolina. Sometimes he would take them to his home to work out their fee.

Pinkney was an outstanding farmer. His farm products consisted of red clover, corn, cotton and truck farming. An outstanding orchard was productive almost the entire year. He also had one-hundred beehives which produced much honey for the families and neighbors. The additional honey was sold.

On the back porch was a dry well, a large box pulled by a windless, which kept the milk and butter cool at all times. Butter was made by a dasher churn.

He kept his married children's families in green coffee, which he bought in Louisiana. Each family was given a large bag to be parched and then ground in a coffee mill. The aroma could take any one hurriedly to the kitchen for a good meal.

He also bought sugar by the barrels. It was very sweet and delicious as it came from the sugar beets and was shipped from Louisiana.

One other prize that he gave each of his grandchildren was an Aladdin lamp. At that time there was no electricity in the country. This lamp gave a white light, just as our electricity does today. They were not only useful, but very beautiful.

Pinkney's transportation was by horse and buggy and he really enjoyed visiting families and friends and always had plenty of time. He was never without his corn cob pipe and a bag of smoking tobacco.

Grandmother was a small woman of stature. She was most kind and a loving person. She was a good housekeeper. She dressed neatly and her loving face was always an outstanding feature.

Each Sunday afternoon their children and families gave them a visit. It was a great joy for all the cousins to go to the creek where there was a large waterfall. It was fun but often we were chased by the cows to the wire fence.

Pinkney was a very humorous person. He enjoyed life to the fullest. He enjoyed telling jokes on people, especially if someone had "pulled" a joke on him. Once his minister, who also liked to joke with his members, told grandfather that if he held his hand on the window and he took his hand in his, he could feel a pain. The minister kept asking if he felt a pain. This questioning kept going on for so long, but Granddad never could feel a pain. Finally, the minister asked if he didn't feel the

window pane? This was just too much for Granddad, so to get even he thought up a good prank to get on his pastor. Granddad told him that a lady was visiting a few days ago with a baby. The baby was playing on the porch with a bottle and while no one was being attentive, it fell off the porch and broke its neck. The pastor was so heartbroken and concerned that the baby had broken its neck. After all the sympathy that could be given by the pastor, my grandfather related that it was the bottle that fell and broke its neck. There are many more humorous stories I could relate, but with the lack of space, I cannot continue with more.

Pinkney and Sarah were faithful members of St. Luke Lutheran Church. He was one of the founders of the church, which was composed of former members of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Pinkney and Sarah are buried in St. Luke's Cemetery on St. Luke Road in Cleveland County.

The children of Pinkney and Sarah are: Rufus Lafayette 1875-1954, buried at St. Luke; John — 1880-1954, buried at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain; Mary Etta — 1878-1958, married to Lawrence Wolfe; Grover — 1884-1951, buried at St. Luke's Cemetery; Pearle — 1891-1975, married to Frank Stroup, buried in California.

There were four sisters and one brother in Pinkney's family. The brother lived most of his life near New Orleans, Louisiana.

My grandfather decided to attend the "Old Soldiers Reunion" which was held in Texas. My father was to take him to board the train in Kings Mountain. Granddad kept looking for something, so finally my Dad asked, "Have you lost something, Mr. Lackey?" Granddad said, "Yes, my pipe, I can't find my pipe." Dad said, "Do you have one besides the one you have in your mouth?" Grandpa remarked, "Oh! By golly! I can't see; I can't see."

Sources: Family Bible, family memories.

— Mrs. Raymond Mann
and Mary Pearl Wolfe

NORRIS DIXON LACKEY and FAMILY

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Mary Louise Baley and Norris Dixon Lackey were married on May 31, 1931, in Spartanburg, South Carolina. Louise Baley, born to Ray Suttle and Lewis J. Baley on August 19, 1909, in Shelby, North Carolina, was reared and educated in Atlanta, Georgia. She was a graduate of the Girls High School in Atlanta and of the Atlanta Museum of Art. Her childhood summers were spent in Shelby at her mother's homeplace, where she met Norris Dixon Lackey. Born to Elizabeth Peeler and Robert Reid Lackey on July 28, 1909, in Fallston, North Carolina, Norris Lackey was educated at Rutherford College and Tennessee Wesleyan in Athens, Tennessee.

In September, 1936, Norris Lackey founded the firm of Norris Lackey Motors, a Chrysler-Plymouth dealership, which proved to be, at it's retirement in 1962, the oldest automobile agency in Cleveland County under its original

management. Having been involved in the field of residential real estate development for several years, he continued in this endeavor by developing the land which had been a portion of his father's farm located in the western part of Shelby. He served for many years as a member of the Board of Directors of Cleveland Savings and Loan Association.

Louise Lackey, in addition to being a wife, homemaker, and mother, made many valuable contributions to her community. She was a charter member of the Junior Charity League of Shelby and served as its president, devoting years of service to all charitable activities of this organization. An accomplished artist herself, she was instrumental in the founding of the Cleveland County Arts Council, which later became the Shelby Art League, an organization that she was especially devoted to. Louise Baley Lackey died on November 3, 1977.

There were three children born of this marriage and six grandchildren.

Norris Dixon Lackey, Jr. (Dick) was born April 21, 1932, in Shelby; graduated from the University of North Carolina in 1954, having been a member of the football team, and was graduated from the University of North Carolina Law School in 1957. He married Lou Hawley of Florence, South Carolina, a 1955 graduate of the University of North Carolina, on November 26, 1955.

He is in the law firm of Whisnant, Lackey, and Schweppe, in Shelby. Dick and Lou Lackey are the parents of four sons: Mark Dixon, born May 7, 1958, a graduate of University of North Carolina, and a student in the University of North Carolina School of Law; Miles Marsdon, born on November 20, 1959, a graduate of University of North Carolina; Kevin Suttle, born on October 30, 1962, a student at University of North Carolina; and Seth Norris, born on July 5, 1965, a student at Shelby High School.

Ray Elizabeth Lackey, born on March 1, 1938, is a graduate of Wake Forest University and University of North Carolina. She was married to Edwin Winston Williams on August 7, 1965, and lives in Johnson City, Tennessee. "Betsy" and Edwin have two sons: Timothy Yeates and Jonathan Dixon.

Louise Baley Lackey (Lea), born August 16, 1947; a graduate of Winthrop College, she was married to Timothy Zachmann in June, 1977. Lea and Timothy Zachmann live in Winston-Salem, where she teaches Art at Salem College.

Sources: Family records, Bible, newspapers.

— Lou H. Lackey

RUFUS LAFAYETTE (PHATE) LACKEY FAMILY

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Our father, Lafayette (Phate) Lackey, was born in Cleveland County. He was the son of Pinkney and Sarah Crouse Lackey (b) 9/11/1875 (d) 11/16/1954.

He was married to Josephine Oates on Christmas Day 1898 at Cleveland County Court House, Shelby.

Lafayette was dressed in a blue suit, bow tie, and gold watch chain, which made an outstanding appearance. His bride Josephine wore a sky blue dress, high neck, trimmed in lace with pearl beads worked in a flower design.

Lafayette was teaching when they were married and continued until he resigned about 1905 to be a sales clerk in Kings Mountain, where the family moved and lived until 1913.

He was highly educated for that day and time and a firm believer that his children should be educated.

My mother Josephine was a perfect housekeeper and a wonderful cook. She was always ready to entertain friends with a bountiful table of food, and ready to entertain any number of houseguests at any time.

Since Mother's parents were elderly, they asked my parents to live with them and deeded them the home. Addison only lived three weeks and my grandmother three years after the move was made.

My father continued as a clerk, traveling back and forth each day. Mother wanted to remain in the country home so this was the decision they agreed upon.

There was plenty of land to be farmed. Even though the children were small they began to farm the land. With the help of a hired man, the farm produced well. Cotton was grown as a money crop, feed grown for the animals, and a garden to supply for the family.

The house chores were given to each member of the family. Wood was to be cut, animals to feed, cows to be milked and water to be carried up a steep hill from a spring.

Transportation was by walking, bicycles, or horse and buggy. Later by a T-Model Ford.

My family were members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church. This was a country church with few family members. We held joint services with St. Matthew's in Kings Mountain, as we were not a large congregation. Each family visited in the homes of other families and the pastor always had a good meal with his congregation. During World War II the church was disbanded in 1945 and went into the congregation with St. Matthew's in Kings Mountain.

My school life began in a small country school near St. Luke's Church. It had two rooms and two teachers. I was in the primary room. We had to walk two miles to school. It was walk in all kinds of weather, whether it was rain, hail, or snow. No one missed a day of school unless very ill. The school term was only six months during the year.

Water for drinking at the school was carried from a home nearby with a spring. Lunches were taken in lunch boxes or baskets, as there were no lunch rooms.

My education continued in Waco High School. We were transported to and from school by bus.

Lenoir Rhyne College was my next venture in education. I entered during the depression years. These were desperate years to attend college, but since no one had money and only economical clothing, we were all in the same "boat" and all thankful for a chance to be educated.

I began a teaching career after receiving my

degree. Phate and Josephine had five children and each chose his own career in life. Charles chose teaching and principal in high school. Carrye, also teaching. James, a good farmer as he enjoyed the outdoor life and nature. Jacob, the youngest son, a minister.

My wedding day was a day to be remembered, not only for our vows as husband and wife, but for all the wedding party and guests. Of all the days for it, snow was on Christmas Day 1947, on the day Raymond Mann and I had set for our wedding date. Most of the bridesmaids, maid of honor, and even the best man were stranded on the way and were not able to reach Kings Mountain. Even the groom found it most difficult getting from Charlotte, but declared he would have made it if he would have walked in snow to his waist. Even the bride, myself, had to travel eight miles in snow to the church, which was also very difficult. Fortunately the minister, my brother, whom we had chosen to perform our wedding service, finally made the trip with much difficulty with his wife who was also a bridesmaid. We were overjoyed, even though my pastor was standing by to have the wedding service.

We filled in the wedding party, with the exception of the matron of honor, and all things went well. We were married on the scheduled hour.

Telegrams began arriving asking we set a later date for our wedding, but we were married when they were received, and besides, all that seemed to matter to us was we had taken the vows of marriage and had become husband and wife.

I have so many humorous events that happened in my family, which I wish so much that I could relate, but I am given only a limited space in the historical book.

Sources: Family records and events remembered by the family and myself.

— Mrs. Raymond Mann



William Dixon Lackey, 1857-1928



WILLIAM DIXON LACKEY and DESCENDANTS

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William Dixon Lackey, son of Jacob Cline Lackey and Martha Love Falls was born August 11, 1857 two miles northwest of Fallston N.C. His great-great grandfather, James Samuel Lackey is believed to have been born in Ireland approximately 1770. James Samuel Lackey and his wife, Jane Winters had eleven children according to the 1820 census of Lincoln County N.C. One of these children, Samuel Lackey, was born in Cleveland County in 1796. He and his wife, Sarah Cline Lackey are both buried at Knob Creek Methodist Church near Belwood in Cleveland County. Among their eight children was Jacob Cline Lackey born March 11, 1827 in Cleveland County. He married Martha Love Falls and they had four children: Samuel Pinkney, John Alexander, Sarah E. and William Dixon. Jacob Cline lived his entire life in the Fallston area except for the time he spent in the Confederate States Army. He enlisted in March, 1862. The company muster roll for September and October 1864, the last on file, shows him present. He was wounded twice; first, severely, at Gettysburg, shot through the ankle; the second wound, shot through the wrist, engagement not known. Union prisoner of war records show he was captured April 2, 1865 at Hatcher's Run; imprisoned at Point Lookout, Maryland seven days before the surrender on April 9, 1865. He was released on June 28, 1865, arriving home July 4, 1865 after having walked from Cape Lookout. He and his wife, Martha Love are buried in a private cemetery near Fallston, N.C.

When William Dixon Lackey was 12 years old, he moved with his parents, brothers and sister to the county home in the Fallston area where his father kept the home for four years. He helped his father farm and went to school at Cleveland Springs. When they moved back to upper Cleveland County, he went to various schools; Muddy Fork Academy, Rutherford College and a part of one year at the State University. In May 1879, he hired to his grandfather, J.F. Falls Sr. of Double Shoals, to work in the store as a salesman at a salary of \$150.00 per year. At the end of the year, he had saved \$135.00, only spending \$15.00 for clothing, etc. On November 17, 1881 he married Harriet Hessentine Bridges of Boiling Springs, N.C. He continued to work in the store at Double Shoals until 1885 when they moved to Fallston, N.C., built a house and went in the mercantile business, forming a partnership with the Stamey Brothers. After about 3 years, he sold his partnership and went into the fertilizer business, ginning and buying cotton and farming.

William Dixon Lackey and Harriet had five children. Johnnie Lee born September 29, 1883 in Fallston N.C. She married Charles Young and they had two children, Thelma who married Lowery Suttle, and Reid M.

Jessie Lawrence Lackey, born May 17 1885 in Fallston N.C., married Letty Matilda McBrayer and they had three children; William Dixon who married Lillian Zimmerman. They had three sons: Harriet Isabel who married

Curtis P. Moser and they had one daughter and Lawrence Evans, who married Mary Frances Irvin and they had one daughter and three sons.

Robert Reid Lackey was born April 22 1887. He married Margaret Elizabeth Peeler and they had five children; Norris Dixon who married Louise Baley. They had two sons and two daughters. Larue Lackey who never married; Hester Lee who married Roy T. Belcher and they had three daughters and two sons. Robert Reid, Jr. who married Helen Irene Barnett and they had one son and one daughter and Rose Elizabeth who married James B. Hamrick and they had one daughter.

Fuschia Annie Love Lackey, born September 21, 1891 in Fallston, N.C. She married Dr. Franklin Lackey and they had one daughter and two sons.

Charles Cline Lackey was born April 14, 1896 and he married Viola Chandler and they had one daughter.

In 1914, William Dixon Lackey was elected Sheriff of Cleveland County and he and his wife moved to Shelby, N.C. where he was re-elected Sheriff in 1916. He served as Chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners when the artesian well was bored on the square of the Courthouse in Shelby. The structure over the fountain was open on all four sides until many years later when it was inclosed and made into offices. He was one of the organizers of The Cleveland Savings and Loan and was its first secretary. He was elected Mayor of Shelby in 1923 and served through 1925. While he was Mayor he was called "The Sidewalk Mayor" because he was the instigator in constructing sidewalks in the residential part of town. Harriet Hessentine Lackey died March 25, 1924 while he was still Mayor. William Dixon Lackey died January 23, 1928 and they are both buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, N.C.

Sources: *The Cleveland Star*, Shelby, N.C. Dated: October 1916, *The Book of The Lackey Descendants*

— Elizabeth Lackey Hamrick

THE AUDLEY MARTIN LATTIMORE FAMILY

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Audley Martin Lattimore is a descendant of the pioneer John Lattimore of English origin, who sailed from Ireland to Philadelphia, about 1690. He (John) was the youngest of three brothers. He settled in Virginia, and married Isabel Frazier and had six children, three sons and three daughters.

His son John born 1745, had red hair and blue eyes. He died March 12, 1821. He married Jamima Stockton and they had three children, namely: John (known as red-headed John), Daniel and Rachel.

This John was born in Virginia. He was called Captain John, a Revolutionary soldier. He served in the battle of Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary war, but is listed as a private. Following the war, he settled near Kings Mountain Battleground, and several years later settled on Hinton's Creek in Rutherford County, North Carolina, (now Cleveland



Mary Jane Hamrick Lattimore (1849-1914), and Audley Martin Lattimore (1845-1931). Married February 25, 1869.

County) where he reared a family of three children. He was buried on his own farm under a small tree. He was first to be buried in what is now the Lattimore Family Cemetery.

Captain John Lattimore's son Big John was born October 16, 1781. He married Jamima McEntire. They had no children, she died and was buried in Zion Baptist Church Cemetery. His second marriage was to Isabel Carson and they had nine sons and two daughters, eleven in all.

Audley Martin Lattimore was the tenth of the above eleven children of Big John. He was born November 30, 1845. He married Mary Jane Hamrick, born June 1, 1849. She was a daughter of Wright and Ellen Peeler Hamrick. They were married February 25, 1869. They had seven children; four boys: Pink, Thomas, Broadus and Festus; and three girls: Ellie, Addie and Susan.

The nine brothers, children of Big John, namely William, Joe C., Dan, Little Johnnie, Jim, Sam, Frank, Tom and Captain Audley Martin (youngest) all served in the Civil War as Confederate soldiers.

Audley Martin Lattimore was only seventeen years of age. He was made leader of a group of young soldiers. He was a member of Company C, 10th Artillery, Poague's Battalion. His group of soldiers marched to the front in January 1864. His service was around Richmond and Petersburg, Virginia, in the last fifteen months of the conflict.

He came home April 21, 1865 and soon married. He helped to rebuild a devastated section that finally became the Town of Lattimore, in Cleveland County. He was Commander of Cleveland County Confederate Veterans, Pension Board Chairman, and a civic leader in general. He attended the Confederate Soldiers reunions as long as he was able. He enjoyed talking about the war. I have visited in his home many times and heard him talk about the war. He was my grandfather and I enjoyed hearing him talk. The town of Lattimore was

named for Captain Audley Martin Lattimore and brother Jim. Both settled after the war where the town is now located. Jim later moved to Rutherford County to live.

In his senior years Audley Martin Lattimore was better known as Uncle Edley by his many friends both young and old. He had a jovial spirit and loved his friends. Besides being a farmer, he was the first depot agent when the railroads came, and was named first mayor of the town. His favorite sport was hunting.

He was a Baptist, a deacon, a Sunday School teacher and Sunday School Superintendent. He loved to sing.

His children were all very devoted to him, and when his wife died at an early age, March 4, 1914, his oldest daughter, Ellie, born January 8, 1870 who never married, took on the responsibility of the home. Joseph Pinkney Lattimore, born March 21, 1871, the oldest son, never married and the two lived at, and kept the homeplace going the rest of their lives.

John Broadus Lattimore, born May 24, 1877 married Sunie Macie Jones, born December 30, 1885, daughter of John Alexander Jones who married Mary Jane Jolley, daughter of Jim and Salina Humphries Jolley. Thomas Jefferson Lattimore, born January 29, 1879, married Nellie Fitzpatrick of Georgia. William Festus Lattimore, born August 23, 1881, youngest son married Margaret Martin of Bostic, North Carolina. Sarah Addie Lattimore, born December 29, 1873 married Alonzo M. Hamrick and lived in Shelby, North Carolina. Susan Lattimore married Dr. L. Victor Lee and lived in Lattimore.

Uncle Edley, as he was better known, lived to be eighty-six years old. He died October 25, 1931, and is buried in the Lattimore Baptist Church Cemetery, Lattimore, North Carolina. His funeral services were conducted by Reverend Rush Padgett, his pastor assisted by Rev. I.D. Harrill and Dr. Zeno Wall. A large crowd attended for Mr. Lattimore was one of the

county's noblest veterans and most beloved citizens, widely connected by kinship and friendship.

Sources: *Family Bible* of A.M. Lattimore; *Shelby Daily Star* (obituary write-up); *History of The Lattimore Family in Cleveland County* (P. Cleveland Gardner — August 1939); *The Hamrick Generations* — Written by S.C. Jones, Shelby, N.C. (1920) Edwards & Broughton Printing Company Raleigh, North Carolina; and personal remembrances.

— Mary Agnes Lattimore

THE JOHN BROADUS LATTIMORE FAMILY

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John Broadus Lattimore is a son of Audley Martin and Mary Jane Hamrick Lattimore. He was born May 24, 1877, on Hilton's Creek in Cleveland County. Around 1880, when he was three years old, his family moved to the territory known now as the town of Lattimore, North Carolina. He had three brothers, namely: Joseph Pinkney, born March 21, 1871; Thomas Jefferson, born January 29, 1879; and William Festus, born August 23, 1881; and three sisters: Ellie (Elmina), born January 8, 1870; Sarah Adda, born December 29, 1873; Susan Ceora, born January 22, 1875.

John married Sunie Macie Jones, January 2, 1906. They were married at her home by Reverend A.C. Irvin. They had four children as follows: Margaret Salina, born October 17, 1906; Virginia Ruth, born March 25, 1909; and Mary Agnes, born August 18, 1911. Also one son, Thomas Alexander, born August 26, 1914. The girls never married. Thomas Alexander married Mary Frances Warlick, July 13, 1940. They have three children: John Broadus II born February 6, 1942, Martha Warlick, born February 6, 1945, and Thomas Alexander, Jr., born December 1950.

The oldest son, John Broadus, was married twice. His first marriage was to Joan Cline, daughter of Ed and Joan Cline, and they had one son, John Edley Lattimore. His second marriage was to Mildred Frey Weathers, daughter of Rufus Yancey and Mary Frances Weathers. They had two boys, Alexander Yancy and William Lee Lattimore.

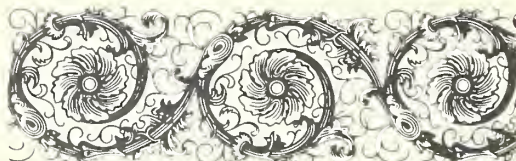
The home of John Broadus (he was called Broad) is in the town of Lattimore, North Carolina. He was active in the civic life of the community and county of Cleveland. He followed in the footsteps of his father becoming second mayor of the town. He also became Seaboard depot agent following his dad. He was a farmer, a lumber and brick manufacturer. He also taught school in his earlier years before marriage. He taught at Cabiness school, Lattimore school, and Bostic, N.C. school. He was always interested in helping to improve the town of Lattimore. He was in the lumber business with his brothers Pink, Tom and Festus for several years and owned a brick company, manufacturing brick for forty years. He was general manager, secretary and treasurer of the company.

He owned a large farm worked by tenants and grew cotton, corn, wheat and oats. He was a Baptist and always interested in church work. He was on the building committee when the present brick church building was built. He was proud of it. He was a mason, a member of Mooresboro Lodge, a director of Alexander Mills in Rutherford County, and a first director in the Cleveland County Fair Association.

Mr. Broad, as he was called, was the last of his family to pass. He lived to be ninety-two years of age. He was very active until the last year of his life. He died July 2, 1969 and his funeral was at Lattimore Baptist Church by Rev. James P. Wass, Pastor, Rev. Hugh Harrell, Rev. C.C. Crow, and Dr. M. Van Murrell. (July 4, 1969). He died in Rutherford Hospital. Mrs. Lattimore died two years later March 8, 1971 at Shelby Memorial Hospital. She was eighty-five years old.

Sources: *Family Bible* (J.B. Lattimore) *Daily Star*, Obituary write-ups. My personal knowledge — Mary Agnes Lattimore (daughter)

— Mary Agnes Lattimore



John Broadus Lattimore, 1877-1969



Sunie Jones Lattimore, 1885-1971.



Daniel Dobbins Lattimore, County Commissioner 1941-1949

DANILE DOBBINS LATTIMORE

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Hanging on the wall of my parent's home is a deed dated 1854 from John Lattimore to his son, Daniel Dobbins Lattimore, (b. 1818 — d. 1904), giving him the land on which our house and part of the surrounding farm stands. This house was built by my grandfather, Danile Dobbins Lattimore, II called Mr. Dobb by those who knew and respected him.

Mr. Dobb, the youngest son of Walter S. and Rachel Packard Lattimore, was born in 1891, on the home place that had been his fathers and grandfathers, he was raised in the house his grandfather built in the 1940's.

As a young boy he worked on the family farm, but decided to further his education beyond the one room school of the day. As a result, he attended Boiling Springs School. An interest in teaching must have been sparked by his experience at school because he decided to become a teacher.

After teaching for several years, he married another teacher, Blanche Gold, on September 20, 1922, soon after this he gave up teaching and began work on the farm. In 1933 they were blessed with the arrival of their first and only son, Daniel Gold Lattimore, my father. In 1935 a daughter Nancy Frances was born.

Mr. Dobbs service to the community didn't end when he gave up teaching for farming. He recognized the growing need for electricity in the rural area and set out to improve the situation. He was instrumental in the formation of the Rutherfordton Electric Membership Corp. and served on its board of directors from the organization formation in 1938, in 1940 he became a county commissioner. He served at this for eight years, at which time he resumed his position with REMC which he held until his death in 1965. He was a deacon in Big Springs Baptist Church, also serving on the church building committee.

— Mrs. Beth Lattimore



DR. EVERETT BEAM LATTIMORE

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Born near Double Shoals on December 20, 1873, Everett Beam Lattimore was one of the seven children of Matilda Beam and Thomas D. Lattimore. The family moved to Shelby, and Dr. Lattimore was educated in the public schools and at Captain Bell's Military Academy on West Marion Street. He graduated from Wake Forest College in 1893 at age nineteen, being the youngest graduate of that institution up to that time. He then attended the North Carolina Medical College at Davidson and went on to Bellevue Hospital Medical College in New York City, receiving his degree as Doctor of Medicine in 1897. He became one of the first licensed doctors in Cleveland County when his father, then Clerk of Court, signed his license to practice.

After a year in Red Springs, Dr. Lattimore returned to Cleveland County, where he practiced for the next sixty years. He began his local practice in Lawndale. In 1901 when he married Sue Brevard, daughter of John D. Brevard of Shelby and Asheville, a special run of the "Lawndale dummy" (train) brought friends and relatives from the upper part of the county to the wedding at First Baptist Church in Shelby. The couple lived in Lawndale for a few years, and their first child, Matilda Lattimore, was born there in 1902. The Lattimores moved to Shelby, and their son, Brevard Lattimore, was born in 1904.

During the first seventeen years of practice, Dr. Lattimore made calls all over Cleveland County in a horse and buggy. Often he would fall asleep on the way back, trusting that the horse knew the way home. In the flu epidemic of 1918 he often went for days with no more sleep than he got this way. People would see him at a neighbor's house and get him to come to theirs. From years of this type practice he knew who lived in most homes around the county. Always a great story-teller, some of his best were about horse and buggy days and local "characters."

Owning one of the early cars in the county was a tremendous help in his practice. Long after the coming of the automobile, however, his love of horses remained. His one hobby and recreation was horseback riding, where he cut a fine figure in the saddle into his eightieth year.

During World Wars I and II he served as Medical Examiner for the Draft Boards of Cleveland County. In 1923 he was one of the doctors who helped start Cleveland Memorial Hospital. In 1925 he helped organize the Cleveland County Fair Association and served as a director for many years. He was a charter member and past president of the Shelby Kiwanis Club. He was a charter director of the Cleveland Savings and Loan Association. He was a member of the local, state, and national medical associations. He was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church in Shelby and served as a deacon.

In 1949 "Dr. Lattimore Day" was held at the Cleveland County Fair, and many of the more than three thousand "Lattimore babies"



Dr. E.B. Lattimore

attended to pay tribute to the doctor who delivered them. Included in these babies were twenty-two sets of twins and four generations of several families. In 1950 Dr. Lattimore was named North Carolina's "Doctor of the Year" and was runner-up for Nation's General Practitioner Award the same year at the American Medical Association's Convention.

Probably the honor that would most gratify Dr. Lattimore was being voted in 1976 as one of the county's Ten Leading Citizens when the Cleveland County Historical Museum opened.

Dr. Lattimore died at ninety in 1964, and Mrs. Lattimore in 1975. They are buried in Sunset Cemetery. Their daughter, Matilda (Mrs. R.W. Morris), died in 1954, leaving one daughter, Sue Brevard Morris (Mrs. Alton Hopper, Jr. of Charlotte). Their son, Brevard Lattimore, died in 1976, leaving two sons and a daughter (Charles Lattimore of Dayton, Ohio; Everett Lattimore of Cheriton, Virginia; and Olivia Lattimore Buck of Mechanicsville, Virginia).

Matilda Lattimore Morris (see Roy W. Morris) was born June 24, 1902 at Lawndale to Dr. Everett Beam and Sue Brevard Lattimore. She graduated from Shelby High, the University of North Carolina-Greensboro, and received a Master's degree at Columbia University in New York. An exceptional history teacher, she was involved in all cultural activities in Shelby and led in organizing the Contemporary Book Club and the American Association of University Women. She was married to Roy Wilson Morris in 1928 and had one daughter, Sue Brevard Morris. She was a member of Central Methodist Church at the time of her death, January 14, 1954. She was buried at Sunset Cemetery, Shelby.

Sources: *Cleveland Star*, October 1916, *Shelby Daily Star*, June 15, 1964, *Ibid*.

— Sue Morris Hopper



FRANCIS (FRANK) LATTIMORE A BRANCH OF LATTIMORE FAMILY TREE

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A search of the Confederate Military records in the Army archives shows the records of Francis Lattimore, (later known as "Frank") a private of Company of 34th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted 20 April 1864 at Camp Holmes, North Carolina. Union prisoner of war records show that he was captured 2 April 1865 at Petersburg, Virginia and imprisoned at Point Lookout, Maryland, where he was released 29 June 1865 on taking the oath of Allegiance to the United States. His residence at that time was stated as Cleveland County, North Carolina. Francis (Frank) was one of the nine sons of Big John Lattimore and Isabel Carson Lattimore. Records show that all the sons served in the Confederate Army. There were also two daughters in this large family.

Frank Lattimore was the eighth child and he married Edith Chitwood, a daughter of William Chitwood and Sarah Magness Chitwood. Their children were: Georgia E. born December 12, 1874, married Rev. I.D. Harrill, and had three children. Marion C. born July 8, 1876, died at sixteen with pneumonia and is buried in Lattimore Family Cemetery near the first John's old homeplace. Jessie R. born December 24, 1877, died at two years of age. Mattie L. was born April 10, 1879, she remained single and faithful to her family until her death at fifty-seven years.

Alpha E. was born February 20, 1881. She went west with relatives and married Clifford Bullard. They made their home in Kansas City, Mo. They had two daughters. Edley M. was born November 21, 1882. He married Bessie Cabaness and they lived in the Zion Community. Sarah I. was born October 30, 1884. She remained single and lived eighty four years, dedicating her life to her loved ones.

The next child born to Frank and Edith died soon after birth. Ray L. was born April 24, 1887, married Frank Stephenson in Kansas City, Mo. and lived there a number of years. In 1940 they moved to Shelby, N.C. They had no children.

Franklin Bruce, born August 16, 1889, married Blanche Burns of Ellenboro, North Carolina. They had two daughters. He was a veteran of World War I, serving in the Rainbow Division.

Margaret J., born March 11, 1892, married Dr. H.R. Sherrill lived in Shelby. William C., born June 27, 1893, married Sarah Alpha Elliott, had one son. Will was in World War I, and was overseas. Because of serious illness he was never sent to the Front.

Guy, the youngest in this family, was born July 24, 1895. He married Gertrude Burnette of Callison, S.C. whom he met at Piedmont School in Lawndale, N.C. They had three sons and one daughter. Their family is: (a) William Audley, who married Beverly Smith of Memphis, Tenn. A son, Robert Franklin, was born. They divorced and later he married Cecelia Reynolds of New Orleans, and had a son

Hubert Reynolds. Several years later they were divorced and she left the State carrying their son to an unknown destination. He married Ann Cofer Logan of Winston Salem. A daughter was born of this union, Billie Ann Lattimore. They live in Winston-Salem.

(b) Marion Everette, married Doris Ann Godbey. They live in Marshall, Texas and have three sons and a daughter. Melissa Ann, Guy Michael, Joe Godbey and John Kenneth. (c) Phyllis Ray married William Rodney Roberts. They had a son and two daughters. William Rodney Jr., Alice Lynn, and Jayne Elizabeth. (d) Franklin Chitwood married Ann Randall. They have two daughters and a son. (1) Susan Lee married Dale Leonard Beaver, and they have a daughter, Erin Elizabeth and a son Adam Curtis. They live in Shelby. (2) Phyllis Ann married Charles Ronald Howard. They had a son Charles Ronald, deceased at birth. A daughter Adraine Leigh, lives in Clyde, N.C. (3) Son Franklin Chitwood Lattimore Jr.

— Mrs. Guy Lattimore

THE SAMUEL NELSON and LOLLIE MAY DOGGETT LATTIMORE FAMILY

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Samuel Nelson Lattimore (Aug. 1, 1881 — Aug. 13, 1936) and Lollie May Doggett were married in Shelby on April 10, 1907. Nelson Lattimore attended North Carolina State Agricultural and Mechanical College (now North Carolina State University) and played on the football team. He and his father, Thomas D. Lattimore, operated the Buffalo Mill a few miles from Shelby. Nelson was exceptionally gifted in understanding mechanics and engineering and gained some recognition as an inventor, having invented a spark intensifier which caused automobiles to start quicker. Always interested in the new and innovative, he was a salesman for one of the first stokers for coal-fired furnaces and for one of the first bread wrapping machines. He was a member of First Baptist Church. Perhaps his greatest contribution to the community was in serving as coach of the baseball and football teams for young people.

Lollie May Doggett Lattimore was active in church and community affairs. She was superintendent of the nursery department of the Sunday School of First Baptist Church for 20 years and taught in the children's departments for 40 more years. She was a member of the Shelby Library Board; was a charter member of the Shelby Woman's Club; and was an active member of the Cleveland Guards Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. After her children were grown she enrolled in a business course, where she earned a diploma and made excellent grades, an unusual accomplishment in that day. She worked for a number of years in the office of the Cleveland County Fair, serving as secretary to Dr. J.S. Dorton and she was in charge of exhibits. During World War II she operated a cannery where people from the county brought their produce to can under her supervision.

S. Nelson and Lollie May Doggett Lattimore

had three children:

Charles Thomas Lattimore Feb. 29, 1908; Samuel Nelson (Bill) Lattimore, Jr. June 23, 1910 — June 7, 1980; and Laura May Lattimore Nov. 1, 1914.

Charles Thomas Lattimore is now living in Tucson, Arizona. He served in the Remount in World War II training mules to be shipped to the mountains of Italy. Because of the mountainous terrain, the mules were essential in the campaign. Charlie married Nina Lopez-Mena on December 15, 1948. He taught horseback riding and operated a ranch. For years he was grand marshal for the Fourth of July parade in the City of Tucson. He also worked in movies. Charlie and Nina Lattimore have one son, Charles Thomas Lattimore, Jr. July 19, 1949, who is married to the former Linda Harkins. He has two sons, Brian and Jason. Tom owns and operates a welding service in Tucson.

Samuel Nelson (Bill) Lattimore, Jr., (June 23, 1910 — June 7, 1980). Bill served in World War II in the infantry from 1941 to 1946. He was in the European theatre and attained the rank of Master Sergeant. He married Lela Mae Smith Ragan of Gastonia, North Carolina, on June 23, 1950. Bill worked for Esso Standard Oil Company and for the North Carolina State Highway Department. He was a member of First Baptist Church, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and was a charter member of the Elks Club.

Lela Mae Lattimore was chief operator for Southern Bell Telephone Company in Shelby for twenty years until her retirement. She was president of the Business and Professional Women's Club for two years. She is a member of First Baptist Church and the Dorcas Sunday School Class.

Laura May Lattimore b. Nov. 1, 1914 attended the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina (now University of North Carolina at Greensboro) and worked on the staff of the University for forty-five years until her retirement in 1980. She worked in several departments and was administrative assistant in physical plant when she retired.

May Lattimore married William Glenn Adams (July 10, 1893 — Aug. 21, 1975) of Greensboro, North Carolina, on January 23, 1943. They were married in Shelby, North Carolina. Both May and Glenn have been active in Sunday School and First Baptist Church in Greensboro. Glenn was the first man in the church to serve in a nursery department of the Sunday School. May was director of a preschool department in Sunday School for a number of years. She is now a member of the finance committee of the church and is a deacon, having been one of the first four women elected to that office in the church.

Glenn was a perfectionist in his work with Burlington Industries and in his hobbies of gardening and horticulture. He enjoyed sharing vegetables and flowers with friends and neighbors. He enjoyed hunting and fishing and owned and raised hunting dogs. He was a member of Guilford Lodge No. 656, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons and received a twenty-five year membership award.

May Adams is active in the work of Pilot

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Club International, having served in every office in her local club. She has served on and chaired committees at the district level.

Glenn and May Adams have one son, William Glenn Adams, Jr., born April 3, 1946. Bill is a graduate of North Carolina State University and is living in Millington, New Jersey. He is operations oil manager and chemical engineer with Proctor and Gamble Company in Staten Island, New York. On July 28, 1973, he married Florence Raye Tubbs, born September 19, 1949, of Jackson, Tennessee. She is computer systems analyst for Warner-Lambert Company in Morris, Plains, New Jersey.

Sources: Family Bible, *A History of First Baptist Church*, Shelby, North Carolina, personal knowledge and memories

— May Lattimore Adams

THE THOMAS D. LATTIMORE FAMILY

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T.D. Lattimore was born November 25, 1843. He was the son of "Big John" Lattimore, said to be "a giant in height, size and strength," and Isabelle Carson Lattimore, and the great, great grandson of the pioneer settler of English origin, John Lattimore and Isabelle Frazier. The Lattimores are of German, Scotch-Irish, and English heritage. In 1871, Tom Lattimore was married to Lettie Matilda Beam, daughter of Joshua Beam and Susan Abeline Heavner, and granddaughter of John Teter Beam, pioneer from Germany.

Tom was a veteran of the Civil War where he was a lieutenant of Company F in the 34th regiment in the General Pender-Scales Brigade. He wrote the history of his regiment for Clark's *History of the Civil War*. He was a popular and efficient Clerk of Superior Court of Cleveland County for twenty-two years. He was one of the leaders in the religious, social, and political life of the county, serving twenty-five years as superintendent of the First Baptist Church Sunday School, and nearly as long as treasurer of the King's Mountain Association.

"Tildy," as Mrs. Lattimore was lovingly called, was known for her kindness to others and her ability to cook — and share what she cooked. At Christmas many families all over Shelby knew they would receive, in a carton, slices of a large variety of cakes she had baked. Neither did she ever forget the delivery boy nor anyone working for her in any way.

This couple had seven children: Hattie Lee (June 23, 1872 — March 28, 1938) — see W.B. Nix family; Everett Beam (December 20, 1873 — 1964) — see E.B. Lattimore Family report.

The third child was John Joshua (October 4, 1875 — 1960). He was a bookkeeper most of his life. He married Mamie Cabiness October 31, 1900, and they had one daughter, Mary Helen (January 31, 1905), who was an exceptionally gifted pianist. She married A.O. (Red) Dellinger and after a divorce, Heath Pemberton.

Wade Stough was the fourth child (September 6, 1877 — April 23, 1896). He was drowned at Stice's Shoal while attending a Sunday School picnic.

The next son was Thomas William (August 16, 1879 — July 3, 1945) who married Mabel Joseph from Virginia, (1878-1953). Tom was a salesman for Shelton-Williams, Charlotte, and later (1911) manager for City Shoe Store in Shelby. After that he was a partner in the Nix-Lattimore merchantile business. The last place he worked was for Belk-Stevens. The thing most remembered about Mabel is her

great fear of electric storms. During a storm she would cry and rock and pray. Provoked at this, Everett asked her if she had never heard that lightning never struck the same house twice? She answered, "Yes, yes" and continued crying, rocking, and praying. Everett, trying to calm her (?) said, "Well, do calm down. This house has been struck seven times."

Samuel Nelson, the next child (August 1, 1881 — August 13, 1936) is reported under the Charles R. Doggett family.

The youngest child, Susan Pearl (June 2, 1883 — May 3, 1952) was loved for her good humor, thoughtfulness and kindness to others. She loved to cook and share her "goodies." She married John Yancy Irvin (December 8, 1874 — July 19, 1968) who graduated from Wake Forest College in 1900. He was active in school work all his adult life. He was Cleveland County Superintendent, Superintendent of the Kings Mountain School system, and then taught mathematics at Shelby High School — very successfully, to say the least. Pearl and John had one son, John Y. Irvin, Jr. (February 6, 1936) who worked in the

grocery business. He married Eugelia Cabiness and they had one son Stephan Terry (September 9, 1940).

Thomas D. Lattimore died September 15, 1911, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. His wife Matilda died May 15, 1923, and is buried by her husband.

Sources: Family Bible, Shelby Daily Star, Family History
— Rosalynd Nix Gilliatt

EVIE SPANGLER LAUGHLIN 702

At the age of nineteen, Lea Evaline Spangler married Rufin Clifton Laughlin, age twenty-five. Evie was born and grew up in the Double Shoals Community of Cleveland County, North Carolina. She was born April 22, 1896, the fifth child of A. Dick Spangler and Patience Green Spangler. Clift also was born and grew up in the Double Shoals Community within a mile of Evie's home. Clift, born June 26, 1890, was the son of Frank Laughlin and Julia Eskridge Laughlin. Clift and Evie lived with Clift's parents for several years after they were married — their three oldest children were born there. Then they moved toward town, first living just outside the city limits on what is now North Lafayette Street, then moved out toward Highway 74 for a year and returned to the house on North Lafayette Street just a short piece from Hopper Park Bridge and made their home there for some fifty plus years.

Clift worked for the City of Shelby until his retirement and Evie was a housewife. Their fifty-seven years of marriage brought five children — four sons and one daughter.

Reid Laughlin, born January 21, 1917, married Nell Thurman. They live in Atlanta, Georgia and have one child, Jerry and three grandchildren — Lisa, Kimberly and Jerry Laughlin.

Alton Laughlin, born May 11, 1920, married Peggy Welch. They live in California and have three children and two grandchildren. Children: Wayne Thomas who has two children — Tracy and Martie. Patricia Laughlin, single and Mary Ellen Laughlin, single.

Wayne Laughlin, born August 28, 1924, married Julie Bostic. They have two children — Ronnie and Gary. Ronnie has two girls — Julie and Kathy. Gary has one child — Kelly.

Geneva Laughlin, born June 18, 1929, married Johnny McCoy. She died in 1957.

Ben Laughlin, born February 11, 1934, married Alice Henderson. They live in Georgia and have two children — Steven and Daniel Laughlin.

After moving to town, Clift and Evie joined First Baptist Church where Evie still goes. Clift died December 21, 1972 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby. Evie still makes her home on North Lafayette Street, where a sister lives with her.

Sources: personal knowledge, family Bible
— Theresa Lowe



Thomas D. and Matilda Beam Lattimore



GRADY LAWRENCE

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Grady Lawrence moved to Cleveland County, (Shelby N.C.) in October 1924, from Athens, Georgia.

He was born to Nathan Lawrence and Eula Barrow Lawrence on January 17, 1910. He was one of four children born in Athens, Ga., and one of eight, that never once left Cleveland County to make any other place home. His family later moved on to West Virginia to raise tobacco, still seeking their fortune. Grady refused to go. He made Cleveland County his home the first day he arrived.

On December 23, 1939, he married Lillie Bell Ruff (Emma). They farmed and Grady worked with the Highway Commission.

In 1944, they moved to James Turner's farm in Belwood, N.C., where their first child was born Shirley Mae, on March 30, 1945. Their second child was born eight years later, her name is Susie Mae, born August 20, 1948. Grady then moved his family to Debro Peeler's farm behind Kadesh Church, where he worked as a farmer, hog killer, and wood cutter. His hobbies were making pop guns and sling shots.

Later our small family gained two new members, one sister and one brother. Alice Faye was born April 20, 1950, and Grady Jr. was born January 15, 1952. We then moved to Roscoe Guy Dixon's farm where another new member was added, born on June 18, 1954. His name was David Guy. He was named Guy after Mr. Roscoe.

We then moved to George Martain's farm in 1958, there the last child was born on December 3, 1958. Her name was Gerda Ann.

Daddy describes these as the best years of his life.

On this farm it was said that Emick Norman had buried ten dollars in gold pieces. We were always digging wherever we had cotton or a garden, searching for the gold pieces, that we never found. It was here we spotted a bear down near an old chimney, but it was frightened away by our dogs. We were sure it was a bear and later it was named as the Sugar Hill bear.

Daddy is now buying a brick home which is located on Kadesh Church Road. This is home for all of us because we have talked so much about the good times in those woods behind Kadesh Church.

He is retired now but yet continues working everyday of his life, except Sunday.

His hobbies today are whittling, making ax handles, making wind mills, cutting wood and eating peanuts.

We have grown to be a close and loving family through the help of our Mother and Daddy. There is a saying "that every man can be called father, but it takes a special man to be called Daddy." To all of us a Daddy he has been. We love him.

— Ann Lawrence



The William Alonzo "Webb" Ledford Family. 1st row L to R: William Cicero, William Alonzo "Webb," father of all others on photo, Lee F. 2nd row L to R: T. Curtis, Biddie L., Willis Key, Donnie L. Mitchum, Gertie L. Proctor, Minnie L. Gales, Florence L. Bridges, J. Plato



Ella Irene Gales Ledford (Mrs. W.C. Ledford)



LEWIS LEDFORD and DESCENDANTS

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Lewis Ledford (1788 — Dec. 20, 1862) was a pioneer settler of Cleveland County. He has many, many descendants living in Cleveland and adjoining counties. He was married twice, having five children by each wife.

His first wife was Fannie Thackerton. They had the following children: James Laney, Craton, Ellis Ellsberry (Buck), Rixy, and Darcus E. Ledford.

His second wife was Fannie B. Pool (1798 — Mar. 19, 1861). She is said to be the first person buried in New Bethel Baptist Church cemetery. Her husband was buried by her side the following year. Their five children were Deilma, (married Lewis Turner); Lewis McKay (m. Annie Williams); Francis B. (m. John Yarbrough); Mahala Ramsuer (was second wife of Richard Hord); and Quincy, who died at age two.

Lewis McKey Ledford and family moved to Carpenter's Knob on Nov. 15, 1881. Their first child was William Alonzo, known as "Webb" Ledford (1852-1945), who married Ann Parker (1855-1921). Their other children were Mahala Jane (b. 1854), who married Wes Williams; and Julius M. Ledford (b. 1857).

Nine children were born to "Webb" and Ann P. Ledford (the writer's great-grandparents). They were (1) William Cicero (Oct. 11, 1875 — Aug. 16, 1939), married Ella Irene Gales (Mar. 16, 1880 — Jan. 23, 1959); (2) Lee F. (m. first, Lillian Long; second, Ida Crocker); (3) Biddie Ann (m. first, Decatur Willis; second, James Kee); (4) Florence Ellen (m. Charlie Bridges); (5) J. Plato (m. first, Georgia Costner; second, Eugenia Gable); (6) Minnie Etta (m. Julius Gales); (7) Gertie Nora (m. Javan Proctor); (8) T. Curtis (m. Ann Susan Hoyle); (9) Donie Laura (m. Junius Mitchem).

William Cicero ("Will") and Ella Irene G. Ledford (grandparents of the writer) were married on Aug. 27, 1895. Their marriage was blessed with eleven children. They were: (1) Bertha Mamie Ethel (Dec. 11, 1896 — May 17, 1975) married Ferris C. Humphries (Nov. 26, 1893 — May 18, 1948), parents of the writer; (2) Roy Sly (Oct. 26, 1898 — Feb. 19, 1968) married Emma Morris; (3) Clarence Theodore (July 2, 1900 — Feb. 28, 1974), married Eula Hayes; (4) Florence Olivia (b. Feb. 27, 1902) married Junius E. "Jack" Hullender; (5) Earl Dewitt (Dec. 17, 1903 — Jan. 4, 1981) married Nellie Hord; (6) Harry Lee (Oct. 24, 1905 — Nov. 24, 1953) married Marie Taylor; (7) Paul Webb (b. Nov. 9, 1910) married Lessie Garris; (8) William Odell (Jan. 19, 1913 — Dec. 27, 1920); (9) Ruby Irene (Sept. 8, 1915 — Oct. 15, 1918); (10) Ann Emiline (b. May 8, 1918) married Clyde Murphy; and (11) Grace Jeanette (b. Jan. 19, 1923) married Frank White.

Many happy family reunions are remembered that were held near Carpenter's Knob while grandfather William Alonzo "Webb" Ledford was living. They were later held at the different homes of his children.

For many years now the annual Ledford reunion has been held at the home of Curtis

and Annie Ledford (both now deceased) and their daughter Edith and her husband, Everette Lutz, of near Lawndale. Edith Ledford Lutz is presently serving, and has been serving since 1976, as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives.

The children of Bertha Ledford and Ferris C. Humphries are Edward Dwight (b. Jan. 22, 1916), m. first, Dixie Howard; second, Betty Williams; third, Betsy Askins Scarborough; Ella Jane (July 14, 1917 — Aug. 6, 1921), died of diphtheria; Herbert Brooks (b. Dec. 14, 1918) m. Mary Atwood; Ruth Myrl (b. Nov. 19, 1920) m. Walter C. Stephens; Clarabell (b. May 4, 1923) m. Sidney Jackson "Jack" Hughes; Edna Earl (Aug. 4, 1925 — July 5, 1934), died of leukemia; Thelma Raye (b. Mar. 11, 1928) m. Owen M. Holmes, III; F.C., Jr. (b. Feb. 20, 1930) m. first, Shytle; second, Gail Allen.

Lewis Ledford's will was dated Feb. 2, 1860 and he died Dec. 20, 1862. In his will he said (written as stated), "I give and bequith to my loving wife Fanny Ledford the plantation on which we now live with two chois negrous and two chois hors beast, the waggons and pleasure carriage, all the stock of cattle, hogs and sheep, the farming implements, the house hold and kitchen furniture with all the provisions that shall be on hand of what ever kind to have for her use during her life or widow hood and at her death or marriage the property to be equally divided between all of my lawful children or their legal representatives —"

He named his wife and his son, James L. Ledford (his first child by his first wife) " — Executors of this my Last Will and Testament"

Sources: Margaret Ann and Flora Herndon Ledford's research material; family Bibles; wills.

— Clara Humphries Hughes



Dr. Lawrence Victor Lee

LAWRENCE VICTOR LEE, M.D. FAMILY

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Dr. L.V. Lee (born 7 September, 1871; died 9 October, 1943) was born in Boiling Springs, NC, to Timmons Gamewell (born 9 February 1846; died 24 December, 1928) and Permelia Ann Holland Lee (born 21 September, 1845; died 21 March, 1930). He was the grandson of Osborn Lee (born 29 February, 1812; died 26 January, 1864) and Rosanah Bridges Lee (born 9 August, 1809; died 15 January, 1867). Also of Boiling Springs, NC, and the great-grandson of John Lee (born 8 March, 1784; died 20 December, 1823) and Sally (Sarah) Lee (born 1782; died 3 January, 1856).

Dr. L.V. Lee attended old Boiling Springs High School. He began the study of medicine at Davidson Medical College and was graduated from Atlanta Medical College (now Emory University) in 1894. For two years he practiced medicine at Bostic (Rutherford County) NC., and then in 1897 he located permanently at Lattimore (Cleveland County) NC.

He started the practice of medicine traveling with a horse and buggy. The unimproved roads of the area hub-deep in mud, made travel by horse and buggy very slow and difficult. After the invention of the automobile, Dr. Lee was one of the first individuals to own one. The first one being purchased by William Calton of Lattimore.

He was secretary of the County Medical Society, a member of the State Medical Society, and served on the State Medical Advisory Board. In addition to his large medical practice he gave his time and talent to other areas. In a business way Dr. Lee was interested in several flourishing and successful enterprises. He was Vice President of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co. of Forest City, NC, Vice President of the Farmers Bank and Trust Co. (later changed to Union Trust Co.) in Lattimore, President of the large Kendrick Brick and Tile Co., of Mount Holly, NC, and member of the board of direc-



Susan C. Lattimore Lee, wife of Dr. Lawrence Victor Lee



Iva and Norman Lee, Shrine Convention at Atlantic City

tors of the Stone Cutter Mill as well as the large Lake Lure Development.

He was active in the church, civic, and progressive affairs of the town of Lattimore. He was one of the town members who was instrumental in bringing electric power to Lattimore. He served as secretary to the local school board from 1930 to 1943. Dr. Lee, his son Norman and Dr. Dwight T. Bridges, owned and operated the Brilee Drug Co. which served the town for several years.

In 1897, he married Susan C. Lattimore (born 22 January 1875; died 22 September 1958) daughter of Audley Martin Lattimore for whom the town of Lattimore was named, and wife Mary Jane Hamrick of Lattimore. She attended Fairview boarding school near Morganton. Miss Susan was a homemaker, who was always interested in the welfare of her family and neighbors. If anyone on her street became ill she was always there with a hot tray of delicious food. Reading and growing flowers were among her many interests. She was a charter member of the Lattimore Baptist Church. Dr. and Mrs. Lee, an infant son, and Norman are buried in the church cemetery.

Norman Lee (born 10 June, 1902; died 14 September, 1976) the son of Dr. and Mrs. Lee attended old Boiling Springs High School (Gardner-Webb College) and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For many years he was employed by the Union Trust Co. Bank of Shelby. In 1943, he joined Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co. as their agent and

remained with them until his death. He was a deacon and Sunday School Superintendent of Lattimore Baptist Church, A charter member of the Lattimore Lions Club, a mason, a shriner, director of the Cleveland County Fair, and president of the Old Lattimore Telephone Co. As a hobby, Norman spent many happy hours in his basement operating his ham radio. His stations call letters were W4DGU. He had been a radio enthusiast since 1922, and for years enjoyed making friends all over the world through his radio. Norman was of large stature and a conservative fashionable dresser. He always wore a bow tie in which he took great pride in tying.

Norman Lee married Margaret Iva Sperling (born 27 November 1901) the 19 June, 1929, the daughter of George Elzie and Mary Justice Sperling, granddaughter of John Jefferson and Margaret Eskridge Sperling and her maternal grandparents, John Jefferson Justice and Harriet Jane Gold Justice. Iva attended Boiling Springs High School (Gardner-Webb College) and Mary Washington College, Fredericksburg, VA. After moving to Lattimore, Iva became very active in the civic and social life of the town. She helped organize the churches Baptist Training Union and served as director for eighteen years. She was a Sunday school teacher, member of the church choir, president of the WMU, First president of the Lattimore Woman's Club (which she helped organize in 1938), president of the Cleveland County Home Demonstration Club, and vice presi-

dent of Group #4 confederation of Woman's Club. She also served on the board of trustees of Gardner-Webb College, being a member of the board when the name was changed from Boiling Springs Jr. College to Gardner-Webb College. In spite of her many civic responsibilities she found time to pursue her much loved hobby — that of growing beautiful roses.

— Mrs. S. Arnold Ramey

RICHARD TORRANCE LEGRAND FAMILY

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Richard Torrance LeGrand, a descendant of James LeGrand who came from France in the mid-eighteenth century, was born on a farm in Richmond County, N.C. on Sept. 26, 1879, to Homer E. LeGrand and Minna Torrance LeGrand. After his father died, when he was five years old, he moved to Charlotte with his mother, and two sisters. He entered grade school, and worked after school and on Saturdays in the old Law Library at \$2 per month. He later worked as a soda-jerker at Jordan Drug Store for \$7 per month. Hearing about textiles from some of the textile executives who stopped by the drug store, he asked Mr. Charles Johnston, of Johnston Mills, for a job, and at about age twenty, he was allowed to go to work at Highland Park Mills, but without pay. He worked for three months without pay, working 72 hours per week. He was later paid 60¢ per day, and after three years was made night overseer of carding and spinning, at \$1.25 per night. He later erected machinery for H & B American Machine Co., Sykes Company, and Universal Winding Company.

While erecting machinery in a textile plant in Dallas, Georgia, Torrance LeGrand met Miss Lillian Branham Fain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Fain. Torrance LeGrand and Lillian Fain were married on Dec. 24, 1908. In 1907 LeGrand went to the Hanover Mills in Concord, N.C. as superintendent, where he stayed until 1910 when he took the superintendency of Palmetto Mills in Georgia. After two years, he returned to Hanover Mills, where he stayed until March 14, 1914, when he became superintendent of Shelby Cotton Mills, in Shelby, N.C. Mr. Charles C. Blanton was President of Shelby Cotton Mills, and Mr. J.C. Smith was Secretary-Treasurer, and they employed LeGrand as superintendent.

Under the direction of R.T. LeGrand, the Shelby Cotton Mills expanded a number of times, in equipment and in space, and became one of the largest textile plants in the area. He became Secretary-Treasurer in 1924, upon the death of Mr. Smith, and was made president in 1944 upon the death of Mr. Charles Blanton. LeGrand continued as president of Shelby Cotton Mills (later renamed Shelby Mills, Inc.) until 1957 when he became Chairman of the Board, and was succeeded as President by his son, R.T. LeGrand, Jr.

In March 1954, when Torrance LeGrand had completed 40 years of service with Shelby Cotton Mills, he was honored by the employees and associates at a dinner, and was



Richard Torrance LeGrand, Sr.

presented a plaque which was later placed in the office. On March 16, 1954 the following editorial appeared in the Shelby Daily Star: "Forty Years of Fortitude". "That was a most appropriate gesture Saturday night when the employees and business associates of R.T. LeGrand, Sr., presented him with a bronze plaque in recognition of his 40 years as an executive of the Shelby Cotton Mills. This textile plant was organized at the turn of the century to afford local employment. It didn't do so well for a score of years and the stockholders nearly lost their investment and the employees their jobs. Mr. LeGrand came, with his experience, his vision and his fortitude to push and expand. Now it is the largest single textile unit in the county. The executive of any large industrial or business establishment carries a heavy responsibility that involves constant study and planning. The plaque, commends him for his 'high and able leadership' and it has been just that, for Mr. LeGrand, modest though he is, has always had the human touch with his associates, a charitable and abiding interest in the welfare of his friends and our community".

Mr. and Mrs. LeGrand had seven children: Eugenia, who died soon after birth.

Minna Gaston, who was born in Birmingham, Ala., and married Herbert C. Combs. The Combs had four children: Fain LeGrand (Eskridge) of Greenville, S.C.; Herbert C., Jr., Torrance LeGrand, and Minna Gaston (Suttle), all of Shelby.

Elisabeth Reid, was born in Charlotte, N.C., about the time her parents moved to Shelby. Elisabeth (Peg) married James Havelock Bond, and lives in Batavia, Ill. The Bonds had one son, James Torrance, who lives in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Richard T. (Dick), Jr., was born in Shelby. He married Jean Ware and they have three children: Richard Ware of Phoenix, Arizona; Sandra Jean (Tilt) of Birmingham, Ala., and John William of Hollywood, California.

William F. was also born in Shelby, and is married to Carolyn Mabry. They have three sons: William F., Jr., of Rock Hill, S.C.; Stuart

Hayes of Shelby; and David Mabry of Inman, S.C.

Homer E. was born in Shelby and married Emma Jo Beam. They have four children: Homer E., Jr. of Victoria, Australia; Bryan Fain of Wilmington, N.C.; Anne Bryce (Crumley) of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Elisabeth Josephine of Charlotte, N.C.

Lillian Fain, was also born in Shelby.

Mrs. Lillian Fain LeGrand was a devoted mother, and was an active member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church, where she served as Circle leader, president of the Westminster Bible Class, chairman of the music committee, and a member of the choir. She was also a member of the 20th Century Book Club, the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Shelby Garden Club, Shelby Women's Club and was one of the first presidents of the Marion School Parent Teacher's Association. Mrs. LeGrand died on July 12, 1954, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

In addition to his work at Shelby Mills, Inc., Mr. LeGrand, with other local people organized and started the Planters & Merchants Warehouse Co. in 1922. He served as president of P & M until his death. In 1927 LeGrand became a director of the Shelby & Cleveland County Savings & Loan Association (later changed to First Federal), and later became president. He was a director of the First National Bank of Shelby for many years, and also served as a Vice-President. In 1938 he was made a Vice-President of the Eagle Roller Mill. LeGrand was a charter member of the Shelby Kiwanis Club. He was a member of the City School Board for a number of years, and was instrumental in helping to organize a band, which was later taken over by the school system. He was an original stockholder of the Cleveland County Fair Association, and was a member of the Masonic Lodge for over fifty years.

Torrance LeGrand was a prime mover in organizing the Shelby & Cleveland County Foundation, which built the community center building at the City Park, and was later deeded to the City of Shelby, as part of the City's



Lillian Branham Fain LeGrand, Sr.

recreational program. The Foundation was the fore-runner of the recreational program in Shelby, which was an aid in attracting new industry to the area.

Mr. LeGrand was an active member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church, where he served as a Deacon for many years, and later became a life-time Elder. Mr. LeGrand and Mr. John McKnight donated some property to the Shelby Presbyterian Church, to be used for an out-post Sunday School. From this beginning the John Knox Presbyterian Church was later organized. He was always interested in the Boy Scouts, and sponsored a Scout Troup at Shelby Mills. His three sons became Eagle Scouts. Having been born on a farm, he continued his interest in farming, having bought a small farm in Mecklenburg at an early age, and later operating several farms in Cleveland County, after moving to Shelby. Mr. LeGrand died May 14, 1961 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: Family records, personal knowledge.

— R.T. LeGrand, Jr.

RICHARD TORRANCE LEGRAND, JR. and FAMILY

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Richard Torrance (Dick) LeGrand, Jr., son of Richard Torrance LeGrand and Lillian Fain LeGrand was born on August 9, 1916 in Shelby, North Carolina. He is married to the former Jean Ware of Kings Mountain, N.C., daughter of Moffatt A. and Johnsie Pettus Ware. The LeGrands were married on October 3, 1942, and have lived in Shelby since that time.

The LeGrands have three children: Richard Ware (Rick), who lives in Phoenix, Arizona with his wife, Colleen, and two children — Richard Torrance, III, and Travis Ware. Rick is Senior Vice-President of Combined Health Resources, Inc., and President of St. Luke's Enterprises, in Phoenix.

Sandra Jean is married to Dr. Douglas C. Tilt, formerly of Shelby, and they live in Birmingham, Alabama with their two daughters — Alex LeGrand, and Lindsey Carroll. Dr. Tilt practices internal medicine in Birmingham.

John William is not married, and lives in Hollywood, California, where he is a tennis professional, and is also involved in some writing and acting.

Mrs. Jean Ware LeGrand was born in Kings Mountain, and attended public school there. While in High School she won the Selma Webb Declaration Contest for Cleveland County, and the State contest, which was held at Guilford College. Jean attended Erskine College and Carnegie University in Pittsburgh. During the summer months she attended Plonk's School of Creative Arts in Asheville. While at Carnegie she was chosen to spend a summer with the Summer Stock Theater in Cohasset, Mass. Others at Cohasset at the time were: Sinclair Lewis, his wife, Dorothy Thompson, Fay Wray, John Arthur Kennedy, and others well known in the drama field. Jean served as a hostess for Bernard McFadden Publications at the New York World's Fair, and afterwards was a John Power's and Arthur Manning's fashion model. She was chosen to represent North

Carolina as hostess on the first Southern Railway Streamline train, between New York and New Orleans; and between Washington, D.C. and Memphis.

Since moving to Shelby in 1942, in addition to raising three devoted children, Mrs. LeGrand has been active in church work at the Shelby Presbyterian Church, and in many community activities. She has served as Circle Leader at the church, Vice-President, and later President of the Women of the Church, member of the Building Committee, member of the Choir, chairman of several church committees, and is presently serving on the Pulpit Committee for an Associate Minister. She is a former member of the Junior Women's Club, and the Shelby Garden Club, and has been active in the Junior Charity League for many years, having served the League as Secretary and as President. She has served on the Board of Directors of the Shelter Home of Cleveland County, the Shelby Art League, The Cotillion Club, and North Lake Country Club. She is a member of the Renaissance Book Club, and has served on the Beautification Committee and Spring Seminar Committee at Gardner-Webb College. When her children were in the local school system, she was active in PTA work.

Richard T. (Dick) LeGrand, Jr., attended the local schools in Shelby and Davidson College. After leaving Davidson he started working at Shelby Cotton Mills in 1935. He worked in numerous capacities at the mill, and was elected a Director in 1937. He was elected Secy. & Asst. Treas. in 1940, Secy. and Treas. in 1948, and in 1957 was elected President and Treasurer, succeeding his father, R.T. LeGrand, Sr., who was elected Chairman of the Board. In 1966 Shelby Mills merged into United Merchants and Manufacturers, Inc., and Dick continued to manage the local division of UM&M.

In 1970 Dick resigned from UM&M, after 35 years of service with the mill, and with the help and backing of a number of local people, organized and started Artee Industries, Inc., a manufacturer of carpet yarns from synthetic fibers. A new plant was built in 1970, and additions were made in 1973 and 1978. LeGrand has served as President and Treasurer of Artee Industries since it was incorporated. In addition to his affiliation with Shelby Mills and Artee Industries, LeGrand has been associated with Planters & Merchants Warehouse for many years. He became a director in 1939, Vice President in 1942, President in 1979, and Chairman of the Board in 1982. Dick has been a member of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Shelby since 1961.

Dick LeGrand has been active in many community activities during his life in Shelby. He was a member and President of the Shelby Jaycees, and received their "Young Man of the Year" Award in 1945. He has been a member of the Shelby Lions Club for over 40 years, and served the Club as president in 1951. LeGrand helped to organize the United Way of Cleveland County and was one of the original directors. He continues to be active in the United Way as a member of the past Presidents' Council and Board of Directors. He helped to organize the

Shelter Home of Cleveland County, and served as the agency's first President. He also helped to organize the Shelby and Cleveland County Foundation, which built the community center building at the City Park, and was the beginning of the city's Parks and Recreation Program. He served as a member of the Board of Directors and was Treasurer of the Foundation, and later served on the Parks & Recreation Commission, and was chairman in 1954. The Holly Oak Park facilities were added while LeGrand was on the Commission. He served on the Board of Directors of the Shelby Hospital in the late 1940s, and was Vice-Chairman of the Board. He has previously served on the Board of Directors of the American Red Cross, and is currently serving on the Board of Advisors of the Salvation Army, and the Board of Directors of the Life Enrichment Center.

He was active in the Boy Scout program in Shelby and Cleveland County for many years, and was an Eagle Scout during his youth. Both of his sons later became Eagle Scouts. Dick has been active in the Shelby Presbyterian Church, where he is a life-long member. He has served as a Sunday School Superintendent, Chairman of the Building Committee on two building programs, member of the Board of Deacons, and is currently serving as a Sunday School teacher, and an Elder, and is Clerk of the Session. He is a former member of the Board of Advisors of St. Andrews Presbyterian College, Peace College, and Gardner-Webb College. He was a Vice-Chairman of the Advisors at Gardner-Webb, and is currently a member of the Board of Directors of the Broyhill Academy at the college.

The LeGrands are members of The Cotillion, which they helped to organize 20 years ago, and Dick served as their first president. They are also members of North Lake Country Club, and the Cleveland Country Club. Dick is a past president of the Cleveland Country Club, and served several terms on the Board of Directors.

Dick has been active in Senior Tennis for a number of years, and is currently ranked #1 in Singles and Doubles in 65s in North Carolina. He is also ranked #7 in Singles and #6 in Doubles in the South, and #26 in Singles and #21 in Doubles Nationally.

Sources: Family Records and Personal Knowledge.

— Sandra LeGrand Tilt

JULIA ALLEN and JOSEPH B. "BUD" LEIGH

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Julia Allen (b. Oct. 24, 1877 — d. Nov. 23, 1960) was the daughter of James and Marcelia Camp Allen of the Patterson Springs Section of Cleveland County. She was one of fourteen children. She and Joseph B. "Bud" Leigh (b. Dec. 24, 1872 — d. May 10, 1956) married at a young age. They farmed and worked in the mill. Later they moved to East Kings Mountain where they lived until they died.

Julie will be remembered for the yard she kept full of beautiful flowers. Each flower seemed to be quite special and she worked them with her hoe. She was a tiny person with



Julia and Joseph "Bud" Leigh

enough energy to move a mountain. When she fell and broke a leg during her seventies, this only slowed her down temporarily. She was happiest when she could get up early, get her work done and visit around in the neighborhood. She came to my house every day and if we needed an extra hand she gave it. I remember a few times she gave me bathes. She was my Grandmother's first cousin but we called her Aunt Julie. She always had a cheerful smile and a word for everyone. I remember if someone happened to tell her that her slip was showing she always said: "Well at least you know I have one on."

She and Bud had the following children: Rev. George Leigh; Bulah Leigh (June Nance) Mary Leigh (Charlie Lail); Theodore Leigh; Albert Leigh; Hudson Leigh and Hettie May Leigh. There are many descendants — some of which I do not know. Uncle Bud died first and Julie lived alone as long as she could, finally moving in with one of her sons. They are buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church among many relatives. She especially will be remembered for they don't come like her any more.

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony

NORMAN GRADY LEMMONS

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Norman Grady Lemmons was born November 8, 1908 to Palmer Lemmons and Lizzie Timms Lemmons. Norman Grady had four sisters and three brothers. In 1936 he was called into the ministry. In 1941 following five years of Evangelistic Ministry in cottage prayer meeting, church and mostly tent revivals, Rev. Lemmons came to Shelby and organized Davidson Memorial Baptist Church. He remained here as Pastor until 1974. Davidson Memorial Church is an independent Baptist Church supporting missionaries worldwide.

The church started with thirty-four charter members and when Mr. Lemmon retired in 1974 there were 800 members.

Rev. Lemmons married Ruth Freemon and they had three children: Rudolph Norman, Norman Grady, Jr., and W. Paul Lemmons. Rudolph followed his dad in the ministry and is now pastor of Clearview Baptist Church at Grover.

Rudolph married Pauline Hutchins, a Cleveland County native. They have four children; Patricia Ann, Rudolph, Jr., Stephen and Barry.

Norman Grady, Jr. married Clara Bivin, a Cleveland County native. They have three children: Gail, Horace Wayne and Rickey. Grady is an automobile dealer.

W. Paul married Margaret White, a Cleveland County native. They have two children: Michael Eugene and Paula Ruth. Paul is a professional photographer in Shelby.

Rev. Lemmons' wife and mother of his children, Ruth Freeman Lemmons, died in 1931. He then married Elmina Riddle in 1937. They now reside in Oconee County, South Carolina.

— Paul Lemmons



Rev. Norman Grady Lemmons

LEON EUGENE LIGON

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Colonel Thomas Ligon of Madresfield Worcester England, born in 1586 was the founder of the Ligon family in the New World. He came to Jamestown, Virginia in 1641.

Leon Eugene Ligon born February 22, 1872 in Winnsboro, South Carolina was a direct descendant of Colonel Thomas Ligon. He was the son of John Smith Ligon and Julia Virginia True. On August 25, 1895 he married Daisy Harris of Fort Mill, South Carolina. They had seven children as follows: Nell Eugenia Ligon Hull, John Robert, Julia Virginia Ligon McMurry, Stanhoysse Alexander, Harris Fennell and James Harris.

Leon Ligon was an agent with the Southern



Leon Eugene Ligon, February 22, 1872 — February 5, 1934

Railroad for twenty years. In 1907 he moved to Shelby from Rock Hill, South Carolina and after leaving the Southern Railroad, he was city clerk and treasurer of Shelby.

He was a member of the Central United Methodist Church and a Mason. He died in Shelby, North Carolina February 15, 1934 after a long illness from a heart attack and was buried in Fort Mill, South Carolina.

Every two years the Ligon Family has a reunion in outstanding cities of the United States. Every ten years they go to England to visit their ancestral home, Madresfield Court Worcestershire. The first Ligon Reunion was held in Richmond, Virginia July 7th, 8th, and 9th, 1937 and was attended by members of the family from 17 states of the union and from the British Empire. The last reunion was held in Washington, D.C. I was fortunate enough with my daughter Virginia McMurry Jones and my daughter-in-law Virginia Faunce McMurry to attend the last one. There were 175 present from all over the United States and one from Alaska.

— Julia Ligon McMurry
and Mrs. Willis McMurry

REV. RICHARD LEMUEL LIMERICK

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Rev. Richard Lemuel Limerick (Jan. 1, 1851 — July 13, 1918) married Margaret L. Bingham (May 28, 1864 — August 9, 1931). They are buried at the Bethel Cemetery in Ellenboro, N.C. I know very little about my grandfather. One story is he ran away from his home in Storch, Virginia when he was fourteen because the soldiers had ransacked their home, taken his horses and his father committed suicide. Another story is his father was a liquor distiller and tried to make him drink so he ran away from home.

I know less about my grandmother. She had one sister Laura Bingham Williams. I would



Daisy Harris Ligon, died September 27, 1943

appreciate anyone having information about this family please contact me. I have made many inquiries and hopefully will receive some answers.

The facts I am sure of are that my grandfather was a Baptist minister in the Shelby area for many years and was my father, James Victor Limerick's father, (Sept. 15, 1893 — July 30, 1925). My mother Litis Miller Limerick (Nov. 2, 1898 —) and my father were married Nov. 24, 1915.

The only Limericks I have found in any records I have searched is on a passenger list "1600-1700, July 1635, Original List of Persons of Quality". (1635 Launcelott Limrick, age 20) In the Paule of London, Leonard Bitts Mr bound to Virginia, certificate from Minister of Gravesend of their conformity to the Church of England."

In the 1790 Stafford County Virginia census (1783-1786) There is a: Francis Lembrick, 13 white souls, 1 dwelling, and 2 other buildings; — William Lembrick, 7 white souls, 1 dwelling and 3 other buildings. COULD IT BE THEY WERE ENGLISH?

— Barbara Miller Limerick Beattie

JOSEPH HENRY LINDSAY

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Joseph Henry Lindsay was born December 13, 1825, died May 4, 1904. He served in the Civil War, Company F, 56 N.C. Infantry, C.S.A. He was a miller, millright and a cabinet maker. He was the seventh child of Samuel Lindsay (not positive of father's name as he died before 1850) and Mary Lindsay b. 1800, d. March 17, 1865. There were twelve children in this family:

Joseph married Frances Elizabeth Shittle January 13, 1851. Fannie, as she was known, was the daughter of Katherine Young and Henry Shittle. Katherine and Henry were married in 1829. Katherine died in 1835 leaving four small children; Fannie, Susan, Roxanne and John. These children were reared by



Rev. Richard Lemuel Limerick



Margaret Bingham Limerick

the grandparents John Young and Mary Sides Young.

Joseph and Fannie reared nine children: Mary Catherine b. September 1, 1853, d. July 10, 1940; Columbus b. February 20, 1856, d. February 1949; D. Franklin b. June 19, 1858, d. February 6, 1933; Sarah Jane Hendrick b. December 22, 1861, d. September 28, 1939; R. Louise Smith b. July 17, 1863, d. May 5, 1944; John W. b. April 26, 1966, d. February 26, 1942; M. Fletcher Ross, b. February 23, 1869, d. December 23, 1926; Circo b. November 6, 1871, d. November 2, 1944; M. Dellar Richard b. December 26, 1876, d. March 15, 1943.

These children married and lived in Lincoln, Burke, Cleveland and Buncombe counties. John lived in Washington, D.C. Columbus married and lived in Fort Worth, Texas.

Source: Family Bible

— Mrs. J.C. Palmer

JOHN WESLEY LINEBERGER FAMILY

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John Wesley Lineberger, son of Fredrick and Nancy Wilkinson Lineberger was born July 2, 1836 in Lincoln County. He first married Nancy Hobbs, July 26, 1856, and to them were born two sons, John Dixon and James Wallace. His second marriage, on October 18, 1904 was to Jane Houser of Cherryville, N.C.

He was a blacksmith by trade. After moving to Shelby in 1856, he founded a buggy business. A few years before his death he retired to look after his farm in east Shelby.

He was a Member of Central Methodist Church, was one of the oldest Masons in the county, and was a Confederate veteran. At 75 years he died March 29, 1911 and was buried in Sunset Cemetery.

John Dixon Lineberger was born July 21, 1862 in Shelby, N.C. He died March 6, 1912. He was the son of John Wesley and Nancy Hobbs Lineberger and the grandson of Fredrick and Nancy Wilkinson Lineberger. All except Fredrick, who is buried in Lincoln County, are buried in Sunset Cemetery.

He married Lucinda Elizabeth Munday, of Statesville, N.C., on March 9, 1881. Their children were Ethel Morrison, William Munday, and John Dixon, Jr. A daughter, Marie, died in infancy.

John Dixon owned a firm established in 1856 by his Father, John Wesley Lineberger. He was a member of Central Methodist Church, a Mason and Shriner, and a Captain in the Cleveland Guards.

Sources: Family Records

— Mrs. Betty McLarty

WILLIAM MUNDY LINEBERGER

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William Mundy Lineberger, born December 23, 1886 in Shelby was the son of a prominent pioneer citizens, John Dixon (born July 21, 1862 — died March 6, 1912) and Elizabeth Mundy Lineberger (born September 21, 1860 — died April 3, 1924).

His grandfather, John W. Lineberger, was a blacksmith by trade and in 1848 was engaged in manufacturing wagons, buggies and farm implements in Shelby. He continued this business until his death. The business was carried on under the title of J.D. Lineberger's Sons, with John Dixon as owner. After his death, sons William M. and John D., Jr. were owners until February 2, 1926.

William attended Shelby Schools and Trinity College. He served six years of service in the First National Bank of Shelby. In 1917 he reorganized the Shelby Creamery Company, of which he was president, treasurer and general manager. The firm under his direction became one of the most successful milk-distributing concerns in the state. Its product, Shelby Gilt Edge Creamery Butter, set the standard for excellence throughout this region.

He also organized and became president of the Cleveland Building and Loan Association, and in the late 1920's and 1930's was president of Kendall Medicine Company. He organized the Paragon Furniture Company of which he was president.

In May 1920, he organized and was president of Cleveland Bank and Trust Company until 1922. He became president of Union Trust Company in 1930 until his death in 1936. He was one of the organizers and vice-president of the Cleveland County Fair Association. Mr. Lineberger also owned and developed Belvedere Park, which remained throughout his life as one of the finest residential districts of Shelby. He was a member of the Agriculture Committee of North Carolina Bankers Association, a trustee of Shelby Hospital and a director of Shelby Chamber of Commerce.

He was an active member of the Shelby Kiwanis Club. He was also a loyal supporter of the Central Methodist Church, serving on the building committee, as secretary-treasurer of the committee. He served as superintendent of its Sunday School for 13 years. The membership of the Sunday School increased from 150 to 900. He was a member of the Board of Stewards of the church at the time of his death.

On June 10, 1910, he married Mattie Flack



Store of J.D. Lineberger, manufacturers of farm equipment on West Warren Street, Shelby

(born November 25, 1886). They were the parents of three children: Mary Mundy (born July 27, 1914), married Hubert M. Wilson (died December 10, 1938). They had one son, William Edward. Mary married Thomas Williams Hawkins, Jr. They had two children: Thomas Williams III and Martha Vaughn.

Adeline Hudlow (born June 17, 1917), married Robert Franklin Lutz (died December 25, 1944). They had one son, Robert Franklin, Jr.

William Mundy, Jr. (born November 13, 1920), married Hanson Hartzog. They had three children: Martha Lynn, William Mundy III and Sarah Hanson. William, Jr. later married Hazel Brady.

William M. died October 24, 1936 and was buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: *Shelby Daily Star* Personal Records

— Adeline Lineberger Lutz and Mrs. Robert F. Lutz



William Mundy Lineberger

THE THOMAS MAX LINNENS FAMILY

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The first contact with Cleveland County came for the Linnens family in 1950 when Rev. Linnens brought his wife, Anne, and two children, Larry McFarland, age three, and Nancy Ann age ten months to Boiling Springs when he entered Gardner-Webb College to begin his education to prepare himself to serve as a minister of the gospel. During the time he was here, 1950-52, he served at the East Baptist Church, Gastonia, the Spencer Baptist Church, Spindale, and the Temple Baptist Church, Kings Mountain.

After being graduated from Gardner-Webb College with highest scholastic honors, he attended Wake Forest College for two years, majoring in Greek. He was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, and was graduated summa cum laude. He attended Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest for three years, receiving his M. Div. degree. During these school years he served as pastor of Lystra Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, 1952-56, and as pastor of

the First Baptist Church, St. Paula, 1956-58.

On the first Sunday in September, 1958, Rev. Linnens became the pastor of Boiling Springs Baptist Church and has continued in that position until the present time, April, 1982.

During the years 1958-68 he served as Chaplain to Gardner-Webb College in addition to his duties at the church. He served his denomination as a member of the Board of Directors, Biblical Recorder for four terms, and as a member of the Christian Life Commission for two terms. He worked with a small interested group in establishing the Cleveland County Mental Health Center and Association, and served as a charter member of that Board. He served as Consultant to the North Carolina Medical Society's Committee on Medicine and Religion from 1965-75.

The Boiling Springs Baptist Church was host for the first workshop on human relations put together by the Interracial Department of the N.C. Baptist State Convention featuring Dr. Carlyle Marney, Dr. Samuel Proctor, and Dr. Robert Seymour. This large, peaceful gathering of white, black, and Indian pastors and members of their churches was the beginning of great progress.

Rev. Linnens led his deacons and congregation in negotiations with Gardner-Webb College which resulted in the sale of the land and buildings of the Boiling Springs Baptist Church to the college. A new educational building and house of worship were constructed on a thirty-seven acre tract of land some two blocks south of the old location. The pastor and all the choirs led the congregation in a procession down the highway and entered the new building on the last Sunday in August, 1969.

Mrs. Linnens gave outstanding service as the Children's Worker for twelve years. She also served as Director of the Kindergarten from 1963 until the elementary school in recent years established a kindergarten work. She continues as Director of the church Play-school for four year olds.

During the years of Rev. Linnens ministry, the Boiling Springs Baptist Church has developed a wide variety of programs to minister to various persons and age groups.

Four children were born to the Reverend T.M. Linnens and his wife, Anne Thomas Max II, deceased, Larry McFarland, Nancy Ann, and Stephen Davis. Larry McFarland finished Crest High School and received a degree in Police Science from Cleveland Technical College. He served with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Department, and radio stations WOHS and WADA. He is presently playing piano for the State Line Band. Nancy was graduated from Gardner-Webb College and teaches third grade at Washington School. Stephen was graduated from Crest High School and went to work for Fiber Industries. He is married to the former Renee Goode, and Larry is married to the former Donna Gettis.

Rev. Linnens has had a keen interest in the study and writing of poetry throughout his ministry. Some of his works have been published in the college literary magazine, "Reflections." Robert Decker of the Gardner-Webb College faculty composed the music to

his poem, "Legacy for my Children," which was sung as a mini-concert by Dr. George Cribb's touring chorus during 1979.

Rev. Linnens serves as an adjunct professor to Gardner-Webb College, teaching Hebrew, New Testament, and Greek.

— Thomas Max Linnens

MISS MELDONA LIVINGSTON

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Miss Meldona Livingston was a truly remarkable woman. Born in Tennessee in 1873, she attended Carson-Newman College. In 1910 she came to North Carolina as a teacher in Round Hill Academy, a Baptist School. After a number of years there, she came to Grover to be principal. She was the first accredited woman principal in North Carolina.

She was not only a teacher, but a community benefactor. She did not stop with helping those who came to her; she sought out the needy, the sick, the stranger who needed someone to cheer, to comfort, and to uplift.

With a lantern and soemone to accompany her she searched the streets for boys to see that they were in their homes by the 8:30 p.m. curfew. Men today tell how they dug stumps and carried rocks to fill holes in the street at her direction. She had young men to escort the young ladies to practice for the lovely music and chorals that she insisted were necessary to complete the classics.

At school she had assembly every school day. Each student answered the roll call with a scripture verse. In her latter days, many of those whose lives she had touched as a teacher and friend rose up to call her blessed.

Source: personal memory.

— Bessie Howard Harry and Jackie Harry Rountree



Meldona Livingston

HISTORY OF HUGH ALLISON LOGAN FAMILY

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Hugh Allison Logan, son of John Randolph Logan and Emily Allison Logan, was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina on February 22, 1877. He married Loula Herndon Logan who was born January 13, 1881, on November 7, 1900 in Grover, North Carolina. Hugh Allison Logan died September 21, 1931 and Loula Herndon Logan died May 31, 1959.

Eight children were born to this union: Graham Randolph Logan, born September 25, 1901 and died October 23, 1977; Beulah Herndon Logan, born July 29, 1903; Fred Gaffney Logan, born June 7, 1905; Harriett Emily Logan, born January 22, 1908; Hugh Allison Logan, Jr., born June 28, 1912 and died February 21, 1978; Evans McBrayer Logan, born August 3, 1914; Dovie Blanton Logan born November 13, 1919; and Charles Otis Logan born October 20, 1922.

Graham Randolph Logan and Priscilla Aylene Walker were married December 31, 1931. To this union, four daughters were born: Mary Randolph Logan, born December 15, 1932 and married to Richard Barbour; Suzanne Walker Logan was born November 21, 1935 and is married to Thomas Leard Keeter. Four children were born to this union: Thomas Christopher Keeter, Leard Logan Keeter, Stephen Glenn Keeter and Angela Suzanne Keeter; Loula Elizabeth (Betsy) Logan, born August 24, 1939 and is married to David Milton Phillips. Two children were born of this union: David Milton Phillips, Jr. and Virginia Aylene Phillips; Linda Aylene Logan was born November 1, 1941 and is married to John B. Kennedy, Jr. Two children were born of this union: Kimberly Aylene Kennedy and Anna Kristine Kennedy. Priscilla Aylene Walker Logan died March 28, 1963.

Beulah Herndon Logan and Yates McSwain were married October 7, 1924. One son was born to this union: Mallory Logan McSwain, born July 2, 1935 and married Wanda Farley. Two children were born of this union: Jeffrey Yates McSwain and Melissa E. McSwain. Yates McSwain died January 10, 1959.

Harriett Emily Logan and Dean Franklin Duncan were married March 20, 1926. Three children were born to this union: Dean Franklin Duncan, Jr. born November 24, 1926 and married Betty (Bebe) Smith. Born of this union were two sons: Dean Franklin Duncan III and Kyle Martin Duncan; Hugh Monroe Duncan was born June 25, 1929 and married Ann Taylor Webb. Born to this union were two sons: Hugh Monroe Duncan, Jr. who married Jill Howard and Thomas Taylor Duncan, and Harriette Emily Duncan born June 9, 1935.

Fred Gaffney Logan and Scotto Snyder were married April 2, 1933. Five children were born to this union: Scotto (Scottie) Logan born May 10, 1934 and married to Kenneth Broome and four children were born to this union: Ann Scotto Broome, Robin Victoria Broome, Kenneth Roger Broome and Leslie Logan Broome; Daty Blanton Logan was born September 27, 1936 and married Justin Carl Montgomery. They had two children: Christopher Logan

Montgomery and Allison Montgomery; Freda Ellen Logan was born March 4, 1941 and Fred Gaffney Logan, Jr. was born January 12, 1947 and married to Jill Speet; and Thelma Emaline Logan was born June 25, 1948.

Hugh Allison Logan, Jr. and Mabel Warlick were married on October 14, 1946. Born to this union were three children, Hugh Allison Logan III born December 7, 1951 and married to Charlotte Duncan, born to this union is one son, Hugh Allison Logan IV; John David Logan, born October 11, 1952 and married Donna Paternostro. Born to this union is one daughter, Julia Katherine Logan; and Barbara Lou Logan born October 11, 1952 and married to Phillip Hamrick and born to this union is one daughter, Allison Logan Hamrick. Hugh Allison Logan, Jr. died February 21, 1978.

Evans McBrayer Logan and Mary Holmes were married on October 31, 1940. Born to this union were two sons: Evans McBrayer Logan, Jr. who was born October 31, 1941 and married Rebecca Huie. Born to this union are two sons, Jason Evans Logan and Daniel McBrayer Logan; and Michael Holmes Logan who was born February 13, 1946 and is married.

Dovie Blanton Logan was married to Hugh Ferguson Hamrick on September 14, 1946. Hugh F. Hamrick died May 21, 1949. Born to this union was one daughter, Dovie Melinda Hamrick, born September 3, 1947. Dovie Logan Hamrick was married to Charles Brantley Penny on March 6, 1954. Born to this union was one daughter, Esther (Jenny) Jennings Penny who was born May 15, 1955. Esther Jennings Penny married Joseph Steven Oliver. Charles Brantley Penny died on February 9, 1966.

Charles Otis Logan was married to Eleanor Murphy on May 22, 1948. Born to this union were two children: Charles (Chip) Otis Logan, Jr. born January 21, 1952 and Roberta Sue (Bobbie Sue) Logan born October 6, 1956.

— Mrs. Dovie Logan Hamrick Penny



Hugh A. and Loula Herndon Logan

HUGH ALLISON LOGAN

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"Hats off, lights dimmed as a Gentleman goes" began one of the numerous newspaper tributes at the death of Hugh Allison Logan, son of John Randolph and Emily Allison Logan. The article continues . . . "It will be many years, a generation will have to come and go before Shelby and Cleveland County cease to remember Hugh Logan — Sheriff Hugh to

some, Captain Hugh to others and just Hugh to many."

Hugh Logan, Feb. 22, 1877 — Sept. 21, 1931, married Loula Logan Herndon on November 7, 1900. The *Shelby Star* reported the marriage in part as follows: . . . "A large number of friends and relatives of the contracting parties were present and the happy event will be long remembered by all present. The bridal presents were numerous and costly and attested the popularity of these well known young people. The groom is a fine specimen of the noble young manhood of this country and the bride is popular and accomplished and worthy of the love of any man."

Hugh served as Sheriff of Cleveland County during the years of 1919-1928, declining to run again due to failing health. When first elected sheriff, he succeeded Sheriff W.D. Lackey who had resigned. The commissioners offered to appoint him to fill out the unexpired term of Sheriff Lackey, but he insisted on an election in order that the people might make a choice.

Many years were given to military service before he became Sheriff. As a young man, he served as First Sergeant in the Spanish-American War and came home to be elected Captain of the Old Company K, First North Carolina Regiment, a unit which served on the Mexican border. When the World War broke out, Captain Logan offered his services, and his war record was one of sacrifice and heroism. His men always held him in the very highest esteem for he had none of that exalted air which caused him to belittle or demean those under his command. In all his record as a public servant, he enjoyed the confidence of political opponents as well as his friends and supporters.

He was unafraid to speak his mind against wrong when he thought it was wrong, and he was never too proud or haughty to take up the cause of an underdog when he considered him in the right. Men he had thrown in jail thought the world of him; boys in his old company, some of whom he had sent to the guardhouse, always remembered him. One reason is that all knew they were getting fair play. Good natured and friendly, he was nevertheless frank spoken and fearless.

At the age of twenty-five, Hugh joined New Hope Baptist Church at Earl and later moved his membership nearer home to Patterson Springs where he served as Deacon. He was later a member of the First Baptist Church in Shelby. He was a member of the Masonic Fraternity, the Junior Order and the Patriotic Sons of America, the American Legion, and Commander of the local post of Spanish American War Veterans.

Upon his death, the *Shelby Daily Star* stated that . . . "Sheriff Logan was one of the county's most outstanding citizens. His giant physique carried a heart of gold that loved humanity and bore no ill will toward anyone. He was kind-hearted, generous and upright in his life and conduct. Cleveland County has produced few men more popular and beloved than he. When you find any leader of men, a 'boss' whose men will fight for him, then as Kipling would say it, 'you've found a man, my boy'."

After a decline in health, extending over several years, Sheriff Hugh died at the young age of fifty-four. Two days prior to his death, he was unconscious except for a brief moment when he seemed to recognize his wife who stood constantly by his side; his wife who lived to complete the rearing of their five sons and three daughters. "Across the hill the faint notes of a bugle, borne on the clear night air . . . taps for a soldier and gentlemen."

Sources: The biography is taken in its entirety from newspaper articles appearing in the *Shelby Star* (Wednesday, September 23, 1931, Vol. XXXVII, #113) lest it appear too positive a recounting of Hugh Logan's life. These were statements made by his peers at the time of his death and compiled by his descendants for appropriate inclusion in a history of Cleveland County. He may not have done so since, to quote one of the newspaper articles, "He always desired to remain out of the limelight and never attempted to advance himself unduly upon his accomplishments; In his public career he cared nothing for publicity for himself. This is evinced by the fact that at the time of his death The Star had no photograph of him for publication."

— Linda Logan Kennedy

JOHN RANDOLF and SARAH P. JACKSON LOGAN FAMILY 719

John Randolph Logan, born 1811, was the son of John Black Logan of York, South Carolina. He was the grandson of William, a revolutionary soldier, and a native of Virginia and Cleveland County. (Cleveland County was formally called Lincoln County.)

John Randolph married Sarah Jackson in 1836. She was the daughter of David Jackson of York, South Carolina. He was taught, at an early age, the art of surveying by my husband's great-great grandfather, Abraham Hardin. After years of surveying, judicial services, and teaching school, he moved to Cleveland County on the Buffalo Creek near the South Carolina line.

He lived forty-eight years in Cleveland County as surveyor, historian, organizer of churches, and other related duties. He was also superintendent of public instruction and a state legislator.

Six sons and four daughters were born to Randolph and Sarah. After Sarah's death, he married H.E. Allison in 1870. They had two daughters and one son.

My great grandfather, Randolph, author of *Sketches of Broadriver and Kings Mountain Baptist Association*, died before his book was completed. His son, Marion Leonaidas, my grandfather, took the task of completing and having the book published in 1887.

Marion, my grandfather, married Sarah Elizabeth Herndon, and they had five sons and two daughters: George, Benjamin, William, Leonaidas, John, Bessie, and Jane.

George (1875-1935) married Alma Westbrook. Their children were Elizabeth Logan S. Schinhan, Betty Logan Wilcox, Nell Logan Nixon, Harold, and Robert.

Benjamin (1877-1935) married Etta Ann Wells. Their children were Marion V., James (World War II veteran), Zelma Logan Blalock, and Mabel.

William F. married Mary Little and their children were Lawrence, Elmer, Sallie, Mary Jane Logan Lackey, and Virginia Logan Sams.

Leonaidas M. (1880-1937) married Mitchell Barber. Their children were Helen and Leonaidas Marion.

Bessie married Lee Carter, and they had four children: Harry, Mary Carter, George, and Clarence Poe.

Jane (1885-1908) married Maurice Little, and they had one daughter, Sarah Little Hayes.

John Jackson Logan, my father, was born in 1869 and died in 1939 in Cleveland County. Daddy served as deputy sheriff, surveyor, policeman, veterinarian, and farmer in Kings Mountain. He married Susan Sellers Harmon, and they had five children.

Thomas Gaffney (1905) married Bessie Dollar and they have three children: Mary Beth Logan Cree, Joyce Logan Hollingsworth, and June Logan Russell. They are living in the Abilene, Texas area. Thomas was a World War II Navy veteran.

Albert Pinkney (1907) married Lucille Mauney. They have four children: John (United States Army), Thomas (United States Navy), Philip, and Grace Logan Nelson.

William Bryan (1913-1968), World War II Army veteran, married Dellie Gallman Payne, and they have one son, Jerry Payne Logan (United States Army).

Mattie Elizabeth (1910) is a World War II Army veteran. She served in the medical division. She and her husband, Paul H. Ginther, are living in New Holland, Illinois.

Lula J. Logan (1918) married Elmer T. Hardin in 1939, and they have four children.

John Webster (1941), United States Navy 1958, married Jacquelyn Dixon, and their children are John Scott (United States Navy), David Brian, and Jacquelyn Renee.

David Michael (1944), United States Navy during Vietnam war, married Freida Burton, and they have two children: Susan Leila and Freida Gail.

Robert Stephen (1950), United States Army 1970, married Annette Dover, and they have one daughter, Carrie Rose.

Lynda J. Hardin (1949) married Tracy Mackanders Stewart, and they have one son, Tracy Mackanders Stewart, III.

The Logan brothers enjoyed singing in quartets together and with their family and friends. Our home was always open to preachers and singing teachers throughout the county. Daddy encouraged his children to sing by the shaped notes in the old hymnals. We enjoyed gathering together and singing the hymns of old. His favorites were *The Old Rugged Cross* and *When They Ring the Golden Bells for You and Me*. His motto for his children was "Always treat your fellowman as you would like to be treated, and let your word be your bond."

Burials are in Bethlehem, Sunset (Shelby), Myrtle Beach, Kings Mountain, and Austin, Texas cemeteries.

Sources: Documented records, relatives, family Bible, and memories.

— Lula Logan Hardin



John Randolph Logan, born April 10, 1811 in the county of York, South Carolina, was the son of John B. Logan and Lou Rainey. He was author of a book, *Sketches, Historical and Biographical, of the Broad River and Kings Mountain Baptist Associations, From 1800 to 1882*. The biographical sketch of the author was written by R.L. Ryburn, Esq., Shelby lawyer, and it is from this sketch that the following biography of John Randolph Logan is taken in its entirety.

John Randolph was reared amid humble surroundings and his early childhood gave little promise of that long career of usefulness and honor that was his. Of his early trials, of the difficulties with which he had to contend and of the manner in which, even in those early days, he rose superior to all obstacles and to his surroundings, little is known.

As soon as he had come of age, John Randolph acquired a knowledge of surveying and for more than fifty years was actively engaged in this business. As a surveyor, Logan's services were in great demand and at the time there were few homesteads in Cleveland County not run off by him. Surveying in those days, according to Mr. Ryburn, was considered an honorable and lucrative profession. It was an art many people could not easily understand and a surveyor was regarded with a kind of awe and looked up to as a superior, both socially and mentally.

Surveying was by no means Logan's only work. As a young man, he taught school in York County where he was also an acting Justice of Peace. When he moved to Cleveland County (then Rutherford) in 1836, he located on a farm which he owned and operated successfully for forty-eight years. He counted honest labor honorable. Also, Logan always took a deep interest in public affairs and was, throughout his life, a close student and active church worker.

The Shelby Baptist Church (now known as The First Baptist Church) was formed on June 19, 1846 and was received into the Broad River Association on October 15, 1847. William Roberts, John Randolph Logan and David Warlick were the first deacons and Elder James M. Webb was chosen its first Pastor.

In 1841, shortly after coming into North Carolina, Logan was appointed Deputy Sheriff under Charles Blanton, the first sheriff of the newly formed Cleveland County. (It is noted here that two of Logan's sons, Ben F. Logan and Hugh Allison Logan both served as sheriff of Cleveland County from 1870-1880 and 1919-1928 respectively; and a grandson, Hugh Allison Logan, Jr. served as sheriff from 1947-1951.)

Logan was County Superintendent of Public Instruction and according to Mr. Ryburn, Cleveland County had had no more active or energetic educational worker. He was for a time County Surveyor and a constant member and chairman of the County Court. His views as a staunch advocate of States Rights never changed. After the Civil War, he was County Commissioner for several years and for three



J.R. Logan

John Randolph Logan, 1811-1884

terms — 1860-61, 1862-63, and 1865-66 elected to the State Legislature from Cleveland County. As a legislator, he was faithful to his constituents every interest and a hard working, conscientious and intelligent Representative.

John Radolph Logan was a self-made man. He had no early educational advantages; and yet despite this fact, he won honors which do not come to every man. By dint of his own energy and by setting before himself only high ideals, he added honor to himself and left a gracious memory to his children. He was obviously active in the many churches of which he was a part and in the Kings Mountain Baptist Association. While he had deep denominational commitments, he could be found worshipping with many different religions when time permitted.

Logan had, in his early days, an erect carriage and was withal a handsome figure. He was a full rounded christian gentleman. In all his associations, he was characterized by a gentle dignity, an unconscious grace, and a tender sympathy for his fellows that marked him as one of nature's noblemen.

Logan was twice married. In 1836 he married Sarah P. Jackson of York, South Carolina, and from this union there were born six sons and four daughters. His first wife having died, he again married in 1870 to Harriet Emily Allison also from York, South Carolina. The children of this marriage were one son and two daughters.

As a father, he was loving and affectionate but never demonstrative. He called forth the highest respect from his children who regarded him as a friend as well as a father and confided in him as children rarely do. He required rigid observance of the Sabbath from them. Two of his sons died in the Civil War and those living led honorable, useful lives. He was a smooth, even dispositioned man who was never meddlesome, quarrelsome or fractious; but when aroused, had all the determination and combativeness one could ask.

Logan, Ryburn continues, filled up to the full measure Justinian's maxim: "Live honestly, do no harm and render to each man his own." He was a gentleman and a character that must have had its influence for good on all with whom he came in contact. His is a memory that is well worth preserving. His is a name of which his children, his county and his church may well be proud, Mr. Ryburn adds.

On April 14, 1884, while at work on his farm, John Randolph Logan was stricken with apoplexy and died. Like a full ripe shock of grain, he was garnered, and at the age of seventy-three he slept the sleep of the righteous, lying down in peace and in honor.

The descendants of John Ranolph Logan are grateful for the above biography written by R.L. Ryburn, Esquire.

— Linda Logan Kennedy

HISTORY OF THE LOGAN FAMILY FROM 1749

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William Logan was born in Virginia in 1749 of Scotch Irish Ancestry. He was married to Jane Black of Lincoln County, North Carolina and born to this union were five sons and two daughters.

William Logan was in service and fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain as a Private, and after the war settled and lived on the Main Buffalo Creek on the border of York County, South Carolina where he died by dropping dead while feeding his cattle in 1832 at the age of 83. During the Battle of Kings Mountain, he was in Mattocks Company.

John B. Logan was one of William Logan's sons. John B. Logan was born December 25, 1786 and died March 6, 1860. He was buried in Columbia, South Carolina.

John B. Logan and Lou Rainey were the parents of two children. They were John Randolph Logan and Betsy Sallie Logan. Betsy married H.G. Gaffney, Esq. of Gaffney, South Carolina. She died September 2, 1881. She and her husband are buried in Gaffney, S.C.

William Logan and his family were members of the Baptist Church.

John Randolph Logan was born April 10, 1811, and his first wife was Sarah P. Logan who was born February 27, 1818.

Ten children were born to this union. They were David Jackson Logan, born September 22, 1837, buried near York, S.C.; John Pickney Logan, born January 8, 1840, buried Zoar Baptist Church near Shelby, N.C.; Ben F. Logan born June 24, 1842, buried Sulphur Springs Methodist Church near Patterson Springs, N.C.; L.M. Logan, born October 19, 1844, buried Bethlehem Baptist Church near Kings Mountain, N.C.; H. Gaffney Logan, Medical Doctor, born January 30, 1847, buried Edwards Cemetery, Logan Township, near Newark, Arkansas; Hugh G. Logan, born July 12, 1849, buried Zoar Baptist Church near Shelby, N.C.; Elizabeth Logan (Married a Love and Bomar), born November 21, 1851, buried in Spartanburg, S.C.; Emma C. Logan (Married a Herndon), born October 12, 1854, buried Bethlehem Baptist Church near Kings

Mountain, N.C.; Mary Amanda Logan (Married a McBrayer), born June 2, 1858, buried Patterson Springs Baptist Church near Patterson Springs, N.C.; and Ida Ann Logan (Married a Hogue and Felmont), born December 3, 1861, buried Macedonia Cemetery near Newark, Arkansas.

Sarah P. Logan, first wife of John Randolph Logan, died October 1, 1869 and was buried at Zoar Baptist Church near South Shelby, North Carolina.

Emily Allison was the second wife of John Randolph Logan. She was born July 23, 1833 and they were married in 1870.

John Randolph Logan and Emily Allison Logan had three children. They were Violet B. Logan (Married an Austell and Ellis) was born March 2, 1872, died June 10, 1955, buried New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Earl, N.C. She had one son, Michael Hugh Austell who died July 3, 1981 and was buried in Raleigh, N.C.; Lillie W. Logan (Married an Irvin) was born December 28, 1874, died July 31, 1948, buried Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, Cleveland County, N.C. She had two daughters, Lucille and Janie; and Hugh Allison Logan, born February 22, 1877, died September 21, 1931, buried Shelby City (Sunset) Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

— Mrs. Dovie Logan Hamrick Penney



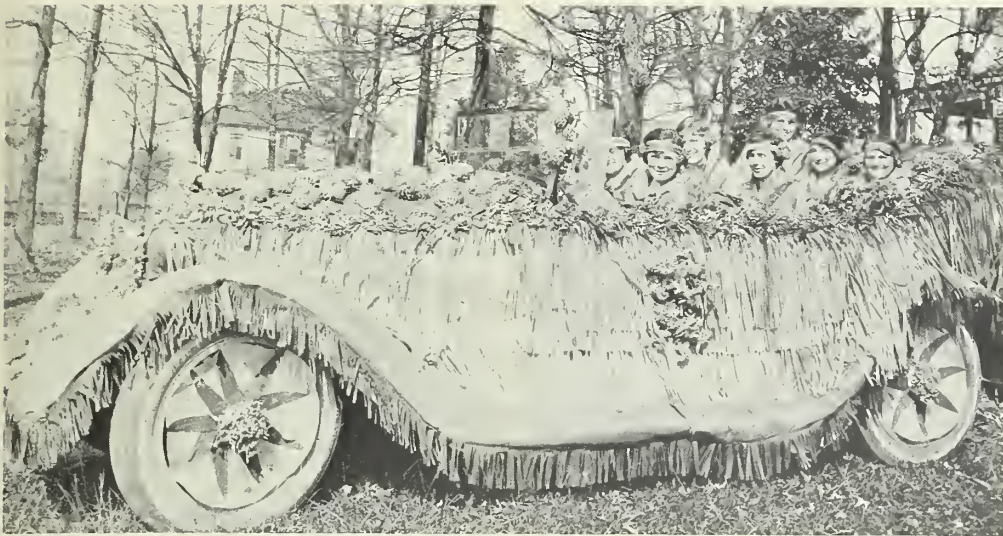
Margaret Marion Dover Love (Mrs. J. Frank Love), 1982

MARGARET MARION DOVER LOVE

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Margaret Marion Dover was born December 30, 1898 to John Randolph and Ella Elizabeth Toms Dover, and was the fifth of nine children. A separate article on this significant family can be found in the index.

Margaret Dover married James Franklin Love June 6, 1920 and lived in Lincolnton, North Carolina with his family. James Franklin Love was born in Gastonia, July 31, 1894 to Edgar Love, a textile pioneer, and Katherine McLean Love. Margaret and Frank had two children: J. Frank Love, Jr., born April 26, 1921, is currently President of American & Efird Mills, Inc., Mount Holly, N.C.; and Kathryn Elizabeth Love born March 31, 1924, is a retired Executive Director of the Girl Scouts



Margaret Dover Love driving local women in Lincolnnton parade in the 1920's

of America. Margaret is a descendant of the Wray, Webb, Blanton, Toms and Dover families of Cleveland County.

During her youth, music was very important to Margaret. It was a part of many family get-togethers held at "The Farm" near "Uncle Bob" Dover's property, a buggy ride away. Margaret remembered how she played the piano while "Poppa" Dover played the violin and someone else played the harp. She remembers playing the piano every night with "Poppa" on the violin at the Dover homeplace on South Washington Street. Once a friend asked Margaret to visit in Spartanburg, S.C. Margaret asked her mother, who agreed, but she didn't tell "Poppa". He wrote her a card in Spartanburg telling how he tried to play the violin without her, but he broke a string on it and she broke a string in his heart for leaving without telling him.

Margaret went to Elizabeth College in Charlotte, N.C. and later Virginia to continue studying music. She was on the Charlotte campus (now Presbyterian Hospital), when she recognized C.B. Suttle and Charlie Estridge who had come down from Shelby in their car. She spoke to them from the hedge and was reprimanded by being campused.

Spur-of-the-moment adventures appeal to Margaret and always have. Upon one occasion, John and Evelyn Dover Fox and brother, Jack Dover, were returning to New York after visiting Shelby. Margaret was on the train telling them goodbye, and they held her as the train pulled out of the station. The kidnap "victim" laughingly insisted that she couldn't go to New York with just the clothes on her back, but her captors could tell from the weakness of her protests that she was game. Margaret spent two weeks in New York. Fortunately, she and Evelyn wore the same size dress and she had a marvelous time, totally unconcerned that she hadn't planned the trip at all.

Margaret has always taken community responsibility seriously and has always been a hard working volunteer. On July 18, 1950, she received the Roy Sisk Memorial Cup after having been named Shelby's Woman of the Year at the Business and Professional Woman's Club meeting. The award was made each year by presidents of the various women's civic

clubs in Shelby to the woman who had rendered the most outstanding service to the community. Margaret was cited for her work as a Red Cross volunteer and in the Junior Charity League. As chairperson of the All Volunteer Services for Cleveland County, she recruited all volunteer workers in the 1950 Red Cross Fund Campaign. She was active in volunteer work during World War II. Margaret was given a Red Cross service pin that year and later was elected to their board of directors. She was the league representative on the hospital board. She had many responsibilities at the First Presbyterian Church as well as being a member of the concert association and Cecelia Music Club.

Margaret's family has always meant a lot to her. A granddaughter and great-granddaughter are namesakes. She has two children, two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She currently lives quietly on Love Acres Farm outside Shelby and enjoys having her family visit.

Sources: *Shelby Daily Star*, family tradition, interviews and Dover family records.

— James F. Love, III

ROBERT WELLS LOWERY

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Robert Wells Lowery was first born son and child of Tom Lowery and Clara Francis Lowery. He was born on August 2, 1912 at home on Pleasant Hill Church Road which is very near Buffalo Creek. He was named partly in honor of the doctor, a Dr. Wells, who delivered him. He attended his elementary school years at a school right beside Pleasant Hill Church. This was less than a fourth of a mile from his home. The school is no longer there. He was in the first graduating class of Number Three Township High School. This was in 1932 and he was sixteen at the time.

On January 12, 1935 he married Hattie Helene Putnam and they had the following children: Mona Helene, who died at birth, Sonja Henie, and Richard Wells.

His first job was at Wrays Department Store. He then worked at Maxwell Furniture Store and then at Esther Mill. For several years he owned and operated Lowery's Grocery

which was located on South Post Road. At the birth of his last child he was working at Tillman Firestone.

Some time later he began working at Crawley Chevrolet and found the job that furthered his love for engines. He worked as Service Manager until Crawley Chevrolet sold to Carter Chevrolet. He continued in this capacity for several more years. In 1972, he decided to try his hand at teaching school. At Crest High School he taught Small Engine Repair until his official retirement in 1975 at the age of 65. However, he is not a man to be idle for long. Shortly after his retirement he began working part time at Lowery's Country Corner, a grocery store and quick stop owned by Wells' nephew, Ronnie.

He has taught Sunday School to the Young Men's Class at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church for 53 years. In the past he has served as a deacon many times and also as Training Union Director. In fact, Wells has served in almost every capacity of leadership in that church. He has sung in the choir for 50 years.

Wells and Helene Lowery have the following grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Sonja, who was married to Alan Bettis and Ray Short, has the following children: (1) Jan Bettis who married Timothy Lankford. They have two daughters Katina and Jody. (2) Jill Bettis who married Frank Morehead. (3) Kandace and (4) Craig.

Richard, who married Kaye Goforth, has the following children: (1) Richelle, (2) Laura Kaye, and (3) Matthew Wells.

Sources: Helene Lowery, personal knowledge, family records, and memories.

— Kaye G. Lowery

ROBERT LEE LOWMAN

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Robert Lee Lowman, son of Rev. David Lowman and Sallie Deal Lowman from Burke County, came to Cleveland County in 1924. He started Charlie Morrison Construction Co. He met and married Viola Williams, February 12, 1925. A son, Joseph David Lowman was born December 12, 1925. He went into business for himself in 1926. He built the Ida Hamrick home in 1926, which was bought by Mr. W.V. Ellis in 1957.



Robert Lee Lowman



Robert Lee Lowman's Persian Team. Patsy Lee Lowman standing beside driver, Bill Hunt.



Cleveland County Centennial Parade — 1841-1941

In June, 1926, he bought and remodeled a log house on five acres of the M.D. Hopper farm on North Post Road. The tenants moved and we moved in January 3, 1927. It was on a dirt road, had outside toilet, we used oil lamps, boiled clothes in wash pot with Red Devil Lye, used stick brooms. Hard work, but "Home Sweet Home."

He built the Carl Thompson home and the J.D. Lineberger home (used today as B.P.O.E. Club) in 1929. He remodeled old Charles Hotel and Cleveland Drug Store after fire burned part of the building. In 1930 he remodeled Marion School, where Winn-Dixie Store is today on East Marion Street. He remodeled old Daily Star Building on East Warren Street.

The Depression started and it was bad. We raised hogs and cattle for sale and our food, also canned vegetables, fruits, meats. We got electricity from Duke Power in 1930 — electricity for lights and well pump — hurrah! After the stock market crash in 1929, the depression was so bad only one out of four people had jobs.

Our home burned May 11, 1932. Neighbors helped save part of our things by carrying what they could out the back door. We built back on the same site. Lee's brother, carpenter, my dad, Joe Williams, brick mason, many good friends and neighbors, and warm weather, and then we were back in our home again.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt set up Public Works Administration 1933-1934. Lee quali-

fied to do work. He built the American Legion Hut, using native rock, built the grandstand at Cleveland County Fair Ground, and slowly the people came out of the depression.

He rebuilt Eagle Roller Mill, 1933, after fire destroyed it.

On October 14, 1935, our daughter, Patsy Lee Lowman, was born. We were blessed again.

Lee Lowman built Frank Hoey home in 1930. Later it burned and Lee rebuilt it like it was before from first plans. It is one of the homes displayed in the city today. In 1940 he remodeled Sanitary Lunch, also Hudson's Department Store, built the W.H. Hudson, Sr. home, remodeled West Kings Mountain grammar school, remodeled Court House inside. Lee had clock fixed (weights had fallen when Haywood Allen, Sr., was sheriff), and built well house. Patrol Sergeant Haywood J. Allen, Jr., issued driving licenses from 1950'til they moved to new building.

Lee built W.O.H.S., Shelby's first radio station. I have a picture of Lee standing on sub-flooring. Also a duplex for R. M. Woodson, general manager, and Steve Woodson, first announcer, to live in.

J.D. Lowman, our son, came home from service, our business became R.L. Lowman and Son. We built much in the county in the next ten years: remodeled Charles Store, made two stories, remodeled Young Brothers Store, remodeled Sterchi Bros. Store, 1956,

built Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, 1956, built addition to Bethware School and gymnasium, 1956, built addition to Universal Manufacturing Co., 1954, built Osborn, Sr., home, 506 E. Marion Street and Gaston County building beside Court House on Franklin Avenue. Lee got sick, and J.D. finished project to complete satisfaction of architects in 1956.

His last job was Hunter School. Lee retired 1959 due to poor health.

He was a World War I veteran, serving from May, 1915 to April 18, 1919. He engaged in many battles overseas in which they used horses and wagons.

He entered Oteen Veterans Hospital November 18, 1963 and died December 26, 1963. The doctor informed us of his serious condition. We talked about our house on North Post Road in sight of the church. He wanted to be buried there. He learned to love our town and felt he was a part of it. He was buried in Elizabeth Baptist Church cemetery.

Sources: Family records, memories

— Viola W. Lowman

EDITH LEDFORD LUTZ

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Edith Ledford Lutz was born on Oct. 20, 1914 in Upper Cleveland County, N.C. Her parents were the late Curtis Ledford and Annie Hoyle Ledford, both of Cleveland County. As a young girl, the family moved to Kings Mountain then Shelby and in her teen years they moved again. This time it was to the Belwood Community in Upper Cleveland County.

Edith attended Belwood School and it was here she met Marvin Everett Lutz. Everett is the son of the late Marvin Lutz and Mamie Elliott Lutz. Shortly after their high school graduation, Edith and Everett were married — Oct. 25, 1933 — and settled down in the Belwood Community.

They were farmers, active in their community, and members of Kadesh United Methodist Church where they have been active in the church programs for many years.

They have one son, Jacob, who, with his wife, Joyce Hartman Lutz and three daughters — Lori, Elizabeth, and Lindy — also live and farm in the Belwood Community.

Edith was the first woman ever appointed from Cleveland County to the N.C. House of Representatives. She was appointed to finish a term in 1976, ran for election in 1977, and was elected for three terms since. She has served her district diligently and with much ability. Edith was not a newcomer to politics since her father was always active in political affairs. He would be very proud, had he lived, to see his daughter in office.

Edith has served on the following legislative committees: Local Government II (Chairman), Agriculture (Vice Chairman), Appropriations Base Budget on Human Resources (Vice Chairman), Appropriations Expansion Budget on Human Resources (V-Chairman), Appropriations Base Budget, Appropriations Expansion Budget, Corrections, Election Laws, Human Resources, and Mental Health.

— Mrs. Joyce Lutz

JOHN OGBURN LUTZ FAMILY

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John Ogburn Lutz was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina, June 25, 1888. He was the oldest child of John Franklin Lutz and Octavia Weathers Lutz. His two brothers were Roscoe and Irvin Lutz and his three sisters were Mae Lutz Boggs, Lu Lutz Gantt, and Ella Lutz Cline.

After attending schools in Belwood, North Carolina, and Shelby, he attended Trinity College (now Duke University). His education was interrupted by the death of his father, when he returned home to assist his mother in managing the family farm.

Ogburn was a faithful and devoted member of Central United Methodist Church in Shelby. The church was an important part of his life and Ogburn enjoyed teaching Sunday School as well as serving in many other phases of church life.

Ogburn Lutz was amazingly active throughout his entire life. His special brand of energy and his ability to engender a sense of teamwork placed him in many positions of leadership in the community. He served as Chairman of the Board of Union Trust Company (now Branch Bank and Trust Company), a director of Cleveland Savings and Loan Association (now Cleveland Federal), president of the Kiwanis Club and the Shelby Chamber of Commerce. He was also a past master of Cleveland Lodge 202 and a Shriner.

In the early 1900's, Ogburn became a partner with R.E. Campbell in the operation of Campbell's Department Store and he remained in this capacity for more than thirty years. Then in 1946, under his leadership and guidance, his twin sons, James and John, opened Lutz Furniture Company. It was located on North Morgan Street across from the old Lutz homeplace. In 1949, Ogburn left Campbell's Department Store and joined his sons in the furniture business. Today, his grandsons, James Lutz, Jr., and John Lutz, Jr. operate the business in the same location.

In 1914, John Ogburn Lutz married Annie Mae Webb, daughter of James Edgar Webb

and Minnie Jane Houser. She was born February 24, 1894, the oldest of thirteen children. Annie Mae attended the public schools in Shelby. She was a gentle, loving wife and mother who took pride in making her surroundings comfortable and attractive for her family and friends. She loved her church, Central United Methodist, deeply and spent much time and energy in every phase of church activity.

Ogburn and Annie Mae Lutz had four children. Twin sons, James Edgar Lutz, John Franklin Lutz and two daughters, Marjorie Elizabeth Lutz and Nancy Ann Lutz.

James married Grace Carolyn Rawlings (Gastonia, North Carolina) and they had two children, James Edgar Lutz, Jr. and Linda Carolyn Lutz. James Jr. is married to Claudia Abernethy Lutz and they have two children, Elizabeth Elmore Lutz and James William Lutz. They live in Shelby. Linda married Cameron Stokes Ware (Kings Mountain) and they have two children, Kimberly Lynn Ware and Cameron Todd Ware. They live in Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

John married Nancy Gray Coble (a first cousin to James' wife Grace Rawlings). They now live on Lake Norman. Their children are Ann Gray Harry, Susan Webb Allred, Eugenia Carpenter, and John Franklin Lutz, Jr. Ann is married to Charles Franklin Harry, III, and they have two children, Robin Lynn and Franklin Scott Harry. The Harry family resides in Shelby.

Susan Webb Lutz married Hiram Herbert Allred, Jr. (Mt. Airy, North Carolina), and their two children are Benjamin Hartley and Jason Anthony. Susan is a candidate for a Master of Divinity degree at Duke University. They live in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Eugenia Lutz married John David Carpenter, II. David is in the Air Force and their family is stationed in Germany. Their two children are Jennifer Dawn and John David Carpenter, III.

John Lutz, Jr. married Theresa Shull and their two children are John Alexander Lutz and Meredith Leigh Lutz. They live in Shelby.

Marjorie Elizabeth Lutz married Dr. John Munroe Douglas and their three children are Dr. John Munroe Douglas, Jr., a Research

Fellow in Infectious Diseases at the University of Washington School of Medicine in Seattle, Washington; James Ogburn Douglas, a landscape architect in Nashville, Tennessee; and Davison McDowell Douglas, a law student at Yale in New Haven, Connecticut. Marjorie and John live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Nancy Ann Lutz married J. Carver Wood, Jr. and their two children are J. Carver Wood, III and Ann Ogburn Wood. Carver Wood, III works for the Ford Motor Company in Ohio and Ann lives in Texas. Nancy and Carver live in Birmingham, Michigan.

"Daddy Lutz", as Ogburn was known by all his grandchildren, entertained them by telling stories of his childhood, playing Chinese checkers and showing pictures of interesting foreign lands on the parlor stereoscope.

Those who knew Ogburn Lutz loved him and admired his radiating optimism and good will. Many people throughout the county were recipients of his thoughtful acts which included thousands of cards and letters sent to express joy or sympathy. It has been said that though Ogburn Lutz made many contributions to his community, he will not be remembered principally because of the positions that he held, but chiefly because of the simple goodness of his life.

John Ogburn Lutz died March 15, 1964, as a result of an automobile accident. Annie Mae died May 19, 1952. They are buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Family records and personal knowledge.

— Mr. and Mrs. James E. Lutz, Jr.

LLOYD L. LUTZ FAMILY

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Our daddy, Lloyd L. Lutz, was born in Cleveland County, October 9, 1909, to William Cicero and Theodocia Jane Webb Lutz. He was a brother of John Ray Lutz.

Lloyd was educated in the Shelby public schools, Riverside Academy, and Duke University.

He was a co-founder of the Lutz-Yelton Companies. He had been in the tire and oil business since 1930. At the time of his death, he was President of The Auto Inn of Shelby, Inc.

He was director emeritus of Cleveland Savings and Loan and a Charter member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Lloyd was a member of the Shelby Rotary Club, Cleveland Country Club, North Lake Club, Cleveland Lodge Number two hundred two AF and Am, Oasis Temple and the Elk's Lodge. Lloyd was a member of the Shelby First Baptist Church and Morgan Bible Class.

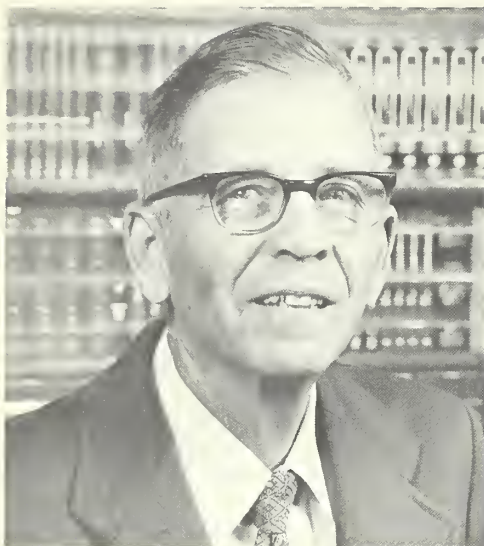
Our daddy was a gentleman and a "gentle man" to his family, and was dedicated to his church, business, and community.

He married Mary Josephine Suttle, born April 30, 1909, daughter of Joseph Linton and Mary Walker Suttle, December 25, 1932. Mary was a sister to Marjorie Suttle and J.L. Suttle, Jr.

Mary was educated in the Shelby public schools, Meredith College in Raleigh, Queen's College in Charlotte, and Mrs. Plonk's School



James Ogburn and Annie Mae Webb Lutz



Lloyd L. Lutz

of Creative Arts in Asheville. She taught expression and piano in Shelby, after her marriage.

Mary was a member of First Baptist Church of Shelby, Philathea Sunday School Class, Renaissance Study Club, Chicora Club, Cecilia Music Club, and a former member of the Triple Deck Bridge Club.

Mary died August 12, 1978 and Lloyd died July 31, 1981. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery, in Cleveland County.

Lloyd and Mary had three children. Their first child, a son, Lloyd Linton Lutz was born November 7, 1934, and died November 9, 1934.

Their second child, Marjorie Jane, born March 10, 1936, married Harold Joe Hamrick, son of William Harold and Sara Houser Hamrick, November 23, 1956. They have two daughters. Mary Kimberly, born November 27, 1958, graduated from Shelby High School, Peace College, and North Carolina State University in Raleigh. Kelli Jane, born June 10, 1961, graduated from Shelby High School, Peace College, and is presently a student at North Carolina State University in Raleigh.

Their third child, Mary Lynn, born November 10, 1938, married Howard Vincent Carpenter, Jr., son of Howard Vincent and Rachel Jane Thomas Carpenter, August 27, 1960. They have three children. Vincent Todd, born August 30, 1961, graduated from Shelby High School and is presently a student at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee. Margot Lynn, January 30, 1964, is a student at Shelby High School. Rachel Leanne, born October 13, 1967, is a student at Shelby Junior High School.

Sources: obituaries, family records, personal knowledge and memories.

— Marjorie Hamrick
and Lynn Carpenter

MARVIN LEE LUTZ

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Marvin Lee Lutz was born August 10, 1883 in the Belwood community of Cleveland County. His parents were Martin Luther Lutz (1833-

1912) and Louvita Williams Lutz (1842-1915). The Lutzes were of German descent.

Marvin Lutz was a farmer, landowner, fertilizer dealer and lifelong resident of the Belwood area.

He was first married on August 14, 1907 to Mayme Elizabeth Elliott. She was a daughter of Robert and Minnie G. Peeler Elliott. To this marriage was born eight children, Lois Inez, Robert Luther, Marvin Everett, Minnie Lu Bryte, William Boyte, Maymie Pearl, Lois Ethel and Johnnie Dwight.

Mayme E. Lutz was born March 11, 1890 and died September 8, 1924.

Marvin Lee Lutz married Mary Amy Cansler on November 3, 1928. She was a Hickory, North Carolina native, who taught school in Lincoln County. Her parents were Henry Martin Luther and Claudia Ann Helderman Cansler. To this marriage was born two sons, Marvin Lee and William Henry.

Marvin Lee Lutz, Sr. died October 14, 1945 and Mary Amy C. Lutz died June 17, 1946. She was born February 22, 1895.

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The Lutz family were active and faithful members of Kadesh United Methodist Church. In this church cemetery are buried Marvin, Sr., Mayme E.; Amy C.; Inez, Bryte, W. Boyte, Lois and Johnnie Lutz.

Sources: Family Bible and Family Records.

— Marvin Lee Lutz



Roscoe Eli Lutz, 1898-1951

THE THEODORE HENRY LUTZ FAMILY

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Theodore Henry Lutz was born in 1873 in Cleveland County soon after the close of the War between the States. He knew about the hardships and poverty during the reconstruction of the South. A man of strong character and great integrity, he was an avid reader with unusual ability for retaining and remembering all the reading material that came his way.

He married Donna Patterson, a lovely and vivacious neighbor. They settled in the Old Zion Community, later moving to Shelby; from there he continued his farming operations. He was hard-working, honest and compassionate, devoted to his five daughters.

Donna P. Lutz died February 4, 1945, and Mr. Lutz died December 20, 1949. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, as well as their daughter, Sarah Evelyn Lutz, who died July 13, 1973. Another daughter, Margaret Jane (Mrs. C.F. Bean) died March 2, 1978, and is buried in Sky Lawn Cemetery, Belmont, California.

Their surviving daughters are: Luna (Mrs. Paul Wellman) who now lives in Morganton, North Carolina; Faye (Mrs. Henry Overton) who lives in Rocky Mount, North Carolina; and Anne (Mrs. Hunter Neisler) who is a resident of Hilton Head Island, South Carolina.

— Mrs. John O. Plonk

DAVID McBRAYER

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Most of the McBrayers in Cleveland and Rutherford counties today are descendants of David and Delila Webb McBrayer.

David McBrayer, third generation of the first McBrayer settlers in America, was among the first McBrayers to live in North Carolina.

David and Delila came to Rutherford County (now Cleveland County) in 1805 and settled on several hundred acres north of the Broad River. The two-story log house they built near Sandy Run Creek is still standing today beside a road named in their memory. It was in this house that they lived the remainder of their lives and raised their twelve children.

David is the only child of William and Martha McBrayer who has been located and traced, according to "The McBrayer Family", a book written by Carl McBrayer of Oklahoma and copyrighted in 1980. David was born on Jan. 4, 1775, in York County, S.C., he married Delila Webb in York County. The couple and their first two children moved to North Carolina after the death of David's father, William, in 1805. David died at age 68, on January 5, 1843. Delila died on July 10, 1867.

David's ancestry is Scottish. Family researchers say his father, William was born in 1734, presumably in Northern Ireland. William came to America with his parents, William and Rebecca, in about 1735 or 1736 and settled in Pennsylvania. In about 1865, he migrated to South Carolina.

William's father, William, was born in 1696 in Scotland or Northern Ireland. Some re-



Mary Jane Austell Lutz

ROSCOE ELI LUTZ

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Roscoe Eli Lutz (January 5, 1898 — April 25, 1951) was the youngest of six children born to John Franklin Lutz (1857-1912) and Zoar Octavia Weathers (1854-1928). He was the great grandson of Eli Lutz and the grandson of Luther Lutz. His maternal great grandfather was Squire William Weathers, father of Rufus Y. Weathers.

It was in the home of William Weathers that the first term of Superior Court for Cleveland County was held on November 8, 1841. Roscoe Lutz acquired the lumber from the house when it was demolished. Members of the family used this hand-hewn pine to make furniture for their homes.

On March 12, 1919, Roscoe married Mary Jane Austell (July 27, 1900 — October 4, 1970) daughter of James Petty Austell and Cora Ann Magness Austell. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents on West Warren Street in Shelby. The rooms of the home were decorated with masses of yellow daffodils which were in full bloom that time of year.

After his marriage, he became a partner in Lutz and Jackson Funeral Home. He sold his interest in this business to organize with his

brother-in-law, Charles B. Austell, in 1932 the Lutz-Austell Funeral Home. The business is now operated by the third generation of this family.

Roscoe and Mary had three children: Robert Franklin (Bobby) Lutz, b. January 30, 1920, d. December 25, 1944; Betty Ann Lutz, b. December 18, 1924, and William Austell Lutz, b. April 24, 1927.

Bobby married Adeline Lineberger and they had one son, Robert Franklin Lutz, Jr., born May 22, 1943. Robert Jr. married Ann Fortenberry of Shelby and they had four children.

Betty was born December 18, 1924. She married Robert Jones Burton of Bethel, North Carolina, on August 4, 1945: They had three sons: Robert Jones Burton, Jr., William Lutz Burton, and Cecil Manning Burton. They lived in Garden City, New York until the death of Robert, Sr. on February 8, 1964. They moved to Shelby and Betty became a teacher at Shelby Junior High School. William (Bill) married Mary Frances Champion and they live in Rumson, New Jersey. They had four children: Leslie Lutz Tuthill, Linda Lutz Walbridge, Lindsay and William. Leslie is the mother of a son born February 1982.

— Betty Lutz Burton



L to R: David, Robert and John E. McBrayer.

searchers show his origin as Dumfries, Scotland, a town rich in McBrayer (MacBrair) heritage. Others say he may have been born in County Down, Ireland, of Scottish parentage.

David, like his grandfather, was apparently a farmer, judging by the farm animals, equipment and slaves he left his wife and children in his will.

His children were born about every two years for twenty-four years. Their names and their spouses were; Levisa, born in 1801, married Housen Harrill; Narcissa, born in 1803; William, born in 1805, married Drucilla McIntire; Robert, born in 1807, married Francis Harrill; Margaret, born in 1809, married Reuben Hill; James W., born in 1812, married Susan Harrill; Martha, born in 1814, married Noah Weeks; Edy, born in 1816; Elisha, born in 1818, married Juliet Stroud; David, born in 1820; Emelia, born in 1822, married Alberty T. Elliott; and Reuben Hill, born in 1825, married Elizabeth Stroud.

Of those children, four have been traced and seem to be the progenitors of most of the McBrayer descendants still in the area. Those four are Robert, James, Elisha and Reuben Hill. One son, David, went west and was never heard of again. Another son, William, had at least two daughters, but few records were kept on the female lines of the family.

David willed large tracts of land and a number of slaves to his heirs, and many of them stayed in the area. Robert, Reuben Hill, and Elisha remained in what is now Cleveland, and James W. moved to Forest City in what is still Rutherford County.

Much of the countryside David and his family farmed in the 1800's remains undeveloped today. The view from the front porch of the old homeplace includes beautiful rolling hills, pastures, farmland and the mountains in the distance and is much the same view as David and Delila must have seen in the 1800's.

Today, David and Delila are a part of that scene. Both are buried in the old McBrayer family cemetery atop a knoll overlooking the old McBrayer homestead.

Sources: *McBrayer Family* by Carl McBrayer

— Susan McBrayer

DAVID B. and MARTHA BLANTON McBRAYER

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David B. McBrayer, son of Robert and Frances Harrill McBrayer, was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina on March 30, 1844. He lived with his family on their farm near Mooresboro.

During the Civil War, while still in his teens, he enlisted and served in the 9th Regiment, Company I, First North Carolina Calvary. At the end of the war, he walked from Lincolnton to his Mooresboro home. During the Reconstruction period, federal troops leaving Shelby, camped in the woods just opposite and north of the McBrayer house. David and his brothers took the livestock up Sandy Run Creek to a swamp to hide them from the troops who were stealing cattle, horses and other personal property.

David's father gave him a one hundred forty acre farm on the Lattimore-Boiling Springs Road. Much of this farm was in woodland which had to be cleared for farming. He built his home on this property and lived there the rest of his life. For many years, he was in business in Mooresboro selling livestock and fertilizer and at the same time carrying on his farm work. He was known for his frugality and industriousness.

After completing his home, he married Martha Ann Blanton (B. July 31, 1852) on January 25, 1871 at the home of her parents, Albert Blanton (1826-1905) and Roxanne Irvin Blanton (1837-1880). Martha was famous for her culinary skills and guests often found their way to her table. Many heirlooms have been handed down from her grandmother, Louisa Beam (1811-1878) who married Abel Irvin (D. 1865) and are still treasured by family members.

Both David and Martha were active in the

Sandy Run Baptist Church until 1891. At that time, a new church was being organized at Lattimore, and they became charter members of the Lattimore Baptist Church. He served as deacon and on many committees at both churches.

They had three children: (1) Olive Bruce McBrayer (1872-1949) married Dr. S.S. Royster (1867-1948), (2) Charlie C. McBrayer (1874-1940) married Pearl Wray and (3) John Albert McBrayer (1876-1941) married Annie Barr Blanton (1887-).

In later years, David and his son, John, who lived with his parents, conducted the livestock business and farming operation from the homeplace which was usually bustling with activity.

David, who lived to be 91 years old, died on June 7, 1935, and Martha died fourteen months later on August 7, 1936, age 84. They had lived together for sixty-four years on the same farm and in the same house which still stands. They are buried beside his ancestors in the McBrayer-Lovelace Cemetery which is located near their home.

— Ruth Dover

JOHN ALBERT and ANNIE BLANTON McBRAYER

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John Albert McBrayer, who was born on September 21, 1876, was the son of David (1844-1935) and Martha Blanton McBrayer (1852-1936). He attended school in Cleveland County and the boarding school in Fairview, North Carolina around 1895.

When he completed his education, he went into business with his father who was a livestock dealer and farmer. John spent weeks each winter in Tennessee, riding the mountains, buying mules and horses. Many times his feet would be frozen into his stirrups and the ice would have to be broken before he could dismount. On horse back, he would drive the mules over the mountains to his Cleveland County home, taking five days to do so. Later, the railroad was a big help in the business. He would buy the mules in Tennessee and ship them by train to Lattimore.

From the station, he and his helpers would ride and drive the mules to the homeplace. This was always an exciting time at the McBrayer household. Customers, friends and especially the McBrayer children eagerly awaited the arrival of the new mules and horses.

On December 16, 1913, John and Annie Barr Blanton (b. July 8, 1887) were married in the Sandy Run Baptist Church. Annie is the daughter of J.B. Blanton (1857-1928) and Aurelia Barr Blanton (1859-1892).

The children of John A. and Annie McBrayer are: (1) John Albert, Jr. (b. January 28, 1915) married Mary Frances Bankhead, (2) Martha (b. August 31, 1919) married Earl E. Bradsher, (3) Charles (b. September 5, 1921) married Ruth Scruggs Hatchette and (4) Ruth (b. February 15, 1928) married Jack Ray Dover.

Their grandchildren are: (1) Ann McBrayer (b. July 10, 1946), (2) Jane McBrayer (b. July 29, 1950) married Robyn Gangi, (3) Susan

McBrayer (b. August 21, 1954) married James Surratt. These are the children of John Albert and Mary McBrayer: (4) Earl Bradsher, III (b. January 22, 1944) married Frances Yoder, (5) John Bradsher (b. December 25, 1947) married Sarah Winstead, (6) Janet Bradsher (b. May 30, 1952) married John Strickland. These are the Children of Martha and Earl Bradsher. (7) David Dover (b. July 14, 1952) married Kathy Ledford, (8) Donald Dover (b. December 6, 1955) married JoRene Causby, (9) John Dover (b. January 1, 1960). These are the children of Ruth and Jack Dover. Charles and Ruth McBrayer have no children.

John was active in the affairs of his community and church. He served as chairman of the Lattimore School Board and chairman of the deacons in the Lattimore Baptist Church where he was a charter member. He lived his entire life at the homeplace of his father, David. This house, which still stands, is located on the Lattimore-Boiling Springs Road. He died December 10, 1941 at the age of 65 and is buried in the Lattimore Church Cemetery.

Annie was a member of the Mooresboro Presbyterian Church, and later when this church closed, the membership was transferred to the Ellenboro Presbyterian Church. After her marriage, she attended the Lattimore Baptist Church with her family.

She went to school in Mooresboro and the State Normal in Greensboro, now UNC-G. Even in her early years, she had a profound love for children which was expressed by her devotion to her younger brothers and sisters as she helped care for them. After her college days, she taught young children in the Mooresboro School for several years. When she was married she gave up her teaching, but this love of children was very evident as she reared her own children and then later helped with the nine grandchildren. At all times, she was available when needed, showing love, concern and thoughtfulness for others.

There was much activity at the McBrayer homeplace with customers, friends and relatives visiting often. Annie helped with the

bookkeeping and enjoyed entertaining her family and friends, always having plenty to eat whenever guests arrived. It was a special treat for visitors from the city who got a taste of farm life with country cooking, many animals, a creek for children to dam up and various areas to explore.

Annie, who is 94 years old and in good health, lives with her daughter, Ruth, near the old home. Her great-grandchildren enjoy her warmth and sense of humor just as their parents and their parents' parents did before them.

— Martha Bradsher
and Ruth Dover

LANDER F. and DOVIE SUTTLE McBRAYER

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Lander Fulenwider McBrayer was born November 3, 1878 in Shelby N.C., the son of Reuben McBrayer and Mary Fulenwider McBrayer. His father died when Lander was fourteen years old, therefore his hopes of being a Physician or a Lawyer were in vain as he was not able to go to college.

He owned a drug store for a short time which he sold to Paul Webb about 1905. (Paul Webb Drug Store ran for many years on North Lafayette Street).

Lander was a book lover who enjoyed reading and often quoted Dickens and Shakespeare and other authors. His friends said that he knew the answers to many questions concerning both medicine and law. After selling the drug store he traveled for a drug firm but later became an insurance agent.

Records show that Lander McBrayer was the first president of the Shelby Merchants Association in 1904. He was a life long member of the First Baptist Church and an ardent member of the Masonic Order.

On November 12, 1902 he was married to Dovie Elizabeth Suttle. (See Charles Beattie Suttle).

Dovie Elizabeth Suttle was born March 14,

1880 in Cleveland County on Sharon Road, the fifth child of Charles Beattie Suttle and Esther Jane Wray Suttle. She remembered moving to Shelby on West Marion Street when she was two years old.

As a young girl she was said to be very pretty. She had auburn hair and blue eyes. She attended school at Shelby Female College which was then located where the present City Hall now stands. Her favorite sports were bicycling and riding in a horse and buggy.

The wedding of Dovie Suttle and Lander McBrayer was held in the First Baptist Church of Shelby of which they were both members. The bride's brother, the Reverend John W. Suttle, performed the ceremony in a setting of beautiful yellow chrysanthemums, which were ordered from Atlanta, as Shelby had no resident florist at that time.

At the wedding reception, which was held at the bride's home, fruit cake was served and an aunt of the bride saved a piece, wrapped it in tin-foil, placed it in a tin box and presented it to the bride. She told her to keep it until her first child could appreciate the fact that she would be eating her mother's wedding cake. (My brother and I, the writer, ate the cake at ages four and two).

Dovie Suttle McBrayer was a charter member of the Chicora Club, the oldest literary club in Shelby. She was known for her serene disposition and her talents as an excellent cook. She also had a life-long love of young children and she charmed them with her loving, magnetic personality.

Lander and Dovie Suttle McBrayer were the parents of four children. They were Dorothy Suttle McBrayer, Gerald Fulenwider McBrayer, Charles Reuben McBrayer, and Mary Esther McBrayer, who died at five years of age in the Influenza Epidemic of 1920. (See Lander and Dovie McBrayer Descendants).

Lander Fulenwider McBrayer died on January 24, 1955, after being an invalid due to a stroke of paralysis for eleven years. Dovie Suttle McBrayer died of a heart attack on January 9, 1965. Both are buried at Sunset Cemetery.

The McBrayers lived at 607 North LaFayette Street. The house has now been torn down but Dovie McBrayer continued to live in their home until five years before her death when she went to live with her daughter Dorothy McBrayer Moore.

She was a beautiful person and continued to love all people and she always maintained her serene disposition, and happy outlook on life.

Sources: Family Bible, Family History, Personal Knowledge.

— Dorothy Suttle McBrayer Moore

LANDER F. and DOVIE SUTTLE McBRAYER DESCENDANTS

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Dorothy Suttle McBrayer was born August 21, 1903, the daughter of Lander F. McBrayer and Dovie Suttle McBrayer in Shelby, N.C. She graduated at Shelby High School and went on to Meredith College in Raleigh, North Carolina where she graduated as an English Major.

She taught high school English in Salisbury,



John Albert McBrayer



Annie Blanton McBrayer



Lander Fulenwider McBrayer



Dovie Elizabeth Suttle McBrayer

THE REUBEN McBRAYER FAMILY

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Reuben McBrayer was born in Cleveland County on December 2, 1850, the third son of Elisha McBrayer and Juliet Stroud. He graduated in Law from the Pearson Law School in 1874 and practiced law in Shelby and later in Asheville, N.C.

He was elected to the N.C. General Assembly in 1876 and was an active member of the house in 1877-1878. In 1878 he married Mary Elizabeth Fulenwider and six children were born of this union.

In 1884 Reuben McBrayer came within a few votes of being nominated to the U.S. Congress. He was a leading attorney of the Western half of N.C. He was a trustee of Wake Forest College, a member and Deacon of the First Baptist Church, a Mason and a Democrat. He was a man of unimpeachable character and a citizen of great worth to the locality in which he lived and to his state.

He moved to Asheville, N.C. from Shelby and practiced law there for several years, but when he discovered that he had Bright's disease he returned to his home in Shelby and died at forty-one years of age, July 12, 1892. He is buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, N.C.

The McBrayers lived at the home he built for his bride at 231 North Lafayette Street. The house was torn down and the property is now the site of the Social Security Administration Offices.

The widow of Reuben McBrayer, Mary Fulenwider McBrayer continued to live, with her two daughters, in the home until her death in 1945. (See Reuben McBrayer-Mary Fulenwider McBrayer)

The six children of Reuben and Mary were as follows: Lander Fulenwider McBrayer, the first child was born November 8th, 1878 and in 1902 he married Dovie Elizabeth Suttle, the daughter of Charles Beattie Suttle and Esther Wray Suttle. (See Lander F. McBrayer)

The second child of Reuben and Mary was Evans Edgar McBrayer, born in 1880. He became a prominent and successful men's clothing merchant of Shelby. He did not marry and lived with his mother until he died in 1934. He is buried at Sunset Cemetery.

Kathleen McBrayer, 1884, was the third child and first daughter of the McBrayers. She married W. Hugh Wray also of Shelby. They lived in Gastonia, N.C. They had no children. They are both buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, N.C.

Agnes Lawing McBrayer was the fourth child of Reuben and Mary. She graduated at North Carolina College for Women at Greensboro and became a primary grade school teacher. In her early years she taught in Southern Pines and Haw River, N.C., before coming back home to Shelby where she taught for many years and became Principal of Washington School, an elementary school in the Shelby City School system. She was also a teacher in college summer schools.

She was never married and lived with her mother and continued to live in the same

Spencer, and Shelby. She was married in 1938 to Larry Holland Moore, who was a native of Durham, North Carolina. After his death in 1958 she returned to the teaching profession for eleven more years, teaching English at Casar and Burns High School. Her hobbies are poetry and dramatics. She is a member of Shelby Presbyterian Church, North Carolina Retired Teachers Association, Contemporary Book Club, Contract Bridge Club. They were no children of this marriage. She is now retired and lives in Shelby, where she is active in the religious and social life of the community.

Gerald Fulenwider McBrayer was born September 22, 1905, the first son of the McBrayers. He graduated at Shelby High School and attended State College in Raleigh for two years. He joined the J.C. Penney Company when they opened the first store in Shelby in 1925. He was promoted to manager of the Penney store in Reidsville, North Carolina, where he lived until he died on November 2, 1968. He had been active in the First Baptist Church of Reidsville, and the Rotary Club. He was part owner of the Radio Station and was an officer in the local Building and Loan Association.

Gerald married Sarah Hubert from Decatur, Georgia and they had two children. Elizabeth Hubert McBrayer was born in Shelby on July 19, 1928. She married Charles E. Sasser and they live in Morganton, North Carolina. The Sassers have four children: Charles McBrayer Sasser, Tom Sasser, Sarah Sasser, and Pride Sasser.

The second child of Gerald and Sarah is Gerald Fulenwider McBrayer Junior, who was born January 30, 1934 in Reidsville. He married Audrey Graham and they live in Morganton, North Carolina. They have four children: Margot McBrayer, Dovie McBrayer, James Graham McBrayer, and Christopher John McBrayer.

Charles Reuben McBrayer was born in Shelby on December 22, 1910 the son of Lander F. and Dovie Suttle McBrayer. He joined the J.C. Penney Company store in Shelby soon after graduating from Shelby High School. He was

promoted to the Harrisonburg, Virginia store where he met and married Virginia Lee from Glen Burnie, Maryland. He was later promoted as manager of the Penney store in Greenville, North Carolina. From Greenville he was promoted to the Penney Store in Huntsville, Alabama where he stayed for fifteen years before he came back home to Shelby as manager of the Penney store. He was president of the Shelby Merchants Association in 1967-68. He took early retirement and now lives in Shelby, where he pursues his many hobbies. Charles and Virginia are active in the First Baptist Church.

Charles and Virginia had four children all of whom were born in Greenville, North Carolina. Virginia Lee McBrayer was born March 23, 1940, and married Floyd Frazier in Huntsville, Alabama. The Fraziers have three children who are Dorothy Lee Frazier, Mary Virginia Frazier, and John David Frazier.

Charles Lander McBrayer and Harry Lawrence McBrayer, twins, were born September 23, 1942. Charles married Jan Watson in Huntsville, Alabama. They have three children: Charles Lander McBrayer Junior, Stuart Watson McBrayer, and Melissa Jan McBrayer. This family now lives in Chattanooga, Tennessee where Charles is employed at the J.C. Penney Company.

Larry McBrayer married Susan Cummings in Huntsville, Alabama and they have three children who are: Susan Sherrill McBrayer, Karen Lee McBrayer, and Christina Cummings McBrayer. They live in Montgomery, Alabama where Larry is employed at J.C. Penney Company.

The fourth child of Virginia and Charles R. McBrayer is Charles Reuben McBrayer Junior, who was born on May 20, 1947 in Greenville, North Carolina and lived later in Huntsville, Alabama, but now lives in Shelby, North Carolina, where he is employed at the Malcolm Brown Auditorium. He married Betty Sue Downing from Aiken, South Carolina. They have no children.

Sources: Family History, Personal Knowledge

— Dorothy Suttle McBrayer Moore

house until her illness. She is buried at Sunset Cemetery. She died October 11, 1974.

Harry Gordon McBrayer was the youngest son of the McBrayers. He married Mary Abbott Candler of Murphy and they had three children. He became a traveling salesman for men's clothing and later a merchant in Anderson, S.C. where he and his family lived.

Ruby Helen McBrayer was the youngest child of the McBrayers. She never married and lived with her mother at the homeplace. She is buried at Sunset Cemetery. She was born April 10, 1881 and died May 22, 1970.

Sources: McBrayer Genealogy Pub. 1926, Obituary from Shelby Paper, Family Bible, Personal Family History

— Dorothy McBrayer Moore



Mary Fulenwider McBrayer

MRS. REUBEN McBRAYER (MARY FULENWIDER McBRAYER)

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Mary Elizabeth Fulenwider was born in Lincoln County on February 2, 1855, the daughter of Eli Fulenwider and Martha Lander of Lincoln, the daughter of Reverend Samuel Lander.

When Mary was six weeks old her mother Martha died leaving her in the care of her father Eli who was then twenty-three years old.

Eli Fulenwider was a prominent merchant in Shelby, who built his home at 323 South Washington Street where it still stands and is now known as the Ebletoft house. He remarried in 1858 and took young Mary to live with him. In the intervening years, she had been cared for by the William (Billy) Roberts family. Eli Fulenwider and his second wife had six sons, thereby giving little Mary six half brothers.

As a child Mary played in the yard and when the large boxwood was planted she wanted to help. Her young playmate Kans Andrews (later Mrs. James R. Webb) and Mary tramped in bare feet around the earth when the bush was set out.

Mary grew into a very pretty and vivacious young lady who had many admirers. She met a prominent young attorney named Reuben McBrayer, who after many attentions, asked her to marry him. She asked her father's advice about her choice and he said to her, "I think he is a young man who would keep meat in the smokehouse and flour in the barrel."

Mary Elizabeth Fulenwider and Reuben McBrayer were married in 1878 and moved into the home he had built for her at 231 North Lafayette Street. According to her account they had a very happy life and became the parents of six children. (See Reuben McBrayer Family)

Reuben died when he was 41 years old and left Mary a widow of 36 years of age with six children, the eldest of whom was fourteen. She did not re-marry and she talked, to her dying day, at nearly 91, of the kindness, nobility and intellect of her husband. She lived in the home he had taken her to as a bride until her death.

"Miss Mary", as she was called by her admirers, once got a letter simply addressed "To Shelby's Sweetheart." She had a cheerful disposition and a deep religious faith. She once told me, her granddaughter, that she never failed to sleep because of worry. She said "I put my head upon my pillow and my burdens on the Lord."

She was an active member of the First Baptist Church and always in attendance. She was a charter member of the Chicora Club, the first literary club in Shelby.

She was admired for her friendliness and her happy spirit but mainly for her phenomenal memory. Each morning she telephoned greetings to everyone whom she knew was celebrating a birthday or anniversary. She was known as "the Birthday Lady."

On her own birthday February 2nd she dressed in her best dress to receive the visits, telephone calls, flowers and gifts that always came to her. Mary could not tolerate gossip or ill speaking. On hearing such she would quote these lines "Throw the veil of charity over the mistakes of others, and tread lightly on the graves of the dead."

Before my approaching marriage she said to me, "Granddaughter I have only this advice for you 'stand to the rack fodder or no fodder.'"

Mary fell and broke her hip, leaving her bedridden for seventeen months, but this did not dull her mind nor lessen her interest in others. She continued remembering the birthdays and instructed her daughter Agnes to call the celebrants for her.

She died on October 13, 1945 at 90 years of age and was buried at Sunset Cemetery. Just before she lapsed into unconsciousness she said, "Though he slay me, yet will I trust him."

Sources: Annals of Lincoln County, 1940 100th Anniversary Edition, Shelby Daily Star, Personal Knowledge, Family History, Conversations with Subject.

— Dorothy McBrayer Moore

REUBEN ALLEN McBRAYER

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Reuben Allen McBrayer, DVM was born in Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina on April 23, 1895.

He was the son of Elizabeth Allen McBrayer and beloved Dr. Charles Evans McBrayer, both of Shelby.

He had two sisters, Frances McBrayer Morgan (Mrs. Gerald Morgan), and Miriam McBrayer Holmes (Mrs. George Holmes). He also had two brothers, Col. Charles McBrayer, M.D., U.S. Medical Corps and Claude (Pat) McBrayer, a lawyer, all natives of Shelby. All of the sons and daughters of Dr. and Mrs. Evans McBrayer have died, leaving no one to carry the name of that line of the McBrayer family.

Allen received his education in the schools in Shelby, then at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. He later attended the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. He was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

He was of the Baptist faith, but attended the Baptist and Methodist churches regularly. After completing his college training he became Assistant State Veterinarian with headquarters in Chipley, Washington County, Florida, a position he held until his untimely death. He owned a farm near Quincy Florida and was part owner of a pharmacy in Quincy, Florida.

In 1929, a young girl, thirteen years his junior, and recently graduated from Florida State in Tallahassee, came to Chipley to teach home economics in the Washington County High School. This girl was a seventh generation Floridian. She never lived in North Carolina, but her forebearers were distinguished citizens of the Colony of North Carolina in colonial days. She is descended from citizens who once lived in Bertie, Johnston, Anson, Onslow, Orange and Wayne Counties. Allen and this young girl fell in love and planned to be married. But this was not to be. In less than twenty months after they met he became ill and died after a short illness. This was devastating to his fiancée, and it took a long time for her to get over the traumatic shock of having to give him up.

She later married a fine man and that union was blessed with three wonderful children.

Allen McBrayer was loved and respected by all who knew him. He was slim, tall, erect, had blue eyes and light reddish hair. Some of his friends called him, "the dear doctor". He was a typical southern gentleman.

He loved to hunt birds during the hunting season and owned fine bird dogs which he prized and loved. He always wore a smile and had a pleasant word for everyone.

Dr. McBrayer died in a hospital in Dothan, Alabama during the night of April 10, 1931. His body was shipped to Shelby where he was buried in Sunset Cemetery. "Love is eternal," 1 Corinthians 13.

Sources: Dr. McBrayer, *The Cleveland Times*, The Cleveland County Historical Society, Inc., and Friends

— Henrietta Braswell Chapman (Mrs. Thomas Henry Chapman, Jr.)



ROBERT and FRANCES HARRILL McBRAYER

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Robert McBrayer was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina on December 17, 1807 to David (1775-1843) and Delila Webb McBrayer (1787-1867). He lived in the two-story log house located on the Lattimore-Boiling Springs Road with his parents and eleven brothers and sisters. This house still stands and is occupied today.

Sometime after 1824, he bought the Dr. Joseph Hamilton home and farm on Highway 74 near Mooresboro. The old log store building where Dr. Hamilton operated a store and practiced medicine has been preserved. Robert deeded this property to his son, John E., and later it went to his son, Yates, who still lives at the homeplace.

Robert was a farmer by trade. He was a active member of the Sandy Run Baptist Church where he served as a deacon for many years.

On March 10, 1831, he married Frances Harrill (June 10, 1815), daughter of Samuel (1772-1871) and Susanna Hamrick Harrill. "Aunt Frankie" as she was affectionately called, was active in her community and her church. In 1891, she and her family left their church in Mooresboro to become charter members of the newly organized Baptist church in Lattimore.

The children of Robert and Frances McBrayer were:

(1) Cynthia (1832) married Samuel Eskridge and Jessie Jolley, (2) Pricilla (1834-1858) married James Greene, (3) Amos (1836-1879) married Amanda Stroud, (4) Delilah (B. 1839) married W.J. Wilkie, (5) Samuel (1841-1862), (6) David (1844-1935) married Martha Ann Blanton, (7) Robert B. (1846-1911) married Carrie Eskridge and Amanda Logan, (8) John E. (1849-1923) married Margaret Lovelace, (9) James (1852-1859), (10) Susannah (1856-1857), (11) William (1859-1860).

Robert died June 30, 1884 at the age of 76 years. The following is from his obituary in the *Cleveland Star*. "Upright, honest, pure, loyal and affectionate, he lived as he died, a consistent christian. He was a good father and a loving husband, no one knew him but to admire him."

Frances, who was 95, died January 23, 1911 and was buried in the McBrayer-Lovelace Cemetery beside her husband. Eight of her children had preceded her in death.

— Ruth Dover



Dr. Victor McBrayer, 1853-1897

diagnose an appendicitis.

On April 28, 1880 he married Esther Suttle of a prominent Cleveland County family. In 1884, Dr. Vic constructed one of the largest and prettiest Victorian houses in Shelby for his family. The house still stands at 507 North Morgan Street and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The house is the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth McBrayer Owen, who was born in the house on October 13, 1897. Dr. Vic had the first telephone in Shelby with a line between his home and office. His home also had its private water system and one of Shelby's first bathtubs.

A deacon in Shelby Baptist Church, Dr. McBrayer was the "beloved physician" of his community and a leading business man. There were many elements of the true hero in his character. For several years before his death in September 1897, he became aware that he had "Bright's disease of the kidneys" but continued his work. When his sickness made his retirement compulsory visitors from the county

towns inquired as to his health and expressed wishes for his restoration to the business circles where his stern integrity was recognized.

Dr. McBrayer died when he was only forty-four years of age. All of the business in Shelby closed their doors and the upper grades of school were dismissed to attend his funeral services.

Mrs. McBrayer, Esther Jane Suttle, lived thirty-four years after her beloved husband passed on. She was a daughter of Rev. Joseph P. Suttle, who was one of the pioneer Baptist preachers in Cleveland County, and Elvira Elizabeth Blanton Suttle, who was the daughter of the first sheriff of Cleveland County. Mrs. McBrayer always actively identified herself with the religious and social life of the community and was a most active member and constant attendant at the First Baptist Church where she held her membership since young womanhood. Gentle, thoughtful and sympathetic she was one of Shelby's most lovely characters.

Dr. and Mrs. McBrayer had the following children: Almer Gray, Montrose Pallen, Willie Ruben, George David and Elizabeth Victor.

Alma married Paul Webb, a prominent apothecary and financier of Shelby. They had one son, Paul Webb, Jr. born June 8, 1902 and died January 7, 1960, he married Annie Estelle Clark on June 12, 1926.

Montrose Pallen, was born August 21, 1886 and died August 28, 1964. She married Otis M. Mull, a prominent attorney and financier of Shelby on June 12, 1907. They had one daughter, Montrose Pallen Mull, who was born on July 25, 1909 and died May 24, 1972. On June 8, 1938 she married Earl Holleman Meacham. The Meacham's had two children; (1) Otis Mull Meacham born December 18, 1949 and (2) Montrose Pallen Meacham born August 5, 1943. On June 12, 1965 Montrose Pallen Meacham married Lacy Henry Ballard, Jr. The Ballard's live in Shelby and have two children: (1) Montrose Rebecca Ballard born April 1, 1968 and (2) Lacy Henry Ballard, III born March 19, 1973.



Dr. Victor McBrayer's Home

VICTOR McBRAYER, M.D.

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Victor McBrayer was the son of Reuben and Pinkie Stroud McBrayer and fifth generation of William McBrayer, a Scottish immigrant. He was born September 25, 1853 in Cleveland County and in 1875 he graduated in medicine at the University of New York. "Dr. Vic", as he was known, began the practice of medicine in Shelby immediately after his graduation. He was the first doctor in the area to correctly

Willie Reuben McBrayer was born October 22, 1890. He lived in Raleigh, North Carolina and died on October 28, 1972.

George David McBrayer was born June 18, 1892 and died October 3, 1898.

Elizabeth Victor McBrayer was born October 13, 1897 less than a month after the death of her father, Dr. McBrayer. She married Penry Owen on July 5, 1934. Mr. Owen was born July 30, 1899 and died February 1, 1971.

— Elizabeth McBrayer Owen



Sara Jacquelyn Harry McCarter

McCARTER — HARRY

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Sara Jacquelyn Harry, April 18, 1920, daughter of Audy and Bessie Howard Harry. Sara, better known as Sady spent the active part of her life serving others. She excelled in cake decorating, catering and teaching the art.

In 1939, she married Wilburn (Bill) McCarter, also of Grover, a son of Dave and Maudilion Cony McCarter. They raised two daughters, Elizabeth Ann and Mary Susan.

W.W. McCarter "Bill" is active in church life as Music Director, Sunday School teacher. He was elected Mayor in 1975 and is still serving in 1982.

— Bessie H. Harry

FAMILY OF JOHN LEWIS McDOWELL

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John Lewis McDowell, born March 27, 1897, is a descendant of Ephriam & Margaret McDowell of Ulster, Ireland. Ephriam was born in 1673 and lived more than a century, dying after 1773. He and his wife moved to Pennsylvania and later to Virginia. Col. Joseph McDowell, great-great-great-grandfather of Lewis McDowell fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary War in 1780.

Lewis McDowell served in the Aviation Signal Corps. Overseas in World War I. He married Docia Eleanor Bowers, who was born Sept. 24, 1887. They have lived in Shelby since 1921. Lewis McDowell was Railway Express

agent and later Asst. Postmaster of Shelby Post Office. He has been active in many civic organizations including membership in Rotary Club and Masonic Lodge. He served as Commander of American Legion and Fire Chief of volunteers Shelby Fire Dept. He is a member of Hoey Bible Class and Central United Methodist Church.

Docia McDowell was born in Galax, Va., and was very active in community activities. She was an officer in DAR, Shelby Woman's Club, Phil Acres Garden Club and Hospital Aux. Mrs. McDowell was a member of Ladies Bible Class and Central United Methodist Church. Docia died Jan. 5, 1972.

A daughter, Harriette McDowell, was born Dec. 17, 1921. She graduated from Shelby High School and Queens College, with a BS in Home Economics. She married J.M. Holton from New Bern.

Harriette taught Home Economics at Shelby Senior High School for 30 years. She served as State President of N.C. Home Economics Assoc. for two years. President of N.C. Education Assoc. in Shelby, National adviser of Future Homemakers Board, Delegate to two International Home Economics Meeting in Paris, France and Bristol, England representing the USA. She had many state and national Future Homemakers of America Officers from Shelby High School. Harriette was chosen as North Carolina Home Economic Teacher of the Year in 1974 and National Merit Teacher of USA.

Harriette Eleanor Holton daughter of Harriette and J.M. Holton, was born July 20, 1947. Eleanor was an honor graduate of Shelby High School and Limestone College, Cum Laude. She was selected as one of the two in the nation as the most outstanding Home Economics students in college and served as College Editor for FORECAST for HOME ECONOMIST and CoEd MAGAZINE in New York. Eleanor served as South Carolina Home Economics State President for two years (Harriette and Eleanor were first mother-daughter state presidents in American Home Economics history). Eleanor was Pillsbury Scholar Award Finalist, Pillsbury Co., and served on the White House Conference on Children and Youth. She was chosen as Outstanding Young Woman of America. Eleanor married Mac Hugh McIntyre July 3, 1976. They have a daughter, Susan Dianne, born Nov. 22, 1979 and a son, John Lewis McIntyre, born Dec. 17, 1981. They live in Starkville, MS.

Robert Garen McDowell and Geraldine McDowell, brother and sister of Lewis McDowell and his mother, Helen McDowell made Shelby their home for several years.

— Harriette McDowell Holton

WILLIAM FULTON and ISSAC ABERNATHY MCGILL

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William Fulton and Issac Abernathy McGill, who live in No. 5 Township, Cleveland County, trace their family back to John McGill. John was born in 1768, and came to North Carolina from County Tyrone, Ireland, during the latter half of the 18th century. The exact date of his

arrival is unknown. He married Rebecca McKinney about 1796. He died February 12, 1819, and was buried in Old Pisgah Cemetery near Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

A few years after his death, John McGill's widow, the three daughters and a son moved to Georgia. Another son went to Illinois. Only the oldest child Thomas Porter McGill, born March 22, 1797, remained in North Carolina. On July 12, 1821 he married Martha Dickey. Early in their marriage they built a house which has been added to and remodeled. At present it is occupied by Mary Boyce McGill, a great granddaughter. This house is on a Gaston County road just off North Carolina 216 at the intersection of St. Luke's Church Road in Cleveland County.

Thomas Porter McGill was a farmer. His first wife Martha died and then he married Elizabeth Fulton, November 25, 1859. He died on December 27, 1877 and was buried in Old Pisgah Cemetery near Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Thomas Porter and Martha Dickey had eight children, four sons and four daughters. The seventh child and third son, William Oates, was born May 19, 1834. He married Mary Catherine Stroupe June 7, 1855. They established their home two and one-half miles from the old home place, but in Cleveland County.

To William and Mary Stroupe McGill (born February 26, 1839) five children were born. Their names, birth and death dates follow: Thomas Abernathy (October 8, 1856 — November 2, 1922), Issac Alexander (November 16, 1858 — August 20, 1937), Ernest Lee (July 22, 1862 — July 29, 1929), Mary Emma (October 10, 1864 — July 7, 1943), and Frances Isabell (October 25, 1866 — April 4, 1933). Only Issac spent his life in Cleveland County.

William McGill died on November 3, 1867. At his death his oldest child was eleven and the youngest, one. Relatives discussed taking the children from Mary Stroupe McGill, but she is reported to have said, "Nobody is going to take one of my children." She farmed and kept the family together. She died February 9, 1901. She and her husband William are buried at Mt. Zion Cemetery near Cherryville, North Carolina.

Issac Alexander McGill spent his life as a farmer on the land where he was born. At one time he had a sawmill, store and cotton gin. He owned land in Gaston and Cleveland counties. He sold the Gaston County land in the 1920s but kept the Cleveland County land.

On November 20, 1889, Issac McGill married Mary Amanda Fulton. Twelve children were born to them. Their names, birth dates and, if deceased, death dates and places of burial follow: James Mills (August 24, 1891 — August 22, 1979), Siloam Baptist Church Cemetery near Harrells, North Carolina; George DeKalb (February 19, 1893 — December 24, 1978), Siloam Baptist Church Cemetery, near Harrells, North Carolina; Gussie Lee (December 1, 1894 — September 4, 1914), Old Bethel Cemetery, Cleveland County; Mary Kathleene (September 16, 1896); Emma Pratt (January 14, 1899 — September 21, 1962), Elizabeth Church Cemetery; Edna (November 11,

1900 — April 9, 1901), Old Bethel Cemetery, Cleveland County; Laura Alexander (February 11, 1902 — October 3, 1956), Oak Grove Cemetery, Cleveland County; William Fulton (February 27, 1904); Mildred Ardella (August 19, 1906); Issac Abernathy (October 9, 1908); Raymond (March 1, 1913); and John Leland (May 6, 1916).

George and James McGill moved to eastern North Carolina where they farmed and sawed timber until both were in their middle eighties. George married Elizabeth Woody December 21, 1941 and had one son who lives at Harrells, North Carolina.

Mary Kathleene McGill married Rufus Lawrence Plonk on January 4, 1918 and reared five children.

Emma Pratt married a Cleveland County farmer, George Alanzo Spake, on May 24, 1922 and had three children.

Laura McGill married W. Lee Wolfe November 2, 1921 and had a child, Addie Louise, born September 6, 1923. She is married and lives in the Oak Grove section of Cleveland County.

Mildred McGill became a registered nurse, married Paul Pressly Rumble August 28, 1931 and had five children. She lives in Castle Hayne, North Carolina.

William Fulton McGill married Bessie G. Weaver December 21, 1939 and Issac married Edna Grant April 15, 1933. The two brothers operate the farm owned by their grandparents and have purchased additional land. They have done sawmilling, and owned and operated heavy construction equipment used in building dams and moving earth. They built an earth dam for a reservoir for water which Kings Mountain used until Moss Lake was built.

Raymond McGill moved to Charlotte, married Edna EuJearia Dulin Marcy 27, 1945 and had one daughter. Edna EuJearia died on July 13, 1976. He married Dorothy Sawyer April 1, 1978. He and his daughter live in Florida.

Leland McGill moved to eastern North Carolina, married Eleanor Olivia Dixon January 11, 1942 and currently lives near Wallace, North Carolina.

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— Martha A. Plonk

THE BROADDIE V. and MARY HARDIN MCINTYRE FAMILY

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Broaddie Veronia McIntyre (1887-1964), born in Cleveland County, was the son of Squire Mike Osborne (1845-1922) and Sarah Logan Putnam McIntyre (1845-1925). He was a brother to Florence Elena McIntyre Rippy (1869-1930), Alice Corena McIntyre Hamrick (1870-1937), Ellen Eugenia (1872-1900), William Renzo (1875-1939), Martin Franklin



Broaddie Veronia and Mary Rosetta Hardin McIntyre.

(1878-1963), Theodocia Fostiena (1881-1883), and Marshall Clifton McIntyre (1884-1885).

On February 16, 1910, Papa married Mary Rosetta Hardin (1889-1977), daughter of Joshua Augustus (1860-1941) and Heathern Elizabeth Hamrick Hardin (1866-1939). She was a sister to Joe Marvin (1895), Pansy Flay Hardin Turner (1897), and Walter Yates Hardin (1905-1970).

Their wedding was held at the home of the brides parents in Number Three Township. The Reverend D.G. Washburn conducted the ceremony in the crowded setting room with R.L. Putnam, M.W. Street, and J.W. Pruitt serving as witnesses.

Papa and Mama lived with his parents the first five years of their marriage. During that time their first three children were born, Franklin Floyd (1911), Madge Elizabeth (1912), and Ray Ilene (1914). Papa supported his growing family by farming and doing whatever carpentry jobs that were available.

In 1915, Papa and Mama moved to a house near the First Broad River south of Shelby. A short time later they moved to the Lloyd Hamrick place, also in south Shelby, where their fourth child, Mary Helen (1917), was born.

Papa and Mama moved to the old Doug Hardin homeplace in 1918 which was located in the grove of trees at the present Shelby Sales Barn. Their remaining six children were born there, Thelma Lee (1919), Dewey William (1921), Blaine Edwin (1923), Gus Hardin (1925), Margaret Ruth (1927), and Sara Jacquelin (1930).

In 1939, Papa moved his family the last time when they moved in with Mama's father, Gus Hardin, to care for him and his farm. When Grandpa died in 1941, Papa and Mama bought half of the farm and Mama's brother, Yates, bought the other half.

When the children were small, Papa and Mama would help them with their homework. Papa would take one group and have them recite their studies and Mama would do the same with the other children. Education was very important to them and they made sure all ten of their children finished high school.

In the early years before radio and television Papa would entertain the family with his harmonica and autoharp. He had made a harmonica holder to fit around his neck and would play both instruments at the same time. During the "laying-by-time," the period between the hoeing and picking of cotton, Papa would

entertain by playing hymns and the children would gather around and sing. Many evenings the neighbors would hear the music and go to Papa's house for fun and fellowship.

For many years Papa either drove his mule-drawn wagon or walked through the woods from the Sulphur Springs Road area to Zoar Baptist Church on Highway 18. In 1950, however, he joined the newly organized Putnam Memorial Baptist Church which was much closer to his home. He loved Sunday School and attended every Sunday except one when he was ill, and then the class met with him. This enabled him to achieve ten years of perfect Sunday School attendance.

Not only was he a faithful member to the church but he was also a faithful worker. He was a deacon for many years and in 1957 the church bestowed on him the title of Honorary Deacon, a title given to only one other member of the church.

Papa died of a stroke in 1964 and was buried at Cleveland Memorial Park near Boiling Springs. Mama continued keeping house for herself and her youngest brother, Yates, until his death in 1970. At that time she sold the farm and moved in with her oldest daughter, Madge, where she lived until her death in 1977.

Although Papa and Mama did not contribute anything of monumental significance to the history of Cleveland County, their presence was felt by many. They left a feeling of love and pride in their children and grandchildren who wished to share a piece of their heritage with you.

Sources: Family records, Gravestones, Family memoirs

— Debby McIntyre

EZRA FESTUS MCKINNEY

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Ezra Festus McKinney, usually known by the initials "E.F.," often called by the more familiar "Mr. Mac," was born near Lattimore, North Carolina, 8 September 1883. His father, Samuel Jefferson McKinney (1855-1929), was descended from William and Amy McKinney, early settlers of the Sandy Run section, and his mother, nee Octavia Bridges (1860-1942), was the youngest of the fourteen children of John and Cynthia Jones Bridges.

E.F. McKinney was the oldest son among their nine children: Augusta, married J.B.



Broadie McIntyre Family

Whitaker; E. Festus, married Alice Poston; Elmer, married Nettie Green; Hubert, died, age 1; Dennis (twin), married Annie Beam; Sere-nus (twin), married Ellen Wilson; Winford, married Lela Price; Bertha, married Beauford Hord; Maude, died, age 3.

Three of these families settled in Cleveland County: E.F. and Alice Poston McKinney and Elmer and Nettie Green McKinney in Shelby, and Beauford and Bertha McKinney Hord in Lawndale. The others lived in Rutherford County.

Soon after his marriage, Samuel purchased a farm near Ellenboro, North Carolina, and he and Octavia reared their children, instructing them to "Search the Scriptures," live by Biblical teachings, and engage in honest work. Samuel's old account book shows meticulous entries for customer services, sharpening plows, replacing wagon wheels, shoeing horses, and making spinning wheels. Also entered was the cost of building Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church which the family attended.

Samuel and Octavia Bridges McKinney are buried at Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, Ellenboro.

Grandchildren relate happy times in the Samuel McKinney home where the teacake jar was always full and picking fresh figs was a special treat. Grandma's keen sense of humor enlivened her stories and the Edison phonograph furnished a musical background.

E.F. McKinney worked as a farm laborer to earn money to attend the preparatory division of Mars Hill College. When lack of finances did not allow him to continue, he passed a teacher's examination and taught briefly at a school at Pea Ridge. In 1906 he was employed by T.A. Spangler Company, a meat and grocery business in Shelby. He became owner of a similar business which he operated until 1935 when he sold it to a nephew, James Magness.

By this time he had acquired a large farm acreage, adding substantially to his wife's inheritance of land in Cleveland County. Here he grew cotton and grain, ran a cotton gin, cleared new ground, built rental houses, and was agent for fertilizer companies.

In these projects he had the assistance and loyal devotion of his wife, nee Alice Poston, daughter of Daniel and Margaret Ann Weathers

Poston, the latter a granddaughter of William Weathers in whose home was held the first session of Cleveland County Court in 1841. In addition to her home duties, she also served as family nurse and was often called by relatives and friends. She loved growing flowers, an interest her husband shared, and while other mothers sent boxes of food to their college children, she once included from her garden a carefully packed bouquet of her daughter's favorite little blue hyacinths.

E.F. and Alice Poston McKinney were parents of two children: Troy Vaughn, married first Eileen Stikeleather, and second, Ethel Currie; Mildred Lucille, married Felix Otis Gee. In the midst of busy lives, the McKinneys made time for their children, teaching them responsibility, setting a Christian example and providing a college education.

They were members of First Baptist Church where E.F. served as a deacon and on various committees.

When the children were quite young, their father built for them a small swimming pool and later a tennis court. The Shelby home was always open to their friends and their mountain cottage at Chestnut Hills was a gathering place for friends and relatives, young and old.

Having been instilled with the work ethic, he pursued it with great determination, and even in advancing years, E.F. McKinney found it difficult to retire. In his last years he operated a riding stable, mostly for a hobby. Here many Shelby youth and also adults learned to enjoy horseback riding. Returning home from a horse show on 15 August 1954, he stopped to assist the driver of the horse van and was fatally injured when struck by an approaching car.

His widow, a semi-invalid in her last years, died 25 June 1977. They are buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Family Bible records, family records, personal knowledge, interviews, and Cleveland County deed records.

— Mildred McKinney (Mrs. Felix) Gee

JAMES MCKINNEY

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James McKinney, born 2 July 1818 near Lattimore, presently Cleveland, formerly

Rutherford, County, North Carolina, was the son of William Henry and Elizabeth Dugger Callahan McKinney. He grew up on land inherited by his father, a part of the acreage settled in 1800 by James' grandparents, William and Amy McKinney.

James married a neighbor, Elizabeth Horn, and they were parents of nine children; Jesse, died age 1; Nancy Susanna, single; Margaret Elizabeth, married John Webb McKinney; Sarah Wilson, single; Biddy Mela, single; David James, died age 17; Samuel Jefferson, married Octavia Bridges; Francis Roxanna, married Doctor Joe Suttle Walker; John Alexander, married Johnnie Franics Price.

Interviews with those who knew James suggest that he was a farmer and blacksmith who used his forge to make farm instruments and machinery as well as cooking utensils. In later years he and his son, John Alexander, ran a grist mill. Letters to and from his parents who moved to McDowell County indicate a close relationship. The family belonged to Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church where James was a leader.

A great grandson of James, Clyde Spurgeon McKinney, deceased son of Elam McKinney, and former resident of Columbia, South Carolina wrote in the 1970's his recollections:

"Great-Grandfather McKinney was a farmer, blacksmith, and a cabinet maker. His home was two stories built of pine lumber without a knot in the house. The planks were dressed by hand, the nails made in the blacksmith shop and the framing fastened together with wooden pegs. Of special interest was a fan over the dining room table. In days when there were no electric fans, this one was run by a grandfather clock, which when wound would run for two hours. Joining the nearby blacksmith shop was a woodworking shop where furniture, wagons, plowstocks and caskets were built. A large water wheel to run my grandfather's grist mill was also fashioned there.

"Grandfather was a kind and gentle man who loved all of his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. He gathered medicinal herbs and although not a physician was often called to help sick neighbors."

Described as age 46, 5 feet 7 inches tall, with dark complexion, dark hair and gray eyes, James McKinney, Private, is listed on the Confederate Army Muster Roll of Company H, 4th Regiment of the North Carolina Senior Reserves commanded by Colonel John Hoke and Captain Robert Magness. Also known as the 73rd Regiment of N.C. Troops, it was composed of "men between the ages of 45 and 50 and a portion of them was sent to Salisbury to guard the prisoners there confined." This information is from Volume IV of Walter Clark's *Histories of the Several Regiments and Battalions From North Carolina in the Great War 1861-64*, pages 66-67.

James's letters and correspondence from fellow soldiers, James M. Wilson and William Wiggins, provide sidelights of Confederate history not found in textbooks. James wrote often to his family expressing his love and concern for them and describing with sadness the terrible conditions at Salisbury prison. He

advised his wife when to plow, how to take care of the livestock and when to sell the crops. He thanked her for sending "pokes of food" and for her letters. He insisted that daughter Margaret teach the younger children to write and added: "Search the Scriptures" . . . "Obey your mother" . . . "Be careful how and when you speak, especially to old people" . . . "God rules and in Him I put my trust" . . . "Try to live a life becoming a Christian."

Following the war James returned to an active life in Lattimore community. After his wife's death in 1883 his maiden daughters provided a happy home for him. Newlywed neighbors, George and Lillie Poston Magness, now deceased, remembered the family with special fondness and Mrs. Magness said, "I can see him now coming down the road with a split basket, one he'd made, filled with June apples for us. He was always sharing."

James outlived his daughters and spent his last years with Samuel's family near Ellenboro. Samuel's children always spoke lovingly of "Grandser." He died 6 December 1914, age 96. The casket he had made for himself was drawn by a wagon he also had built, and he was buried beside his wife at McKinney Cemetery near Lattimore, North Carolina.

Sources: Personal interviews, Cleveland County deeds, Family Bible records, *Histories of the Several Regiments and Battalions from North Carolina in the Great War 1861-65*, by Walter Clark, National Archives Record, Group 109; Original McKinney correspondence and papers.

— Mildred McKinney (Mrs. Felix) Gee

WILLIAM McKINNEY

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William McKinney (1766-1857), the oldest child of Daniel and Sarah Weathers McKinney, was born 6 May 1766 Sussex County, Virginia. With his parents, he migrated to Bute County (Franklin and Warren in 1779) around 1778. Daniel and Sarah left Franklin County in 1790, selling two hundred sixty-three acres and deeding one hundred acres to their son, William, as a gift.

The senior McKinney family moved to York County, South Carolina, later to Mecklenburg, and finally to the Sandy Run area of Rutherford, now Cleveland County, North Carolina. This was the same pattern of migration followed by many Sussex, Virginia friends and relatives so the early travellers were not usually among strangers.

After a few years William, who by then had a wife and children, sold his land in Franklin County, Va., and joined his parents. However, he settled permanently in North Carolina and did not move on with his father and his younger brothers and sisters. Six of them settled in Tennessee: John, Seth, Mary (Murphy), Rebecca (Julian), Sarah (Horn), and Nancy (Crowder); James and Jesse went with their father to Monroe County, Mississippi, where they lived the remainder of their lives.

In the Revolutionary War, Daniel McKinney served for a period in the Continental Line and William entered service from Franklin County, Va., as a substitute for his father. GSA File 9017 contains William's application and approval for a pension for his military service.

In the application he stated that he was with

Colonel Washington and General Lee when they took possession of Charleston. It reports "the fires of the gard (sic) still burning. When we received news of the peace we were marched into a large old field near General Gist's and had great rejoicing and drew doble rashions. The officers carried a high pole to be set up and candles fired thereon to luminate the camp."

William said men he served with included Charles Durham, Daniel Gould, David Beam, Samuel Bailey and John Hord, names familiar in Cleveland County. Drury Dobbins, clergyman, and Lemuel Moore concurred in the opinion that he was a Revolutionary soldier, and Willis Weathers deposed that he was acquainted with William and attested to his tour of service.

The War Department replied that "William McKinney is entitled to receive thirty-six dollars and sixty-six cents per annum during natural life commencing 4th day of March 1831."

William and Amy and their children joined Sandy Run Baptist Church, the parents transferring from Sugar Creek (now Flint Hill) in York County, South Carolina where William had served as deacon and treasurer. In 1850 William and some of his family were leaders in the organization of Philadelphia Primitive Baptist Church.

William McKinney's Bible records his marriage to Amy, surname not given, on 17 August 1783 and lists the birth dates of their children: Susanna, 1 March 1785 (married Edmund Jones); Burnice, January 1788 (married Millie Jones); Polly, 25 February 1790 (married Robert Jones); Sally, 2 September 1791 (single); Bedie, 4 June 1793 (married Zacharia McDaniel); Willis, 9 January 1796 (married Patsy Buchanan); William Henry, 5 June 1799 (married Elizabeth Dugger Callahan); Leathy, 14 March 1801 (married John Green). Many descendants of these families now live in Cleveland County.

A few years prior to his death William McKinney, Senior, made deeds of gift of one hundred acres to each of his two sons Willis and William Henry, who by then had families of their own. His will, probated 1857, names all the children on the Bible record; his wife had pre-deceased him. He and Amy are buried in the McKinney family cemetery near Lattimore, North Carolina.

William Henry McKinney, the seventh child of William and Amy McKinney, was born 5 June 1799. He married Elizabeth Dugger Callahan 12 August 1817, and they lived for a while on land given William Henry by his father.

They were the parents of five children: Aletha, married Simon McKinney; James, married Elizabeth Horn; Daniel, married first, Sarah Forbes and second, Phoebe Davis; Sarah, married Nathan Davis, Lydia, married Jonathan Horn.

By 1865 William Henry, his wife, their daughter, Lydia McKinney Horn, and her children and a granddaughter, Narcissa Jane, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Forbes McKinney and later the wife of Francis Gardner, were all living in McDowell County where census records listed William Henry as a minister. William Henry and Elizabeth McKinney, their

daughter and a grandchild are buried in the old Epps Cemetery in McDowell County.

Sources: Deed, probate, census records of Bute. (Va.), Franklin, (Va.), Rutherford, McDowell, and Cleveland Counties; Albemarle Parish Register of Surry and Susseze Counties, Virginia; genealogical correspondence; and family Bible records.

— Mildred McKinney (Mrs. Felix) Gee

ARCHIBALD GORDON McLARTY

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Archibald Gordon McLarty was born July 7, 1939 in Durham, North Carolina. He was the only son of Fruman Gordon and Elizabeth Suttle McLarty. He was educated in the Shelby and Durham city schools, Horace Mann Academy, New York City, Hargrave Military Academy, Chatam, Virginia, and Wofford College in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

With an avid interest in sports he became a golf professional in Spartanburg. He was later associated as a stockbroker with the firms of Hornblower & Weeks and McCarley & Company in Spartanburg. He is currently engaged in the wholesale car business and manager of the Shelby Auto Auction.

On December 10, 1966, he married Barbara Ann White, daughter of James Wilson and Okley Chapman White. They have two daughters: Melinda Ann b. December 31, 1968 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital; Mary Angela b. December 29, 1969 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Barbara Ann White McLarty was born on July 6, 1942 in Cleveland County. She is a graduate of Shelby High School (1960) and Salem College (1964) in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. She earned a degree in sociology-economics. She is a mother, housewife and part-time real estate broker.

The McLarty family are members of Central United Methodist Church in Shelby. Gordon's grandfather, Dr. E.K. McLarty, was the minister there in the early 1930's.

Sources: Family records

— Barbara White McLarty

FURMAN GORDON McLARTY

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Furman Gordon McLarty was born in Asheville, North Carolina on September 14, 1906. He was the son of Rev. Emmett Kennedy and Mary Brown McLarty. He died on December 26, 1951 and is buried in Asheville.

He graduated from Asheville High School in 1923, and entered Duke University the same year. He majored in Greek. While at Duke he was a member of the Order of Red Friars, Omicron Delta Kappa, "9091", and Delta Sigma Phil. He was president of his senior class when he won the Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford University in England for three years. At Oxford he received his B.A. and M.A. from New College. Two years (1930-1932) followed at Harvard University where he received the Ph.D. degree. He joined the Duke faculty in 1933 and there he received a doctorate in philosophy.



Willis McMurry, June 12, 1899 — November 26, 1975.

In 1934, he married Esther Elizabeth Suttle in Shelby, North Carolina. They had one son, Archibald Gordon McLarty.

During World War II he served as a lieutenant in the U.S. Naval Reserve at various European bases.

At the time of his death he was Duke's Director of Undergraduate studies in philosophy and was president of the Duke Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. He was the permanent president of his college class.

Music was always a dominant interest for him. He was a founder of the Durham Civic Choral Society and was its first president. He was a member of Trinity Church and its Board of Stewards as well as being a tenor soloist there and at the Duke Chapel.

Esther Elizabeth (Betty) Suttle McLarty was born on October 4, 1907 in Shelby, North Carolina. She is the daughter of Julius Albert Suttle, Sr., and Ethel Lineberger Suttle. She attended Shelby City Schools and Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina, as well as The School of Creative Arts in Asheville, North Carolina.

On June 11, 1934 she married to Furman Gordon McLarty. They had one son, Archibald Gordon McLarty, born on July 7, 1939. Furman and Elizabeth have two granddaughters, Melinda Ann (December 31, 1968) and Mary Angela (December 29, 1969).

Sources: Family records, Newspapers clippings

— Barbara White McLarty

ANDREW WILLIS McMURRY

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Andrew Willis McMurry and a twin sister Sara Elizabeth McMurry Moore were born in Kirksville, Kentucky on June 12, 1899. They were the children of Avery Winslow McMurry and Cora Belle Willis. When they were six months old the family moved to Shelby, N.C. since his father was a native of Shelby.

After Willis finished high school he went to State College in Raleigh, N.C. and picked up some honors including membership in Psi Psi

textile fraternity. He also played football for four years and was an all-Southern football end. Following graduation at State College, he married Julia Virginia Ligon of Shelby, N.C. January 21, 1921. They had three children as follows, Avery Willis McMurry born November 7, 1921 who married Virginia Faunce of Philadelphia, Pa. Virginia Elizabeth McMurry born June 10, 1924 who married Thomas Reinhardt Jones, John Eugene McMurry born October 6, 1927 who married Rachel Louis Venning of Charleston, S.C. Willis was an all-around enthusiast. He liked fishing, baseball, and golf. But he was such an all-around guy, that he could turn a hand at almost anything including ice, which he once demonstrated to amazed friends at Colorado during a Rotary Convention at San Francisco, California.

When Willis was drafted for chairmanship of the Special Gifts committee of the United Fund, this committee prime raiser enlisted in a cause in which he believed intently and worked at over twelve years. Over the past 31 years after he returned from State College, he was called into just about every local financial campaign directly or indirectly until he found it taking so much of his time that he urged a Community Chest which was organized.

At 53 Willis was a partner in a cotton firm

with John D. Campbell and Company, but from the time he graduated in textile engineering at State College, he was closely associated with textile industry in Cleveland County. For four years he was superintendent of Double Shoals Mill at Double Shoals, N.C. For nearly twenty years, he was superintendent of the Belmont cotton mill of Shelby which his family owned for many years. He was a member of the Shelby Rotary Club and served as President in 1952. While serving as President, the local club gave a miniature diesel train to the city park. That was only a part of the many sided civic activities of this busy Clevelander, who was active in the First Baptist Church and its Newton Men's Bible Class, the Elk's Club, the American Legion, the forty and eight, the Chamber of Commerce of which he was a director, the Cleveland Country Club which he was also a director of, a trustee of the Shelby and Cleveland County Foundation, and a U.S. army veteran of World War I. He was a first lieutenant in the National Guard in Shelby from 1930 to 1938.

After Willis retired, he spent his time farming and was a real successful farmer. His pleasure was raising super vegetables and giving them to friends, and also to his grandchildren to sell and earn spending money. Willis died



Avery Winslow McMurry

suddenly at his home, from a heart attack on November 26, 1975 and was buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, N.C. His home was at 511 South Washington Street.

— Mrs. Willis McMurry

AVERY WILLIS McMURRY, M.D.

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Avery Willis McMurry, the first-born of three children, to Julia Ligon McMurry and Andrew Willis McMurray, on Monday, November 7, 1921, in the Leon Eugene Ligon house on North Morgan Street, Shelby, North Carolina. Dr. E.B. Lattimore attended the home delivery. The McMurrys then returned to their home near the Double Shoals Cotton Mill at Double Shoals, North Carolina. Andrew Willis McMurry was Superintendent of the Mill, which his father Avery Winslow McMurry owned at the time. The Andrew Willis McMurrys lived at Double Shoals for two and a half years, and then moved to South LaFayette Street in Shelby, North Carolina, across from the Belmont Mill, where Avery's Father was transferred.

He attended the former Marion Elementary School, located on the site of the Winn-Dixie Store on East Marion Street. He was baptized at the age of nine on April 12, 1931 in the First Baptist Church under the pastorate of Dr. Zeno Wall. He first was a member of Boy Scout Troop #6, and later a member of Troop #2, and earned the Eagle Scout Medal with two palms, on January 25, 1937. Many years later on returning to Shelby, he served on the Cleveland County District of the Piedmont Council, now renamed the Battleground District. He became the Chairman of the Council, organized the Medical Explorer Post at the Cleveland Memorial Hospital, and is still advisor to this Post. On February 13, 1968 he and his brother John Eugene McMurry, received the coveted adult leadership award of the 'Silver Beaver'

Graduating Valedictorian in 1938 at the age of sixteen from the original Shelby High School, he entered the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina where he studied Pre-Med, and earned the Bachelors of Science Degree in 1942. He was a member of the Citadel Honor Society, Cadet Captain, and Company Commander of 'E Company'. He received the American Legion Award for outstanding Company Commander.

Attending Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he earned his Doctor's degree in 1945. A member of the Phi Chi Medical Fraternity, received the physiology prize in his sophomore year, and was elected to the 'Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society' in his junior year. A rotating Internship at the Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia during 1945 and 1946. He entered the Air Force as a Captain in the Medical Corps, and served as a Flight Surgeon with the Air Transport Command, stationed at Orly International Air Field in France. He became a member of the Caterpillar Club after having to bail out of his plane over Turkey, on December 9, 1947. On returning to the United States after his discharge from



Avery Winslow & Cora Willis McMurry, Wedding Day March 4, 1895.

the Air Force, he resumed his Medical Career at the Pennsylvania Hospital, studying Pathology in 1948, followed by four years of surgical and thoracic training.

Preparing for his future practice of surgery in Shelby, he brought Virginia Eleanore Faunce R.N., to his home for the Christmas Holidays in 1952. At this time he was making plans for his partnership with the late Dr. John W. Harbison, who was practicing General Surgery in the old Professional Building on South Washington Street. In August 1953 an announcement of their engagement appeared in the local papers. The wedding took place in the newly constructed Webb Chapel of the First Baptist Church on November 7, 1953 with Rev. Harlan Harris officiating. The Saturday evening event was also the occasion of Dr. McMurry's thirty-second birthday, and was a double celebration. One year later on their first anniversary, Warren Winslow McMurry was born; November 7, 1954. On February 19, 1956, David Willis McMurry was born, and one year later on February 19, 1957, Harris Ligon McMurry was born. A baby girl finally arrived on August 5, 1958, she was named Carol Avery McMurry.

Dr. McMurry was certified by the American Board of Surgery on May 11, 1954, became a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons in

January of 1956, and has been recertified by the American Board Of Surgery in November of 1981. He has been a member of the American Medical Society, the North Carolina Medical Society, the Southeastern Surgical Congress, and the Cleveland County Medical Society. Also a member of the Medical Staff at Cleveland Memorial Hospital and the Kings Mountain Medical Staff from 1953 to the present. In 1968 he served as Chief of Staff at the Cleveland Memorial Hospital, and as President of the Cleveland County Medical Society in 1967. He has also been Chief of Surgery at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Among his civic interests were many years service to the Jaycees, and he received the 'Outstanding New Jaycee Award' in 1955. In 1966 he was nominated 'The Outstanding Citizen Of The Year' by the Shelby Lions Club.

His contributions to the American Cancer Society started in 1955 with the organization of a Cancer Detection Center, which operated for ten years. Along with this, there was a research and prevention study done, with the help of many recruited volunteers, which kept statistics and information on approximately 1,130 families interviewed in Cleveland County.

The Cleveland County Chapter of the American Red Cross dominated many years of ser-

vice in his civic life. Twice being Chapter Chairman, three times Chairman of the Blood Program, served on the Board Of Directors of the local Chapter, on the Board of the Piedmont Regional Blood Program executive committee, State Moderator for the Blood Program, Vice-Chairman of the North Carolina Fund Raising Committee, served as Chairman for the Southeastern Area Advisory Council from 1966 to 1969, and was Chairman of the Greater Carolinas Chapter in 1971-1972.

He is currently a member of the United Fund Board, active in the Shelby Rotary Club, and recently served on the State Cancer Commission, and Vice-President of the North Carolina Division of the American Cancer Society for the year 1981-1982. He has formerly served on the Salvation Army Board, and in 1981 was elected to a three year term on the Western North Carolina Health Systems Agency.

Besides swimming with the Shelby Masters program he enjoys tennis and snow skiing. He and his wife reside at 820 East Graham Street in Shelby.

Warren Winslow McMurry and his wife, Linda Essa McMurry, reside in Charleston, South Carolina, where Dr. McMurry has started a Surgical Residency at the Medical University of South Carolina. Warren completed his undergraduate studies and his Medical Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

David Willis McMurry, upon graduation from Medical School at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, in May 1982, will be starting a Medical Residency in Savannah, Georgia.

Harris Ligon McMurry, a graduate of Davidson College in 1979, is currently in Graduate School at the University of North Carolina, in Chapel Hill, in the School of Biomedical Engineering. He is also employed in the Radiation Therapy Department at the North Carolina Memorial Hospital.

Carol Avery McMurry received her B.S. degree in Nursing from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, N.C., in May 1980, and is now a Lieutenant in the United States Navy Nurse Corps. Working in the Surgical Intensive Care Unit at Balboa Hospital in San Diego, California.

Sources: Family Bible, Birth Certificates, Year Books, Certificates of awards, plaques, and diplomas and newspaper clippings.

— Mrs. Avery Willis McMurry

AVERY WINSLOW McMURRY **752**

Avery Winslow McMurry, a native of Cleveland County, was the son of Margaret Hamrick and Jesse Jenkins McMurry. He was born about four miles west of Shelby on October 25, 1872, at the homeplace of his parents in a section of Cleveland County where his forebears had lived for generations. His great-grandfather, John McMurry, and his grandfather, John Wilson McMurry, had farms which were in the original land grant.

Avery had an older brother named Simeon Andrew, (1870-1958) a sister Hannah Elizabeth, (1874-1903) and two other brothers who died in infancy.



Great grandchildren of Avery Winslow McMurry.

When his mother died, his father moved to Shelby in order for the children to be educated. Avery went to the public schools and later to Captain Bell's private school.

Then he attended Wake Forest. After hearing his older brother tell tall tales about the west he too, traveled west. After returning from the west, he went to eastern Kentucky with several friends as representatives of the Babbington Sewing Machine Company.

There he met Cora Bell Wills (May 2, 1876 — September 20, 1951) and they were married March 4, 1895. They lived near Richmond, Kentucky returning to Shelby in 1900 with a daughter, Margaret Hamrick (Born April 20, 1896) and twins Andrew Willis and Sara Elizabeth (Born June 12, 1899). Later another son J.J. McMurry was born (March 5, 1904) in Shelby.

When in Kentucky he developed a love for beautiful horses, and for many years he kept several thoroughbreds. Many of these horses came from the Fox Farm in Danville, Kentucky.

He managed the Shelby Hotel when he first returned to Shelby. This was a large frame building facing the Courthouse on the lot where Loy's, McNeely's, and Fraziers now stand.

At this time he was in the Livery Stable business with Stough Wray.

In 1920 he and Hugh Miller, Senior built and operated the first Electric Light System in Shelby. An article in the *Cleveland Star* reported "that Shelby was a well lighted town, but suggested that the town could very well contract for five more large lights, making thirty instead of twenty-five.

Together with his father J.J. McMurry, and his brother Sim & others, purchased the Belmont Cotton Mill in South Shelby from A.C. Miller. Avery was Secretary and Treasurer and general manager for many years. Later on with others they bought the Double Shoals Mill near Lawndale, where A.W. was Secretary and Treasurer, as well as manager. He was active in the cotton brokerage business with his fa-

ther, brother, his son Willis McMurry and nephew, Jesse Washburn.

"Mr. Mac," as friends called him, was always interested in schools and churches, and was one of the moving spirits behind the rebirth of Gardner-Webb College. He and his brother gave generously toward a building as a memorial to their father J.J. McMurry. He was chairman of the executive committee at Gardner-Webb and on the board of trustees for many years.

He was active in every thing pertaining to the development of Shelby. He loved sports and games of all kinds.

When the Cleveland Memorial Hospital opened in 1923, he served on the first board for twenty or more years. He was so proud of Shelby for having such a fine hospital. "Mr. A.W." operated two large farms on the outskirts of the city and even after he retired, was active in farming.

In 1944 he sold the Belmont Cotton Mill to the Neisler Mills of Kings Mountain. The Double Shoals Mill had been sold previously.

The McMurry's loved to travel. He said he had promised to take "Miss Cora," his wife, back to Kentucky every summer. She and her four children went the first of June to her mother's plantation near Richmond, Kentucky meeting her five sisters and their children to spend the entire summer. In all there were twenty five.

There were many trips all through life to New York, Miami, Florida, Hot Springs, Arkansas, but after retirement to Orlando Florida in winter, and to Blowing Rock or the beach in summer.

Mrs. McMurry died September 20, 1951 and Mr. McMurry on February 22, 1960 and they are both buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Their four children: were Mrs. David Wyeth Royster, Mrs. John Thomas Moore, Andrew Willis McMurry, J.J. McMurry, II. Seven grandchildren were: Dr. Avery W. McMurry, Mrs. Thomas R. Jones, John E. McMurry, David Wyeth Royster, Jr. Mrs. James B.

Taylor, J.J. McMurry III, Sarah Thomas Moore, and 23 great grandchildren.

Sources: *Family Bible*, *Shelby Daily Star*, Town Records
— Mrs. D.W. Royster (Daughter)

JESSE JENKINS McMURRY

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Jesse Jenkins McMurry (Born May 1, 1849 — Died Jan. 5, 1934) son of John Wilson McMurry (Born Feb. 1825 — Died Jan. 27, 1910) and Elizabeth Jenkins (Born Dec. 20, 1831 — Died July 10, 1909). He was born on his grandfather's farm a few miles west of Shelby. Land that bordered on Brushy Creek, Broad River and on Old Sharon Road. He married Margaret Hamrick (1869) and to this union three children were born Simeon Andrew McMurry (Born Feb. 19, 1870 — Died Sept. 6, 1958) Avery Winslow McMurry (Born Oct. 25, 1872 — Died Feb. 22, 1960) and Hannah Elizabeth McMurry (Born July 27,

1874 — Died Jan. 1, 1903). They lived on a farm adjoining his grandfather's farm on Sharon Road.

His wife Margaret died (1885) and later, after he moved to town, he married Hessie Gardner a sister of Governor O. Max Gardner and Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey. "Miss Hessie" died six years before Jesse Jenkins. They did not have any children but "Miss Hessie" was mother to his children, Max Gardner, and later Jess Washburn, a grandchild.

No more highly esteemed and influential citizen lived in the county and Shelby than "Mr. Jesse". He was an authority, both as a farmer, cotton broker, and the merchantile business, having part ownership in the McMurry & Hull Store located on LaFayette Street across from the Courthouse. He was a large land owner growing much cotton and timber. He was also interested in textile manufacturing. When the Shelby Mill was being built, he furnished 2,500 cords of wood (at \$1.25 per cord.) In 1902 he was elected to the

Shelby Cotton Mill board of Directors. Later he became Secretary and Treasury and after that he was made Vice President in 1922. He was also President of the Belmont Cotton Mill.

He always gave his support to all civic movements. His acquaintances extended into many states. All who knew him loved him for his kind gentle manner, his sound judgement, and generous spirit.

He was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church, his country and to his friends. He was always considerate of the poor and unfortunate.

His daughter, Hannah McMurry Washburn, (married H.L. Washburn) died leaving two small children Jesse Heywood, and Hannah Elizabeth Washburn. He raised the small boy who shared his name Jesse, and then his sister, Ida McMurry took the baby girl Hannah, and reared her as her very own daughter.

His sons, Sim and Avery, donated a twenty four bed wing of a large Dormitory to Gardner-Webb College as a memorial to their father.

He was deeply interested in young people getting an education, and since their mother, Margaret Hamrick, had lived in Boiling Springs in a home practically located on the College Campus. They knew this gift would have pleased him.

Mr. Jesse died on January 5, 1934 leaving his sons and their wives, six grandchildren, Mrs. D.W. Royster, Mrs. Tom Moore, Andrew Willis McMurry, J.J. McMurry II, Jesse Heywood Washburn and Mrs. Phillips Robinson, and several great-grandchildren. He is buried in Sunset Cemetery just two blocks from his homeplace where he lived for many years.

Sources: *Family Bible*, *Family History*, *The Shelby Daily Star*

— Mrs. D.W. Royster

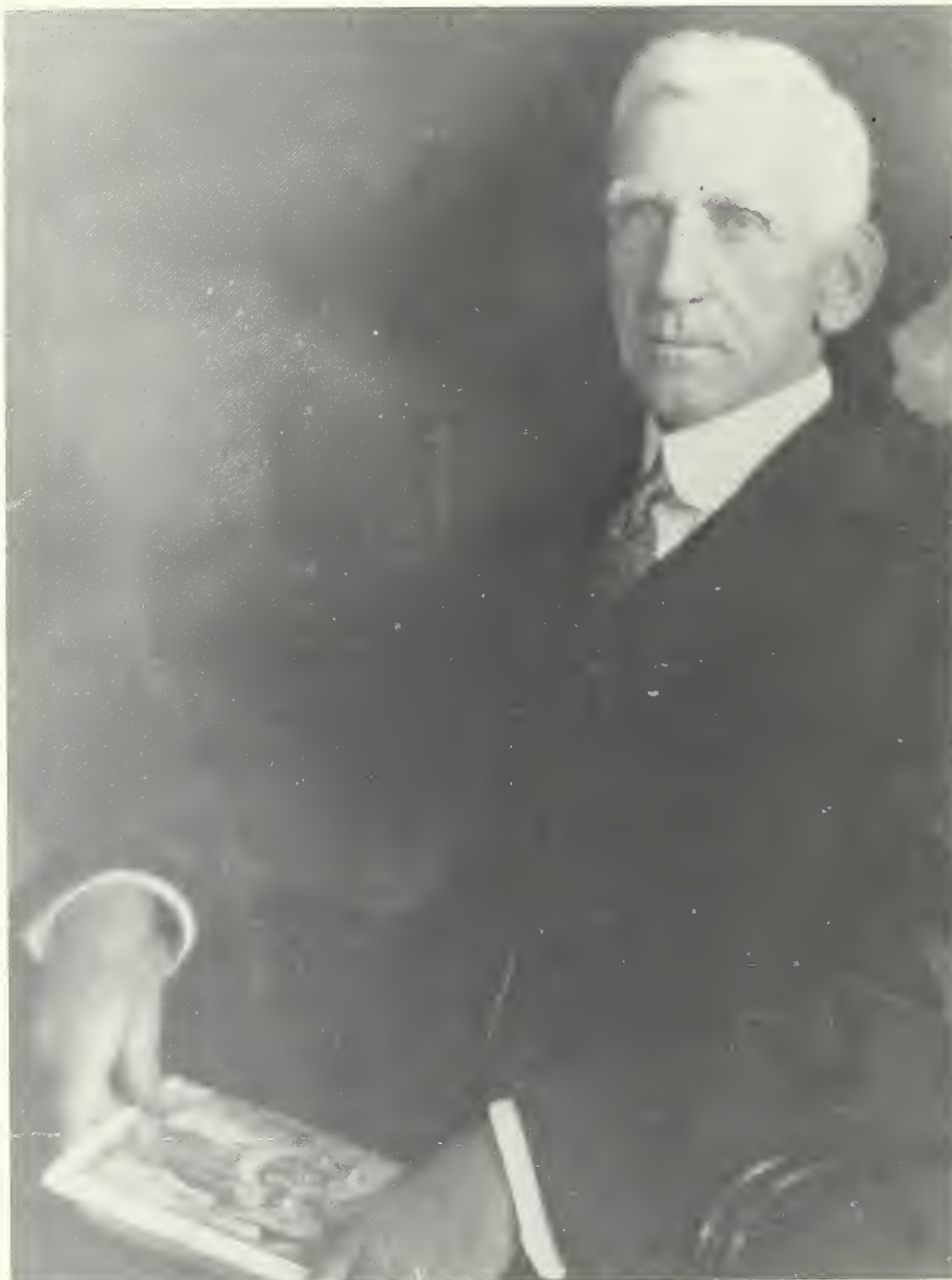
JESSE JENKINS McMURRY, II

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Jesse Jenkins McMurry, II, J.J., as he was called was born March 5, 1904 in Shelby, N.C. He was the son of Avery Winslow and Cora Willis McMurry.

He graduated from Shelby High School (1921) while there he was a member of the football and baseball teams, and excelled in track meets. According to a write up in the Charlotte Observer about a track meet between the Charlotte and Shelby Schools, J.J. ran the 100 yards in ten seconds flat, probably establishing a high school record and getting in the class of swiftmen. Quoting the article, "There is no doubt about McMurry being the greatest sprinter seen here in years, and could probably be put in the class of Duffy Paddock and others whose records stand out. McMurry not only took first place in the century, but he also took first place in the 220 yard dash, doing it in 24.4. Second place in the running broad, the standing broad and the shot put."

After high school he attended Bingham Military Academy in Asheville, N.C. and later graduated from University of North Carolina. He was on the track and football teams while at the University being listed an "all Southern Football Player" for three years.



Jesse Jenkins McMurry



Four Generations, L to R: J.J., A.W., Willis and Dr. Avery McMurry.

He married Miss May Washburn (Oct. 1902) daughter of Seaton and Susan Hamrick Washburn of Shelby in 1927. At this time Jay and May moved to Clinton, N.C. where he was distributor for the Gulf Oil Company. In 1929 they moved to High Point, N.C. and there he was associated with his cousin Jesse Heywood Washburn in the Washburn Oil Company, Gulf Distributorship and served as president for a number of years.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of High Point, of Acacia Lodge 674 A.F. & A.M., High Point Chapter no 70 Royal Arch Masons, High Point Commandry No 24 Knights Templar and the Oasis Temple Shrine. He was also a member of B.P.O.E. No 1155, the North Carolina Wild Life Federation, and Emorywood Country Club.

Jay liked to hunt and fish as well as all kinds of games and sports.

It was his ambition in life to help his friends in any way he could. Those whose lives were touched by Jay were enriched by knowing him.

After his wife's death (Oct. 1934) he married Miss Edith Farrington on April 1, 1946. They had one son Jesse Jenkins McMurry, III (Born December 25, 1946) who married Miss Joanne Farward on Sept. 2, 1971. They have

one daughter Lynn McMurry (Born April 19, 1971).

J.J. McMurry, II died of a heart attack May 5, 1967 and is buried in Floral Gardens Cemetery in High Point, North Carolina.

Sources: Shelby *Daily Star*, Charlotte *Observer*, Family History

— Mrs. D.W. Royster

JOHN EUGENE McMURRY 755

John Eugene McMurry was born October 6, 1927 in Shelby, NC. He is the son of Julia Ligon McMurry and Andrew Willis McMurry. On his mothers side he is a direct descendant of Colonel Thomas Ligon of Madresfield, Worcestershire, England, recorded on page 539 in the 1st Edition of the Ligon Family and connections by William D. Ligon Jr. and on his father's side the McMurry family settled in Cleveland County, seven generations ago in the 1700's.

John attended Shelby High School. After graduating from High School, he went to The Citadel, a military college in Charleston, SC and graduated with a B.S. Degree in Pre. Med.

He also attended the University of Georgia doing advanced studies. On December 2, 1950, he married Rachael Louise Venning, daughter of Elias and Rachael Venning of 16 Tradd Street, Charleston, SC. Louise and John have six children: Rachael Louise (Lucy) born May 28, 1952 — married James William Ward, November 22, 1980; John Eugene, Jr. born March 31, 1954 — married Jane Height December 28, 1976; Andrew Venning born October 10, 1956 — married Patricia Jean Ellis May 27, 1978; Simeon Avery born March 21, 1961; Julia Lynn born September 29, 1965; Elias Venning (Skipper) born June 18, 1967.

John was active in the U.S. Army Reserve for eight years and attained the rank of 1st Lieutenant. He was honorably discharged in 1959. In October, 1950, he went to work for the Coca Cola Company in Atlanta, Georgia, as a chemist and worked in several states. Later in 1953, he worked for Jefferson Island Salt Company as salesman until 1959. After leaving that company, he went to work for Fulbright Laboratories in Charlotte, NC, who sold out to The Mogul Corporation in 1963. He continues working for Mogul as a District Sales Manager for sales in North Carolina, Virginia and eastern Tennessee. During this period he has won many honors including being the top salesman in the company for many years.

John is an active member of the First Baptist Church where he has served as an usher for many years. He is a Rotarian and was President in 1975 & 1976. During his time as President he led the club in celebrating their Golden Anniversary. He worked for over a decade with the Explorer Scouts and was awarded the Silver Beaver for service to scouting.

He and his family reside at 130 Hillside Drive, Shelby, N.C.

— Mrs. Julia L. McMurry



Jesse Jenkins McMurry, II





John Eugene McMurry

JOHN WILSON McMURRY

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The stories about our ancestors fill us with pride in the sturdy pioneer Scotch-Irish people who braved the mountain wilderness of the early frontier, to build their homes, raise their families, and later on to fight for their beloved country.

The history of the McMurry family will of necessity have to begin before there was a Cleveland County. Our county was originally a part of New Hanover, Bladan, Anson, Old Tryon, Rowan, Mecklenburg, Rutherford, Lincoln and finally Cleveland. It was to Rutherford County that the first McMurrays came, for the Scotch Irish were among the frequent early arrivals in the colonies. Between 1720 and 1775 over a quarter million Scotchmen settled in places like the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, the Piedmont county of North Carolina and all along the Eastern seaboard.

By the time the colonies declared their independence from England, one out of ten American settlers was Scotch Irish. These hearty people helped their new homeland in another way. When they found all the good land along the coast was already taken these Scotch-Irish became the corps of pioneers who took wagon trains to settle America's heartland.

John Wilson McMurry's great-grandfather was William McMurry who's wife was Margarette. They had seven children: Samuel, Mary Margarette, James, John, Cathern, William and Sara. These were mentioned in William's will in 1808. In this will written in Rutherford County, he left his son John McMurry, land lying on the west side of Broad River about four miles west of Shelby.

This John McMurry married Peggy Smith on May 26, 1811 and they had the following children: Martha S. Webb, William, Nathaniel, James W., Elizabeth C. Blanton, John and Bartlette Y. McMurry. In John McMurry's will in 1850, he left each child an equal part of his estate. His son John Wilson (Born 1825) and his wife Elizabeth Jenkins (Born 1831) inherited a part of the land on Sharon Road and they

lived there until they moved to Shelby about 1850.

In the 1870 census these were listed as children of John and Elizabeth: Jesse Jenkins, Nathaniel, John E. Miller, Lenardo H. Fletcher A., Eleanora E. and Pinkney B., a daughter Ida was born about 1872 or 1873.

Ida married Debro D. Wilkins, a former sheriff of Cleveland County, and they built a house next to her parent's home on West Marion Street, just two blocks from the Court House. She had one son McMurray Wilkins and raised a niece, Hannah Washburn.

His oldest son Jesse Jenkins McMurry lived several blocks farther out on West Marion Street and another son Pinkney B. and his wife lived near-by. The other children lived on farms near Shelby.

John Wilson McMurry died in 1910 and his wife Elizabeth in 1909 and they are buried in Sunset Cemetery. Their home 231 West Marion Street still belongs in the family.

Sources: Census, Deeds, Wills

— Mrs. D.W. Royster

SIMEON ANDREW McMURRY

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Simeon Andrew McMurry was born in Cleveland County March 19, 1870 about five miles west of Shelby on his grandfather's farm and died in 1958.

He was the son of Margaret Hamrick and Jesse Jenkins McMurry. When he was two years old his family moved into a house near the home of Alonzo Hamrick on Sharon Road.

Later his father, after his mother's death, moved to Shelby. Sim was about fourteen. He went to school in an old wooden building on West Marion Street and he studied under Captain Bell at his Military School.

He attended Wake Forest College for a year, and shortly before his eighteenth birthday, he and a school chum got a yen to go West. He went to Weatherford, Texas, where he got a job with Wells Fargo and Pacific Railroad.

It was about that time he first began smoking cigars, a habit he continued always; with Muriels his favorite. In 1893 he began traveling for a snuff company, and in 1900 he and his father opened a general merchandise store on a lot facing the west side of the Court House.

Mr. Sim, as he was called, was married to Mary Irene Suttle (born July 12, 1874) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Beatie Suttle, on February 7, 1901, by her brother, the Reverend John W. Suttle, on the same site of the present First Baptist Church.

For the first fourteen months after their marriage they lived in Lattimore, after which they moved back into "Aunt Irene's" ancestral home, where they lived the rest of their lives. The home, a pretty white frame house with gingerbread trim, located on West Marion Street, was built in 1873 by her maternal grandparents, the late Mr. & Mrs. J.A.L. Wray. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C.B. Suttle lived there most of their married lives, moving there when Irene was a little girl, and reared their seven children there.

Uncle Sim and Aunt Irene had no children of

their own, but were second parents to several nieces and nephews, whom they loved as dearly as if they were their own. J.L. Suttle, Jr., Mary Suttle Lutz, Louise Baley Lackey and Louis Baley, Jr.

In 1946 they celebrated their forty-sixth Wedding Anniversary with a beautiful party and again on their fiftieth celebration, Mrs. Irma Drum, Social Editor of the Shelby Daily Star, asked Mrs. McMurry. "What is your secret for living together for half a century?" Mrs. McMurry was ready with her answer "We've always had faith in God, and trusted him to take care of us. We've always had good health, and very little sickness". To the same question Mr. Sim answered, "Well we've been mighty happy together". Mrs. Drum finished her article by writing "what better formula could anyone have for building a happy marriage partnership."

Mr. Sim was a member of the First Baptist Church and was an usher there for over forty years. A Mason and former Kiwanian, he was associated with the J.J. McMurry Co., a cotton merchants firm and president of the Belmont and Double Shoals Manufacturing Companies.

He was a director of the Shelby Cannon Mill and Cleveland Savings and Loan Co. He served Shelby as Mayor for three consecutive terms (1929-1935). When he ran for the third term, he secured enough votes over his three opponents not to necessitate a second race. While Mayor, he was elected tenth district director of the North Carolina Municipal Association.

He had one brother, Avery Winslow McMurry, who married Cora Bell Willis and one sister Hannah Elizabeth, who married H.I. Washburn, and many nieces and nephews belonging to the McMurrays, Suttles, and Washburn families.

Uncle Sim died September 6, 1958; Aunt Irene, March 2, 1962. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: Family Bible, Shelby Daily Star, town records.

— Mrs. D.W. Royster

DAVID and SUSANNA HAMRICK McSWAIN and DESCENDANTS

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George Hamrick from Germany, George Blanton from England, William Champion from France, Henry Green from Scotland, and others came over across the waters leaving their station in 1730. They landed in 1731 at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. They spent 6 months on the water, and later came to Boiling Springs, North Carolina, and all settled around there. They came over on account of religion. There was a period of 21 years they worshiped in different homes before they were able to build a church in 1784.

They built, and organized a church at York, South Carolina, and called it Buffalo Church. James Camp was the first pastor. The church was 40 ft. long, 25 ft. wide, and 25 ft. high with the cracks 4" wide; and 1 door at each end, and 1 window in the center of the building that had a partition in the back end reserved for



Simeon Andrew and Irene Suttle McMurry.

colored people. They usually went on Saturday, and walked back home on Sunday.

The women wore homemade dresses made of material which they had corded, and spun by hand. Their shoes were made of homemade leather the heels on the shoes were as large as the shoes, and the women went barefoot, until they neared the church having to stop and put on their shoes. The people walked 8 to 10 miles to hear the gospel preached in those days, and never seemed to get tired. The benches in the church were logs split open, whereas one log made two benches.

In 1789, Sandy Run Church was built on the same order as Buffalo Church, they were both deeded to the Baptist.

From this background came a McSwain-Hamrick marriage.

(2.) Wm. McSwain and wife Susanna Hamrick settled near his father (1.) David McSwain (first generation) on the east side of First Broad River, and was buried at the old McSwain graveyard which is now known as the old Buck McSwain graveyard.

They had 8 children: Wm. McSwain m. Judith Moore; David McSwain m. Rebecca Cowhart, 2nd Catherine Robertson; Benjiman McSwain m. Rebecca Smith, Precilla McSwain m. Gabriell Washburn, Jonathon McSwain m. Sarah Norwood, Elizabeth McSwain m. John Mathny, Charles McSwain m. Margaret Norwood, and James McSwain m. Elizabeth Moore (no children)

(3.) Wm. McSwain and wife Judith Moore's 13 children were: David McSwain m. Susanna Hamrick, James McSwain m. Sarah Bostic, Hannah McSwain m. Ruben Hamrick, Sarah

McSwain m. David Hamrick, Mary McSwain m. Elijah Hamrick, Rebecca McSwain m. George Champion, Elizabeth McSwain m. James Moore, John McSwain m. Judith Moore, Judith McSwain m. John Green, Thomas McSwain m. Franklin Bridges, George McSwain m. Mary Weathers, Susanna McSwain never married, and Wm. McSwain m. Mary Bridges.

(4.) Wm. McSwain and wife Mary Bridges had 9 children: Burwell McSwain m. Eliza McSwain, 2nd wife Jane Hamrick (no children); George McSwain m. Hannah McSwain; Mary McSwain m. James Hamrick; Susanna McSwain m. Allen Hamrick; Richard McSwain m. Mary Weathers, 2nd wife Susanna Moore; Elizabeth McSwain m. David Bridges; Nina McSwain m. Wiley Padgett; Jane McSwain m. Benjiman Green; and Wm. McSwain m. Sarah McSwain.

(5.) Wm. McSwain and wife Sarah McSwain, had 5 children: Perdrie McSwain m. Dulcenia McSwain; Temmons McSwain m. Isabell McSwain, Lasisoa McSwain m. Green, Robert McSwain never married, and Wm. McSwain m. Margaret McSwain.

(6.) Wm. McSwain and wife Margaret McSwain had 1 son: Floyd McSwain m. Hester Green.

(7.) Floyd McSwain and wife Hester Green, had 14 children: Wm. Noah McSwain m. Johnsie Kishman; Eva McSwain m. Perry White; Plato McSwain m. Elizabeth (1 son died a baby), 2nd wife Hester; Robert McSwain m. Mary, 2nd wife Estelle Sain; Bethel McSwain m. Ira; Jethro McSwain m. Ruth; Janie, Nouella, Lucy, Mother, Wince, Ambrose, and Mar-

vin died and were buried in one week during the influenza 1918; Wm. Noah McSwain married Johnsie Kishmon, one daughter Claudia Hester McSwain; and Hester McSwain married Ernest Addy, five children.

The children of Hester and Ernest Addy: Wm. H. Addy m. Jenifer Darrah, David Addy m. Joyce, John, Tommy, and Susan.

Wm. H. (Billy) Addy and wife Jenifer Darrah, 1 child, Meredith Ashely Addy.

Eva McSwain and husband Perry Rosca White, 2 children: Mary Hester m. James Roy Mode and Ruth m. George Powell.

Mary White and husband James Ray Mode, 3 children: Margie Rae Mode m. Charles James Van Dyke; Julia Rosca Mode m. Maxine Foster, and James Roy Jr. Mode m. Lana Thomas.

Margie Rae Mode m. James Van Dyke, 7 children: Trisa Ann Van Dyke m. Mickle Ramsey, a daughter; Melissa Ann; Pamela Rae Van Dyke m. James Baisden, a daughter, Darillna Nichola; Darrul; Allen; Richard; Russell; and Denice.

Julian Rosca Mode m. Maxine Foster, 1 son, Julian Rodney Mode.

James Roy Mode, Jr. m. Lana Thomas, 3 sons: James Edward Mode m. Brenda Wortz, Raymond Lee, Timothy Scott, and James Edward Mode m. Brenda Wortz, a daughter, Danielle Lynn.

Ruth White m. George Powell, 7 children: Jimmie Powell m. Sarah Lineburger, Betty Powell m. Emit Ayers, Marrien Powell m. Betty Foster, Donald Powell m. Vicky McSwain (Divorced), Carlina Powell m. Paul Barrett, Charlie Powell m. Linda Frum, Billy Powell m. Candy Smith.

Jimmie Powell and wife Sarah Lineburger, 2 sons, Barry and J.J.

Betty Powell m. Emit Ayers, had 2 children, Robbin and Danny.

Marrien Powell m. Betty Foster, 1 son, Wayne.

Donald Powell m. Vicky McSwain, 3 children, Jeffery, Chris and David.

Charlie Powell m. Linda Frum, 2 sons, Tony and Timmy.

Carolina Powell and husband Paul Barrett, 2 children, Rodney and Jesse.

Billy Powell and wife Candy Smith, 1 child, Rahanda.

Plato McSwain and wife Hester, no children.

Bob McSwain m. Estelle Sain, 3 children: Nellie McSwain m. Lynn Skipper, Dean McSwain m. ; and Joann McSwain m. Marrien Allen.

Nellie McSwain m. Lynn Skipper, 2 children, Lynda and Sissie.

Joann McSwain m. Marvin Allen, 2 children, Susan and Marty.

Bethel McSwain m. Ira, 5 children: Pedrew (Bill) McSwain m. James McSwain m. Steve McSwain, (twin) Clouda Ray McSwain m. Cloudia, and (twin) Clara Fay married Joe Moss.

Jethro McSwain m. Ruth, 5 children: Sandra, Judie, Floyd, Wm. (Bill), Kathy. All married.

Sources: Family records and family interviews.

— Mrs. Ray Mode (Mary)

DAVID McSWAIN

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David McSwain came to Cleveland County, North Carolina from Scotland. He left Scotland for Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and later migrated to North Carolina. He married Judith Hamrick and settled on the east side of the First Broad river. He died there and was buried on his place now known as the old "Buck" McSwain graveyard. The McSwains left Scotland with other families in order to have a freedom of choice of religion. They worshiped in different homes for over twenty years before they could build a church.

The Hamricks came to America in 1731 from Germany. Eighty percent of the Hamricks married kin.

In 1918 during the Spanish influenza epidemic, Hester Emeline Green McSwain and five children died within one week. Mrs. McSwain and Wentz were buried in one casket; in another were buried Marvin, Novella, Ambrose and Lucy. They are all buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church, Cleveland County.

This account has been prepared by Johnsie Grady Kirkman McSwain, the widow of William Noah McSwain. William Noah McSwain migrated to Guilford County, North Carolina. Mr. McSwain worked as a carpenter and lived the rest of his life in Greensboro, North Carolina. He is buried at Tabernacle Methodist Church, Liberty Road, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Mrs. McSwain has prepared this from "word of mouth" collections and from *The Hamrick Generations* by S.C. Jones, Shelby, NC, Copyright 1920.

Sources: Indicated in Article

— Hester McSwain Addy

FLOYD and HESTER GREENE McSWAIN

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Grandpa and grandma were tenant farmers in different places in Cleveland County as they raised their 14 children. Two of their children died at birth. There were 4 girls and 9 boys: Jane, Nowla, Lucy, Eva, Noah, Plato, Robert (Bob), Bethel, Ambors, Marvin, Wince, Winford, Jethro. The girls wore long dresses down to their feet. Mother said they would get wet and dirty working in the field. They had to carry water from a spring and the only way they had of getting heat in winter was building a fire in the fireplace and sometimes it didn't heat the room as there were cracks in the walls. They cooked on a wood stove. They always tried to get their stove wood cut and split and racked up in March so it would dry out good to do them during the summer months. They had to carry their clothes down to the spring to wash. They had a big black pot they boiled their clothes in and rubbed them on a rubboard and hung them on bushes to dry. To clean their floors they would get white sand and put it on the floor and take a shuck mop and scrub the floor and take clear water and rinse it off. Grandpa made benches for the table, one on each side for the children. They had a long way

to walk to school and there were so many of them that they carried their lunches in a large basket with a lid on it. They had a big round stove to keep the schoolhouse warm. The bigger boys would have to get the wood for the heater and they got their water from a spring. They walked to church and the girls would gather at the spring and the boys would always wander down to the spring for the boys and girls did not have the freedom they have today. Mother said there was always a crowd of boys and girls at her house on Sunday evening. They had an organ and they would sing and play games or just pair off and talk. She said it was a hard time but they had love and fun.

I don't know what year grandpa bought a house on South Washington Street. He and the older boys did carpenter work.

My mother, Eva McSwain, born in 1892, married Perry Rosco White, born in 1886 in Earl. They farmed for a while. One year mother said they had all their food in for the winter and one night there came up a bad looking storm and they lived in a small house so they went across the road to the landlord's house to stay until the storm was over. While they were sitting and talking a neighbor knocked on the door asking about them and he told them their house was gone.

I was born the year of 1918, the year the influenza was so bad and so many people died. My mother and daddy had influenza. Dr. Palmer told mother to keep liquor mixed with water and sugar in me to try to keep me from taking it. She said it was an awful time. People were scared, they would fix food and put it on peoples' porches, knock and run. It divided the family, her mother, and 6 children. They said so many people were dying that they had to bury 4 in one grave. Daddy got better before mother and one night 2 men knocked at the door and asked daddy about getting mother ready for burial. She heard them and knew it was her sister. She didn't know her sisters and brothers were dying like that. She didn't get to see any of them.

I don't know what year it was that we moved to town. Daddy was a carpenter and mother said times got bad and daddy couldn't find work so we moved back to the farm. We raised most of what we ate and canned in summer for winter. I had to walk about 2 miles to a one-room school below Earl. I carried my lunch but mother always made tea cakes or molasses bread for me, as I look back. I know it was hard on mother and daddy but for me and my sister, Ruthe, it was a lot of fun except picking cotton.

I was born 6 am on August 30, 1918 and five years later on August 30, 1923 at 6 am my sister Ruth was born. We walked to church every Sunday, and back on Sunday night and when we had revival we went every morning and back at night for 7 days. Most of the time the churches were full. The black people that lived around the church would come at night and sit on the back seat. If there was not room they would sit on the door steps. They always had revival the last of July or the first of August when we wouldn't be working in the field.

Eva McSwain married Perry White in 1915. They had two girls, Mary and Ruth. Mary

White married James Roy Mode, Sr. They had 3 children, Margie Rae, Julian Rosca, James Roy, Sr. Margie Rae Mode married James Van Dyke and had 7 children: Darrell, Teresa, Pamela Rae, Richard, Charles Alan, Russell Dale, Sharon Denice.

Julian Rosco Mode married Janie Maxiene Foster. They had one son, Rodney Julian Mode.

James Roy Mode Jr. married Lana Thomas. They have three sons, James Eward, Raymond Lee, Timothy Scott. Tirisa Ann Van Dyke married Mickie Ramsey. They have one daughter, Melissa Ann. Pamela Rae Van Dyke married James Baisden. They have one daughter, Darillnon Nichole. James Eward Mode married Brenda Wartz. They have one daughter, Danielle Lynn.

Ruth White married George Powell. They had seven children, Jimmie, Betty, Marvin, Donald, Carolina, Charlie, Billy. Jimmie Powell married Sarah Lineburger. They have two boys, Barry, J.J. Betty Powell married Emiet Ayers. They had two children, Robbin, Danny. Marvin Powell married Betty Foster and they had one son, Wayne. Donald Powell married Vickiy McSwain (now divorced). They had three children, Jeffery, Chris, David. Charlie Powell married Linda Fruam and they had two boys, Tony, Timmy. Carolina Powell married Paul Barrett. They had two children, Rodney, Jesse. Billy Powell married Candy Smith and they had one child, Rahanda.

— Mrs. Ray Mode (Mary)

GEORGE GREEN McSWAIN

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Benjamin Franklin McSwain and Nancy Green McSwain were the parents of George Green McSwain. He was born May 18, 1848 and died January 5, 1919.

George's wife was Patia Jane Green, daughter of Joseph Green and Sarah Hamrick Green. Patia was born August 1, 1856 and she died July 6, 1897. He owned a big farm in the Boiling Springs area. He owned and operated the first cannery in the Boiling Springs area. He grew his own vegetables and fruits. He canned them in tin cans and sealed them with an old time soldering iron. He carried them to Henrietta and Caroleen and sold them and did good business.

He sold spectacles and so far as I know he knew nothing about optometry. He had cards with different sizes of print on them. He let people try spectacles on until they found a pair that they could see through. I never heard of any one complaining about their glasses not giving satisfaction. He owned the first sewing machine around this area and until he got the sewing machine all the sewing was done by hand. George carried his sewing machine around to different homes and sewed for folks. Five or six women would gather at one home and carry their material to make dresses, underwear, men's trousers, etc. The women cut their garments out and basted them and then George would sew them on his machine. He could sew as fast as they cut and baste their garments. The ladies were all amazed at how

fast he could sew.

George was well known throughout North Carolina. He traveled through the state sharpening cotton gins, (as there were several.) George McSwain was identified by his red hair and was nick-named Red-Headed George McSwain.

When Boiling Springs built their new Baptist church in 1905 or 1906, he had some big pictures made of the church. He sold them and gave the money to the church to help pay for the carbon lights in the church. (He was not a member of the church.) Why, I do not know. He always attended church and was always ready to help the church in any way that he could.

He didn't have the opportunity to go to school very much, but he used his talents as best he could. He read his Bible and many other good books. In fact, he was a book agent and sold many good books.

He was a brave and gallant soldier in the Civil War. He was awarded a certificate of meritorious service. He was a Mason and was a charter member of the Boiling Springs Lodge No. 464.

George and Patia Green McSwain were the parents of three children. Carrie McSwain was born May 13, 1883 and she died February 1967. She married James Lester Green son of John Green and Cinda Green. He was born July 22, 1880 and he died May 13, 1944. Joseph Franklin McSwain was born April 8, 1885 and he died April 13, 1911. He married Etta McSwain daughter of Berry Ezel McSwain and Nancy Jane Etters McSwain. Etta still survives at the age of 96 years old. She was born September 1885. Hattie McSwain was born November 4, 1889 and she died May 1925. She married Audley Crowe.

Sources: personal interviews, family records.

— Ollie Connie Green

THE GEORGE WASHINGTON and LUCINDA P. WRIGHT McSWAIN FAMILY

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George Washington McSwain son of David and Susannah Hamrick McSwain, was born July 23, 1821 and died June 25, 1909. He was married May 13, 1841 to Lucinda P. Wright (born September 4, 1819, died February 1, 1897), daughter of John Wright and Peggy Boswell Wright and granddaughter of Jobe Wright, Revolutionary Patriot. His wife, Lucinda, was a native of Virginia and relatives relate that he rode horseback to Virginia where they were married. They returned to Cleveland County together on horseback.

They made their home on a large farm in Cleveland County about two miles east of the present Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, which is located near Lattimore. His great-granddaughter, Alma Harrill Hunt, now ninety-four years of age, recalls having "spent many a night there" and "he always had an apple, a stick of candy, or something to give." She remembers the mules, cows, hogs, and "many sheep" that were on the farm. She, especially, remembers how the sheep were



George Washington and Lucinda P. Wright McSwain.

sheared in the spring, and the wool washed, carded, and spun into thread from which cloth was woven and made into clothing for the family. The thread was also used for knitting their socks and stockings. Cotton was used in the same manner and sometimes cotton and wool were combined, the "warp and filling," for weaving.

As was customary of the time food for the family was grown on the farm. Vegetables and fruits were canned, dried, or made into preserves, pickles, jellies, and jams. Beehives were kept for honey and sugar cane grown for molasses. The "potato house was built back of the chimney for storing potatoes during the winter. Cabbage was made into kraut and stored in large stone jars." Meat was provided by beef cattle, hogs, and poultry. There was a "springhouse" where milk, butter and perishable vegetables "were kept during the summer." The spring furnished water which had to be carried "up the hill to the house."

The kitchen particularly stands out in her memory as being an unusually large room with open fireplaces, cookstove, and "long table." "During the winter most of the meals were cooked on the fireplaces. They stayed in this room during the day and in the evening a fire was laid in the "big house," with one large room and two small bedrooms, where they slept." During cold weather she recalls that she, her two sisters, and brother "would stop by to warm their feet at the big fireplace on their way to school, a one room building where Pleasant Ridge Church now stands."

In her mature years she remembers her great-grandfather as a quiet man, of medium stature, with "blue eyes and white hair," an upright citizen of the community and "a good provider."

They were the parents of eight children, five girls and three boys.

Sarah Elizabeth (born May 18, 1842 died June 18, 1915) married first Andy Hamrick. They had one daughter, Lucinda, who remained single. Her second marriage was to Nimrod Champion and they had no children.

Mary Elizabeth (born November 16, 1843) married Hoyle Rinehart Blanton. They are buried in the Sharon Church Cemetery. Their children are Burwell Henderson, Sarah, George Monroe, John Wiley, William Hoyle,

Posey Crowell and Daisy Ella.

John David (born February 8, 1846 died July 19, 1913) married September 4, 1866 Lucy Harriett McSwain (see John David McSwain Family).

Nancy Jane (Jenny) (born October 13, 1849 died May 31, 1911) remained single and lived at the homeplace with her parents and is buried in the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church Cemetery. She is remembered as a meticulous housekeeper and "good cook."

Margaret Lucinda (born October 19, 1850) married Berry Bostick Melton. They were the parents of three children, Roxanna, Cicero and George, and made their home in Rutherford County. She and her husband are buried in the Walls Baptist Church Cemetery.

J. Cynthia (born March 13, 1853) married Johnnie Green. They are buried in the Trinity Baptist Church Cemetery. They had one daughter, Lillie Mae, who married B.B. Harris.

George Washington, Jr. (born July 26, 1855 died June 6, 1932) married July 19, 1874 Eliza Jane Hamrick (born 1861 died January 2, 1951) daughter of Elijah and Emaline Webb Hamrick. Their children are Johnnie B., George Billy, and Ollie. According to the obituary in "The Star" he was a charter member of Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and "from that time until his death he served as a deacon and a useful member of the church." It continues that "it is remarkable that this man and his two sons, Johnnie and Billy, served together on the board of deacons at Pleasant Ridge Church for several years."

William (Bill) Kaiser (born March 31, 1859 died June 29, 1945) married Salina Miller Ledford. They lived in the Sharon Community and are buried in the Poplar Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. They were the parents of four children, Aquilla, Orvilla, Willard and Lillian.

Sources: George Washington Bible, Census records and relatives

— Alma Harrill Hunt
and Burnette Hunt

HUGH KERR McSWAIN FAMILY

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Hugh Kerr McSwain was born August 27, 1817 the son of James McSwain and Rachel Riggins. He was a farmer in southern Cleveland County. Hugh Kerr first married Adalissa Hopper. She was born January 7, 1818. They had eight children whose births are recorded in the family Bible. Rachel McSwain was born May 30, 1840. She married August 26, 1858 (1) John H. Padgett by Lewis McSwain, Cleveland County. (2) to Mastin Rippey. William Swanson McSwain was born May 22, 1842 and died in 1865. Emily Jane McSwain was born December 15, 1844. She married John Wiley. John McSwain was born February 3, 1847 and died in 1857. Luther Carson McSwain was born December 31, 1849 and died July 9, 1913. He was a carpenter and sold mineral water from a wagon. He helped build his half-brother LeRoy's house. Luther married January 20, 1878 to Martha Roxanne Randall who was born June 26, 1855

and died August 17, 1907. They lived and are buried in Patterson Springs. They leave many descendants in this area. Margaret L. McSwain was born January 26, 1852 and married William McSwain. George Davis McSwain was born January 13, 1854 and died July 8, 1855 and is buried in Buffalo Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, South Carolina. Adalissa McSwain was born February 27, 1857.

Adalissa the wife of Hugh Kerr died and was buried in Buffalo Baptist Cemetery with the inscription, "Adalisey McSwain died April 13, 1857, age 39 years, 2 months, 26 days."

Hugh Kerr married a second time in York County, South Carolina on April 29, 1858 to Catherine A. Davis, the daughter of Vincient Davis. Hugh Kerr purchased two tracts of land from Catherine's brothers located in now northern Cherokee County, then York County, South Carolina. Catherine was born February 19, 1832 (tombstone date) or 1827 (Bible record). They had six children. Their first child Peter Willis McSwain was born February 7, 1859. Peter was stricken as a child with a disease probably infantile paralysis. He was a very stockily built man with very short useless legs. He was also blind. He traveled about in his goat cart along with his black dog. He would call his goats and they would come to him to be hitched up. Several pictures of Peter in his goat cart are existant. Peter died October 21, 1894 and is buried in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery. Joseph Davis McSwain was born December 25, 1859 and died a few days later.

LeRoy Wellington McSwain was born May 28, 1861. He married first Zulie Sophia Rippy. Her tombstone in New Hope Cemetery reads, "born January 12, 1868 died October 15, 1888." There is an error in the death date as LeRoy married a second time and had one child and another one on the way. LeRoy's second wife was Maggie Delean Rippy, a sister to Zulie and the daughter of William Rippy and Marena Mauney. Grandmother would tell of the times LeRoy came to the house to court Zulie. She was younger and always liked to sit and talk to him. After the death of her sister, she soon was courted by the man she admired so much.

Miles Clifton McSwain was born August 15, 1863 and died the same year. Lawson Mills McSwain was born September 8, 1866. He married February 15, 1891 at R.S. Porter to Minne Mary Porter. She was born November 3, 1869 and died July 21, 1956. Lawson was a charter member of New Hope Church. He was a carpenter and farmer. They had ten children. His son Marvin McSwain lives at the home place. This farm originally belonged to Hugh Kerr McSwain.

The original house burned around 1912. Through the woods it is within easy walking distance of LeRoy McSwain's farm on McSwain Road. Lawson died November 25, 1954 and is buried at New Hope. Elizabeth Avalona McSwain was bory May 28, 1871 and died in 1899. She married William Hardin. She had two sons Virgil and Roscoe. I remember Cousin Virgil had been raised by his Uncle LeRoy and Aunt Maggie. He was an amateur

ventriloquist and as a small child I was fascinated with his dummies. Catherine died August 28, 1879 and is buried in Buffalo Cemetery.

Hugh Kerr married his third wife December 27, 1879 at the widow Mary McSwain's house in #3 Township. Witnesses were Phillip Sepaugh, Mary McSwain, and Hannah McSwain. His new wife, Sarah Elizabeth Rippy, was born July 15, 1846. They had three children. Zenas (Zenice) Hicks McSwain was born April 10, 1883. I remember him walking across the branch to Grandma's house. He married Harriett (Aunt Hattie) Truelove. Hicks died October 21, 1964 and is buried at Cleveland Memorial Park with his wife. They had no children. Clarissa Daisy McSwain was born April 22, 1881. She married William Meak Griffin and they had eight children. We met one of Daisy's children, Eva Griffin Runyans, a couple of years ago. She and my mother, Ida, were close friends in childhood spending the night with one another. Hugh Carr McSwain was born April 23, 1885. He married Mary (Minnie) Smith. Hugh Carr died March 3, 1964 leaving many descendants. He and his wife are buried in New Hope Cemetery.

Hugh Kerr died May 9, 1899 and was buried in New Hope Cemetery. Sarah Elizabeth (Granny Liz) died November 1, 1936 and is buried beside him.

— Jean Oates McSwain

JAMES and ANN ELMORE McSWAIN

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There is a controversy in the research of the McSwain Family. S.C. Jones in his book, "Hamrick Generations," states David McSwain and his son David came to Rutherford County and David was the first white man to be buried in this part of the country. He also states that David Jr.'s son James married Elizabeth Moore and left no heirs.

Eleanor McSwain in her book, "Some Descendants of David McSwain Isle of Skye," gives David as being born in 1700 in the Isle of Skye, Scotland. He came to America aboard 'The Snow Louthier — Joseph Fisher Master from Rotterdam last from Dover, October 14, 1731.' David, his wife, and two sons David and Charles left Skye. William was born en-route. To help clarify generations, I will use her system of numbers in the name.

I have been unable to find property transactions in the McSwain name in Old Tryon, Lincoln or Rutherford Counties prior to the deed dated May 13, 1789 in Rutherfordton where William McSwain purchased 500 acres of land on Bowen's Creek joining land of Jacob Randal from John Logan. Witnesses for this were Abednege Adams and David McSwain. William sold 250 acres of this property to Edward Rippy March 22, 1792.

William McSwain married Juditha Moore and she bore his children. After Juditha's death and burial in McSwain Family Cemetery, William married a widow with two sons, Elizabeth Hicks. This wife was listed in his will and Revolutionary War Papers. William's will dated February 23, 1833 is on file in Ruther-

ford County witnessed by Hu or H.W. Kerr and John McSwain. Among his children he listed a son James. This James was born September 17, 1787 according to Bible records in the possession of O.P. Owens, Lumberton, N.C. "Hamrick Generations" states he married Sarah Bostic and lists his child as Lucindy. James wrote a letter in 1854 concerning his father's pension. James' will in Cleveland County dated September 15, 1854 leaves his estate to his wife Sarah and beloved granddaughter, Lucinthia Susan, giving her the same amount he had given his daughter Lucy upon her marriage. Executors of the will were Sarah and his son-in-law David.

A copy of a letter written by Sally Lutts to William F. Rippy dated May 7, 1907 states, "Our great grandmother, Mary Elmore Rippy had a sister Ann. She married a man by the name of McSwain. He died leaving her with one child, a boy. His name was James. I remember being at his house. If I am not mistaken he lived between old Grandsire Rippy's and Uncle Martins. He had a daughter named Hannah and a son named Hicks. They are all I can remember distinctly. Uncle Jim McSwain's mother then married old Hugh Carr, a school teacher, after she lost her first husband. I can well remember Uncle Hugh but I never saw Aunt Ann." The 1850 Cleveland County Census list Hugh Kerr, 71, school teacher in this area.

Hugh Kerr purchased 100 acres of land on Bowen's Creek on May 1, 1801 from John Boggs. This deed was witnessed by Wm. McSwain and Edward Rippy. March 29, 1806 Hugh bought 100 acres on Bowen's River and 50 acres on Mills Creek from John Logan. The property joined Edward Rippy's. John H. Alley, sheriff, sold this property at public auction with James McSwain being the highest bidder. James in turn sold it to Hugh Kerr on November 13, 1813.

According to a marriage bond in Orange County, N.C. dated May 1, 1782, James McSwain married Ann Elmore. She was the daughter of John Elmore.

It is interesting to note deeds located in Orange County show David McSwain and John Moore were issued a grant of 300 acres of land on Haw River. June 4, 1792 David McSwain, Anson County, N.C. sold his interest in this property to John Moore. January 23, 1787 David McSwain of Orange County sold 190 acres of land in the same area that he had purchased from John Ellis of Camden District, S.C. to John Moore.

James McSwain and his wife Ann moved to Rutherford County, N.C. prior to 1789. James died and Ann petitioned the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Session in October 1789 for Administration Papers. She returned with the inventory in January 1790. We do not know where James was buried. My Uncle Trent McSwain, who still resides in Cleveland County, remembers helping his father, LeRoy, clean off the Old McSwain Cemetery when he was a young boy. He does not remember why and no marker for James can be found.

James McSwain and Ann had a son James born August 1, 1789. There is also a possibility of an older daughter. Rutherford County

Marriage Bonds record Hannah McSwain married Daniel Mooney on April 30, 1807, Bondsman was H.W. Kerr and W.M. McBrayer Witness. Legislative papers #314 lists a divorce petition of Hannah Mooney dated November 19, 1818 listing one minor child. Affidavits signed Justice Hu Kerr, J.B. Graham, Hugh Quinn Esq. In the divorce petition Hannah states Daniel had squandered what possessions she had owned.

Rutherford County Superior Court Minutes dated July, 1809 state Daniel Mooney and Hugh Kerr security came into court and stays the judgement obtained against him at the suit of Matthew Raney and Francis Adams.

— Jean Oates McSwain

THE JAMES McSWAIN FAMILY 765

James McSwain, the son of James and Ann Elmore McSwain, was born August 1, 1789 and died September 3, 1851. He was buried in Buffalo Baptist Churchyard, Cherokee County, S.C. He spent his life farming in what is now number 3 Township, Cleveland County.

James married three times. His first wife was Rachel Riggins. She was buried in Buffalo Churchyard and her tombstone reads, "In Memory of Rachel McSwain who died 1839 aged 50 years."

James and Rachel had five children. 1. Hugh Kerr McSwain was born August 27, 1817 and died May 9, 1899. Buried New Hope Baptist Church, Cleveland County, N.C.

2. Susannah McSwain was born 1818 and died in 1847. She married Athis Nathis Elmore. She was buried in Buffalo Baptist Churchyard along with her day old infant.

3. Hannah McSwain then married Athis Nathis Elmore. Hannah is listed in the 1850 Cleveland County Census as being 26 years old and Athis Nathis Elmore is 44 years old. Athenatus was a family name in the Elmore and Rippy Families.

4. William Carr McSwain was born in 1820 and died in 1870. He married first to Judith Champion, second to Margaret Champion, (both daughters of George Champion and Elizabeth Bostic), and third to Mary Ann Sarratt, the daughter of James M. and Julia Sarratt.

5. Berry Hicks McSwain was born February, 1828 and died April 30, 1864, aged 36 years, 2 months. Buried at Buffalo Baptist Churchyard. He was married to Mary "Polly" Rippy who was born August 21, 1827 and died November 4, 1887. She was buried in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery. Berry Hicks enlisted in the Confederate service March 8, 1863. They had 6 children: James McSwain, Rachel Riggins, Susannah Hopper, and Margaret.

1. Sarah A. McSwain was born October 4, 1861 and died December 4, 1929. She married Rufus P. Francis who was born in March 1854 and died March 23, 1931. Both are buried in New Hope Baptist Cemetery.

2. Nedy Ross McSwain was born November 2, 1847 died August 19, 1935. He married first on October 23, 1879 to Barbey Rippy who was born May 18, 1861 and died June 9, 1898. He then married on December 27, 1899 to Mary Putnam.

3. Rachel McSwain was born May 8, 1858 and died August 28, 1942. She married Jesse Craig Runyan who was born July 1855 and died August 6, 1905. Both are buried at New Hope Baptist Cemetery.

4. Hannah McSwain was born July 11, 1850 and died August 25, 1881, 31 years, 1 month, 14 days. She was buried at New Hope.

5. William Mastin McSwain was born January 25, 1852 and died May 31, 1926. He married Juliette (Julia Etta) Sepaugh who was born August 6, 1861 and died October 2, 1940, the daughter of Phillip Sepaugh and his wife Martha Caroline Rippy. Both are buried at New Hope.

6. Walter Gyton McSwain was born December 12, 1856 and died May 22, 1928. He married Mary Margaret Angeline Sepaugh who was born September 18, 1859 and died June 28, 1906. She was a sister to Juliette. Both were buried at New Hope.

After the death of Rachel, James McSwain married, 2nd, Susannah Hopper who was born in 1805 and died in 1847. She is buried at Buffalo. Susannah bore three children:

James McSwain was born February 25, 1842 and died March 7, 1907. He married Pamela Elizabeth Wylie who was born September 4, 1852 and died April 3, 1920. Both are buried at New Hope, where James had served as a deacon.

John Twitty Miller McSwain was born August 18, 1844 and was nicknamed Doctor.

Cynthia Rebecca McSwain was born May 7, 1847. She married Martin Randall the son of Jane Wells and Jacob Randall the carpenter-cabinet maker who built Piney Grove Methodist Church.

James McSwain married a third time to Margaret. She was listed in the 1850 Cleveland County Census as being 40 years old.

After the death of James' last three children lived with their half-brother, Hugh Kerr McSwain and his family. Their births are recorded in his family Bible.

Sources: family records and research.

— Jean Oates McSwain

JOHN DAVID McSWAIN

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John David McSwain (b. 8 Feb. 1846; d. 19 July, 1913), son of George Washington (1821-1909) and Lucindy P. Wright McSwain (1819-1897), was born in the Beaver Dam community in Cleveland County. He was the great grandson of the Revolutionary Patriot, Jobe Wright of Virginia.

He was reared on a large farm near the present Pleasant Ridge Church. He volunteered in the service of the Confederacy, going with the last of seventeen year olds and served only a short while in the war. One of his favorite war stories that is remembered by his granddaughters, Alma Harrill Hunt and Garva Harrill Blanton, is that while he was in service he woke up one morning and found himself covered with snow. He said that he did not know that it was cold for the snow served as a blanket and kept him nice and warm. His warm breath had made a hole in the snow which

enabled him to breathe.

On 4 September 1866 he married his first cousin, Lucy Harriett McSwain (1847-1903), daughter of Berry (1822-1904) and Barbara Padgett McSwain (1818-1910), of the Beaver Dam community. Lucy Harriett was a petite, well dressed woman who showed much concern for her family.

John David and his son-in-law Robert Lee Harrill owned and operated a cotton gin. The grandchildren remember helping fill the large baskets with cotton, pouring the cotton into a large hopper and watching the gin remove the seeds and then card the cotton. John David farmed on a small scale, raised a good garden and had plenty of fruit from the orchard. His neat, white frame house can still be seen in the Beaver Dam community. It is across the road from the present McSwain's Antiques on Highway 74. He lived here until after the death of his wife Lucy Harriett.

The Lattimore Baptist Church minutes state John David and his second wife Malinda E. "Tint" Padgett joined the church by letter, coming from Beaver Dam Baptist Church (1909). He was very active in the affairs of both churches, having served as a deacon and teacher.

John David and Lucy Harriett's four children were:

1. Julia Jane (1869-1950), married Robert Lee Harrill (see article elsewhere in book).

2. Carrie Missouri (1871-1957), married Thomas William Green. Their children were: David Lewis, Summie Aubrey, Carrie Lillian and Garvis Wade.

3. Lou Vina Candis (1873-1963), married Burwell Henderson Blanton. Their children were: Zarthan; Lillie, who served 41 years as postmistress of Lattimore; and George.

4. Summey Weathers (1874-1961), married Docia Ann Bridges: They had one child, J.C. McSwain who married Gena McKinney. Their children were Ed and Ray Eugene.

John David and Lucy Harriett are buried in the Beaver Dam Baptist Church cemetery. Their children are buried in the Lattimore Baptist Church cemetery.

Sources: Family records, minutes of Lattimore Baptist Church.

— Mrs. John S. Blanton

LEROY WELLINGTON and MAGGIE DELEAN RIPPY McSWAIN

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LeRoy Wellington McSwain was born May 28, 1861 and died December 30, 1935. He had lived all his life in southern Cleveland County. He married Maggie Delean Rippy who was also raised in the #3 Township. Some people say the name should be spelled Magdalene, but all records I have found spell it as two words. Also when I would write letters to Grandma, Mama told me to spell it Maggie Delean. Maggie was born November 12, 1870 the daughter of William Rippy and Marena Mauney. She died February 29, 1952.

LeRoy and Maggie are buried in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery. They were lifelong

members of this church.

Grandma and Grandpa had eleven children. Sallie and Carrie lived at the homeplace. Uncle Trent lived just up the road and Uncle Kermit next to him. All were within walking distance for a child.

Ezra Clifton McSwain was the first born on November 22, 1887. He worked in Kings Mountain for a while then in Concord, N.C. There he married Josie Willie Dover on February 19, 1910. Josie was born Near the Kings Mountain Battleground. As a child she had moved to Kings Mountain and then on to Concord. Her family worked in the mill and that is where Ezra worked. Ezra and Josie lived in South Boston, Virginia; Kings Mountain, and Gibsonville, North Carolina but the majority of their life was spent in Robbins, (formerly Hemp) North Carolina. They ran a dry goods store, cafe, barbership, and beauty shop.

Their marriage produced five sons: Ernest Patterson, LeRoy Clifton, James Thurse, Arthur Charles and Carl Douglas. Ezra was very active in civic affairs. He died July 26, 1944 and was buried in Pine Rest Cemetery in Robbins. Josie spent the last few years in Cary, N.C. with her son, J.T., who ran McSwain's Mobil Home Park. Josie died December 28, 1971. She was buried in Pine Rest Cemetery. Josie loved to crochet and made each of her children a bedspread.

Broadus Henderson McSwain was born January 4, 1889. On February 9, 1909 he married Minnie Ross of Cleveland County who was born January 9, 1891. They spent their later years in Charlotte, North Carolina. Uncle Broadus worked for Lance Packing Company. As a child we looked forward to his visits. He always brought us "treats." We would make homemade ice cream often. Aunt Minnie loved ice cream and would wrap up to keep warm and continue to eat it.

Broadus and Minnie had four children: Herman Eugene, Katheen Ross, Hazel Lee, and Broadus Henderson, Jr. Minnie died May 16, 1941. Broadus died August 21, 1961. They are buried at New Hope.

Carrie Vada McSwain was born May 17, 1890. She married L. Gidney Hamrick who was born March 25, 1885. They lived in Morganton, North Carolina where Uncle Gidney worked for Broughton Hospital. They had two children: Shadrick C. and L. Gidney. A year or so after Gidney's death on September 20, 1940, Aunt Carrie moved back to her parent's home. She died June 23, 1958 and was buried beside her husband in New Hope Cemetery.

Joseph McSwain was born May 19, 1891 and died in March 1892. Eva Marenia McSwain was born February 3, 1893 and died February 20, 1893.

Sallie Myrtle McSwain was born January 13, 1896 and died June 5, 1957. She never married. She and Carrie worked on the family farm. In their spare time they crocheted, tatted and embroidered. They made beautiful quilts also. It was Aunt Sallie's task to feed and water Goober, a real old mule on the farm. It was always a highlight of the trip to go with her and pet Goober.

Ida Mary McSwain was born September 11, 1901. She married Thomas Leroy Oates.

Kermit McSwain was born April 17, 1904. He married Sue Saintsing. They had two children: Charles and Jack. Uncle Kermit had a country band, which played on radio and for special gatherings. Kermit played fiddle and Charles played Guitar. Kermit ran a store on Highway 18 south. He died June 15, 1973 and is buried at New Hope.

Herman McSwain was born September 24, 1906. He died of one of the childhood diseases on July 6, 1908. My mother, Ida, always said he was one of the sweetest children she had ever seen, so good natured.

Audie Trent McSwain was born April 2, 1909. He married Myrtie Eudora Hancock of Moore County, North Carolina on December 12, 1936. Uncle Trent was the last baby delivered by Dr. Trent of Earl. Grandma had always had Dr. Trent. Even though he had quit delivering babies he promised Grandma he would come and deliver this one. When the time drew near, Dr. Trent went to the McSwain home and stayed a couple of days. When he had delivered a healthy boy he commented the child should be named for him as it would be the last he delivered.

One of the highlights of our trips to Grandma's was the trip to the store with Uncle Trent for candy. This is the home that welcomes us on our extended trips to do Genealogical research. Uncle Trent is a wonderful guide and Aunt Myrtie is a fantastic cook. Our children look forward to their visits to Earl, North Carolina. Roy and I feel we have truly visited our "roots."

— Jean Oates McSwain



Rev. Louis H. McSwain, 1814-1890

REVEREND LOUIS H. McSWAIN

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Louis McSwain was descended from one of the early families of Tryon and Rutherford counties which eventually became Cleveland

County. The McSwain family was in North Carolina in the latter part of the 1700's. One such McSwain was Louis' grandfather, William McSwain. (Court Records)

William, the son of David, was born in 1762, probably in Virginia. He married Juditha Moore and was in the Revolutionary War serving in Brevard's Company, Tenth Regiment. Their children were David, Polly, Hannah, Sally, James, Rebecca, William, John, Thomas, Judith, Elizabeth and George. In 1831 Juditha died after which he remarried Elizabeth Hicks who was a widow. William died in December 1838 in Rutherford County. (*Hamrick Generations* by Jones, *McSwain*, by McSwain, cemetery record, pension papers)

Louis McSwain's father was John, the son of William. John was born in 1794 in North Carolina. He was living in 1800 in Rutherford County with his parents. John married Susannah who was probably the daughter of Nancy Morris. (1800, 1850 census, cemetery inscription)

It may be that Susannah Morris was a cousin of Davy Crockett. Davy's aunt Ruth Crockett married a Morris but is uncertain what his first name was. There has been a story handed down through the generations that Davy Crockett was a cousin of the McSwains which could be worth researching by anyone who is interested.

John and Susannah's children were Louis, Martha, Judith and Nancy. John died September 27, 1867 and is buried in the McSwain cemetery in Cleveland County along with his father and other family members. Susannah died several years later and is also buried there. (*Hamrick Generations*, cemetery record)

Reverend Louis McSwain, son of John and Susannah was born in October 1814 in Rutherford County. He married Mary Hamrick, daughter of Deacon D. Hamrick. Their children were Judith, Martha, Rebecca, Hannah, Nancy, Oliver, Ruben, Lucy, John, Lewis, Bonnar, Sarah, Ambrose, Margaret. (cemetery inscription, *Sketches of Broad River and Kings Mountain Baptist Associations*, census)

Louis' beginnings in the church came when he put his faith and trust in Jesus and joined the Baptist Church at Buffalo in 1839. He was led by the Lord to preach and got his license to do so that very same year. In 1848, after showing his consistency in the faith Louis was officially ordained as a minister.

He organized Mount Sinai Baptist Church and was chosen it's first pastor in 1848. Mount Sinai was located in Erwinsville which is now Shelby. Besides pastoring the Mount Sinai Baptist Church, Louis took an active part in the running of the Broad River and Kings Mountain Associations for many years.

Louis and his family moved to Yorkville, York County, South Carolina between 1860 and 1870. Most of their children stayed in the North and South Carolina area but their daughter Judith, with her husband Edwin Padgett, son of Wiley and Lavina moved to Arkansas sometime before 1870, probably never to see her parents again. Judith and Edwin, who were neighbors in North Carolina, married in 1862. Their children were William, John, Mary, Edna, Minnie. Judith and Edwin are both

buried in Lonoke County, Arkansas. (census, *Bible*)

Louis died January 25, 1890 in Grover, York County, South Carolina and is buried in the Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery there. After his death, Mary went to live with their son Lewis in Cherokee County, South Carolina until her death on January 13, 1906. She is buried with her husband.

Louis was not an educated man but was sound in the faith and well versed in the Scriptures. He found favor with God and rendered good service in His cause, having been instrumental in the salvation of many precious souls.

Mount Sinai Baptist Church celebrated its 125th Anniversary in 1973! If Louis were alive today he would be a very proud man at what the Lord has done since the formation of this church. It started out as a meager building, probably made of logs. It has progressed through the years through various stages of development and is now a beautiful brick structure. Yes, Louis would be proud, not only of the building but of the people who are now members, some of them McSwain descendants, working for the Lord just as Louis so faithfully died. (*History of the Broad River and Kings Mountain Baptist Associations* by Logan, *125th Anniversary Mt. Sinai Baptist Church*)

Sources: as quoted.

— Mrs. Donna G. Pilcher

PLATO FLOYD McSWAIN

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In the year 1982 there are seven great grandchildren of seven grandchildren who carry the name of McSwain. They are the descendants of Plato Floyd McSwain who was married in 1879 to Hester Emeline Greene, daughter of William and Nancy Champion Greene, granddaughter of Elbridge and Sarah Jetton Stubbs, great-granddaughter of Seth Stubbs.

Plato Floyd McSwain, who was raised by his great-Uncle Timmons McSwain in Boiling Springs, and Hester were the parents of twelve children, which included two sets of twins. During the flu epidemic of 1918, four of the children died within two days and were buried in one grave at Elizabeth Baptist Church near Shelby. A week later, Mrs. McSwain and another child died and were buried together in the same cemetery. Another daughter, Jane (Pendleton), who had recently married also died of the flu and is buried at Elizabeth.

The immediate survivors of this family were: Evie (Mrs. Perry) White (1892-1963), Jethro (1913-1978), Bethel "Bib" (1901-1966), Wm. Noah (1890-1949), Robert Floyd "Bob" (1899-1976), and Plato.

The seven grandchildren bearing the McSwain name were and are: Billy Gene "Pedro" (1928-1979), Claude Raye (1934-1975), Steve Franklin (1932-1978), James Plato "Jimmy" (1930-1980), Robert Dean (1931), Floyd 1945 and William (1951).

The seven great grandchildren carrying the McSwain name, (year of birth and present addresses) are: John Martin (1955), Gastonia,

N.C.; Charles Avery (1959), Ellenboro, N.C.; Eric Drew (1959), Oxnard, Calif.; Keith (1969), Trenton, N.J.; William (1972), Trenton, N.J.; Larry Dean (1958), Alexandria, Va.; and John Thomas (1964), Alexandria, Va.

Sources: Family records, personal knowledge.

— Nellie McSwain Skipper

THE WILLIAM BERRY McSWAIN FAMILY

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William Berry McSwain (18 October 1822; 5 May 1904) was the son of David and Susanna Hamrick McSwain of the Beaver Dam community.

The 1860 census of Cleveland County list him as a farmer with a real estate value of one thousand one hundred fifteen dollars, and personal property at five hundred twenty five dollars.

His two great granddaughters that are living at this writing, remember him as a tall man, with white hair, and a long white beard. He was always in a serious mood, and seldom did they see him smile.

Around 1843 he married Barbara Padgett (21 December 1818; 1 April 1910) daughter of Ephrim Padgett and wife Hettie (surname not known). A clipping of her obituary states the following: She was residing with her son D.R. McSwain at the time of her death. She joined the Sandy Run Baptist Church at the age of sixteen and was baptized by the Rev. Drury Dobbins. Her membership remained at Sandy Run until Beaver Dam Church was organized. She was a charter member of Beaver Dam. She lived a christian life and was loved by all who knew her for her christian graces. She was buried in the Beaver Dam Church cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Gordon Washburn and Rev. A.C. Irvin. Her husband is also buried at Beaver Dam.

William Berry and Barbara's eight children were: Chelsedona, born 1845 married Leander Padgett; Lucy Harriett (1847-1903) married John David McSwain, her first cousin (see article elsewhere in book); Larkin Arkansas (1849-1929) married Louisa Matilda Lovelace; Coatsworth Henderson (1861-1950) married Susan Martha Elliott; Cordelia, born 1854 married Christopher "Chris" Hamrick; Barbara Finetta (1856-1942) married William Toliver D. Green; William Berry, Jr. (1858-1920) married Mary Elizabeth Justice; Drury Reubin "Doc", born 1863, married Willer Ovella Ramsey.

Sources: Census, tombstones, and personal knowledge.

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN MAGNESS

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Benjamin Magness was born in Virginia in 1755 and died in Rutherford (later to become Cleveland) County in 1828. He was the son of Perrygreen Magness (who was born in England in 1722, migrated to Virginia, then to North Carolina and died about 1800) and Sarah Hamrick Magness. Benjamin came with his parents at the age of ten to Tryon County which

later was divided into Rutherford County and then Cleveland County.

Both Benjamin Magness and his father, Perrygreen Magness were participants in the American Revolutionary War. Perrygreen Magness (spelled Mackness at the time) was one of the signers of the Tryon County Declaration of Rights and Independence from British Tyranny. Perrygreen and Benjamin Magness were on the Tryon County Committee of Public Safety in 1776 established to prepare for the Revolutionary War. The Committee also bought gunpowder for the protection of the homes from the savage Indians. Perrygreen and his son, Benjamin both were Captains in the War and fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain.

In the Battle of Kings Mountain, Captain Benjamin Magness' white steed was shot from under him, but he stepped off the falling horse unharmed. His sword used in that Battle is held by a great, great granddaughter. During the Revolutionary War, Negro servants hauled meat and produce from his farm to Captain Magness' company. While Captain Magness and his troops were watching for the enemy at the Battle at Cowpens, he had his favorite servant, Joe, bring along with the load of food, his first child, Jeremiah. When the time came for Captain Magness to take charge of his company for battle, he placed the child in care of his trusty servant to take home, but while Joe was preparing to start home, the two-year-old child wandered into the battleline. When his father gave the command, Forward March, the child was knocked down and tragically killed by the marching soldiers.

The Will of Captain Benjamin Magness probated in Rutherford County in 1828 leaves his vast tracts of land and his slaves to his many children. Some of his children were by his first wife, Elizabeth Mauney, and several were by his second wife, Nancy Walker, daughter of John and Erslie Covington Walker, whom he married on March 4, 1809. One of the children by his second marriage was Robert Magness, resident of Cleveland County and Captain of the Home Guards in the Civil War. Robert Magness was born August 22, 1817 and died on October 5, 1884 and is buried at Rehobeth Methodist Church Cemetery between Lattimore and New House. He was first married to Susanna Grigg and later to Mary (Polly) Whisnant on August 20, 1868. They had six children, Robert, Florence, John, Samuel Coon, George and Cora Ann. George and Cora lived and their descendants continued to live in Cleveland County. George was born on June 10, 1877 and died on August 31, 1959. He married Lillie Poston and they had the following children: Margaret Magness Dodd, Charles (Coon) Magness, James Magness, Faye Magness Royster and Dorothy Magness Poston. Their grandchildren were George Magness, Charles Magness, Jr., Margaret Magness Hamrick, James Magness, Jr., Joan Royster McDaniel, and David Poston.

Robert Magness and Mary Whisnant Magness' daughter, Cora Ann Magness was born on September 24, 1879 and died in Shelby June 18, 1945. She was born in her father's house near Lattimore about ½ mile North of

the homeplace of her grandfather and Revolutionary War ancestor, Captain Benjamin Magness. Cora Magness married James Petty Austell and they had six children: Mary Jane Austell Lutz, Charles Benjamin Austell, Sarah Magness Austell Nolan, Elizabeth Austell Porter, James Petty Austell, Jr. and Cora Ann Singleton. Their grandchildren were Robert Lutz, Betty Lutz Burton, William Austell Lutz, Mary Adelaide Austell Craver, Harry Lee Nolan, Jr., Charles Austell Nolan, Johnsie Porter Rizzo, John Porter III, James Porter, Mary Ann Austell Spencer, Robert Austell, and James Marcus Singleton. Cora Magness Austell was always proud of her Revolutionary War ancestors and throughout her life was an active member of the Daughters of the American Revolution. The Benjamin in the name of her son, Charles Benjamin Austell was for his great grandfather, Captain Benjamin Magness.

Sources: Family Bible, D.A.R. Records, Tryon County Courthouse Records, Rutherford County Courthouse Records, Personal Knowledge.

— Mary Adelaide Austell Craver



Carl Magness

CARL JACKSON MAGNESS FAMILY

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Carl Jackson Magness was born January 18, 1897 near Lattimore in Cleveland County, North Carolina. He was the son of Rufus Luther Magness and Hester Crowder of Cleveland County. In 1916 he married Dorcas Salome Greene, daughter of William Tolliver David Greene and Barbara Finette McSwain of Cleveland County.

Carl loved music and had a good tenor voice. He sang in the Lattimore Church choir many years. When he was a little boy his father took him to many community "singings", instilling in him his own love for music.

He was a salesman most of his life. During World War II (1941-44) he and his wife moved to Baltimore, Maryland, where he worked in an airplane plant. He died in September, 1968.

Carl's wife, Dorcas, was an excellent seamstress and made all the dresses for her



Dorcas Greene Magness

three daughters and five granddaughters. She was also brought up in a musical home. Her father taught "singing schools" in churches over the county and she attended many of these. She went on to Piedmont High School and studied music there.

Dorcas was active in the Lattimore Woman's Club in Lattimore and in the Women's Missionary Circle of Lattimore Baptist Church where she was circle treasurer for twenty-five years. She died in October 1978.

The three daughters of Carl and Dorcas and their husbands are: Hester Donnis b. 1916, m. J. Wyatt Martin, Sr.; Millie Jocelyn b. 1918, m. Edward B. Clayton, Sr.; Hillary Jackson b. 1922, m. Rev. Wilson Padgett, Sr.

Sources: Personal knowledge, Family records

Mrs. Wyatt Martin

THE CHRISTOPHER GOLD MARTIN FAMILY

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The father of Christopher Gold Martin was James P. Martin, who was born around 1813, lived in Cleveland County and reared a large family by two wives. He first married Elizabeth Gold (born ca 1815) and fathered six children. They are as follows: Christopher Gold Martin, born ca 1835; Sarah Martin, born ca 1837; twins Weldon H. Martin and Abram M. Martin, born ca 1839; Reuben K. Martin, born ca 1841; and William A. Martin, born ca 1845. By his second wife Martha Mooney (1837-1910), James P. Martin fathered six more children: Phillip, Josie, Jennie, Carrie, Corie, and George Cabiness Martin. This father of twelve children worked as a carpenter for at least part of his life. When the Civil War came, James entered 29 March 1862 and served in the war with Company C from Cleveland County.

The oldest child of James P. Martin and Elizabeth Gold was Christopher Gold Martin, born around 1835. Christopher married Mary Esther Gardner on September 23, 1858 and settled in the Fallston Community. Christopher and Mary had only three children, but from

these have come numerous descendants. Their oldest child was Cicero Martin (June 1859 — 6 July 1912), who married Ann Lavendar. Daniel Lafayette Martin (29 December 1860 — 15 February 1940), the second child, first married Mary Alice Wright and then after her death married Ida Wright. The youngest child was Christopher Columbus Martin (1 November 1863 — 7 December 1935), who married Gazarene Scism. Times were hard for the young family. The Civil War took many men both young and old. Christopher Gold Martin fought for the CSA and was killed 3 May 1863 in the Battle of Chancellorsville. He had married at about the age of twenty-three, was a father at twenty-four, and died at twenty-eight, with his last child born about five months after his death. In the 1879 Census of Cleveland County, Cicero, the "man" of his family after his father's death, is listed as a farm laborer at the age of eleven.

Mary Esther Gardner (ca 1837-13 September 1890), the widow of Christopher Gold Martin never remarried and spent her life bringing up her children. Mary was the daughter of William Hoyle Gardner and Rebecca Beam. Through her father, William Hoyle Gardner, Mary Esther was related to many of the Gardeners of Cleveland County. Her grandfather, Thomas Gardner probably was the first Gardner of the line in America, coming to this country prior to the American Revolution. One of twenty-one children, Thomas Gardner, probably the son of William Gardner of England, married (Olivine Martin (ca 1780-29 July 1826) and fathered twelve children. Mary Esther Gardner Martin lived in the Fallston Community on what is now Highway 18; she is buried at New Bethel Cemetery. Her three sons grew to adulthood and established long lines of descendants.

Cicero Martin, the eldest son, migrated to Polk County, where he and Ann Lavendar Martin had eight children: Clarence, who married Lillie Bridges; Blanch; Furman; Bertha, who married a Smith; Minnie, who married Dewey Whitesides; and Mollie and Lottie, who never married.

Daniel Lafayette, the middle child, who was called Fate, stayed with and cared for his mother in Cleveland County until her death. The homeplace is still in the family with the house that they lived in still standing on Hwy 18 in the Fallston Community. Daniel Lafayette Martin first married Mary Alice Wright and had six children: Farris, who married Mollie Hoyle; Essie, who married Clenzo Wright; Clem, who married Elsie Beam; George G., who married Mary Lizzie Gant, and Mary Alice, who died as an infant. By his second wife, Ida Wright, Daniel Lafayette has two children: Grier Lafayette, who married Eloice Royster, and Warren Jackson, who married Eudora Hoyle.

The youngest son, Christopher Columbus Martin, went to Lincoln County after his marriage to Gazarene Scism, the daughter of Peter Scism and Melvine Ford. Christopher and Gazzie had eight children: Jasper Franklin, who married Julia Ann Tildana Faulkner; Orlander, Lawrence, and Vatha, who died young; Pearl Martin, who married John Navy; Choyce, who married Gus Shrum; Gold, who married Ellie

James Wyatt Martin, Sr., was born March 15, 1913, just over the county line in Rutherford County, North Carolina. He is the son of Julius Ceasar Martin and Lillie Walker. He attended grammar schools in Lattimore, North Carolina, Boiling Springs College in 1935 (now Gardner-Webb), and later completed a barber course in Spartanburg, South Carolina. He had a general store and barber shop for many years. In 1937 he began a feed business in Lattimore known as Martin Milling Co. In July, 1942, he was drafted into the army where he served four years — two of which were overseas. He was in the 344th Ordnance Company of the Third Army during World War II.

In December, 1942, Wyatt married Hester Donnis Magness (born 1916) of Lattimore. She is the daughter of Carl Jackson Magness and Dorcas Salome Greene. She graduated from Lattimore High School in 1934 and entered Boiling Springs College (now Gardner-Webb) where she studied music. Later she taught piano in Rutherford County schools. In 1960 she became assistant music director in the Lattimore Baptist Church, accompanying choirs and playing organ. She is bookkeeper for the family business, Martin Milling Co. in Lattimore.

Donnis and Wyatt's first child was a daughter, Patricia Dorcas (called Patsy and Pat) born December 13, 1946. She went to school in Lattimore and Crest, the high school near Boiling Spring, North Carolina. After graduation there she attended Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, North Carolina, and Limestone College, Gaffney, South Carolina. She is now an art teacher in Cleveland County schools (1982). She married Jerry Robert Greene in 1966 and they live in Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

James Wyatt Martin, Jr. ("Jim") was born January 21, 1950. He graduated from Crest High School in 1968 and from Gardner-Webb College in 1972. In March, 1969, he married Teresa Jane Tillman ("Terry") of Shelby, North Carolina. He worked with his father in the feed business for several years. He and his wife are engaged in a barbecue business and the sale of wholesale meats in Shelby, North Carolina. They have two daughters: Catherine Ansley, born August 20, 1970 and Mary Holly, born April 23, 1975.

The Wyatt Martin's third child was David Jackson, born November 26, 1952. He graduated from Crest High School in 1971 and entered N.C. State University in Raleigh, North Carolina, the following year. He has a wood and furniture shop in Lattimore and also works with his father in the feed business.

David is a bluegrass musician and belongs to two bands. He plays all the string instruments used in bluegrass bands, including a violin that belonged to his grandfather Martin. He will marry Cindy Jane Hunt of Lattimore on May 8, of this year (1982).

Sources: Personal knowledge and family records

— Mrs. Wyatt Martin

December 29, 1860), and Christopher Columbus (born November 1, 1863).

My grandfather, Christopher Gold Martin, was killed in the battle of Chancellorsville, Virginia, and was buried there. My father, Daniel Lafayette Martin, was married twice. To he and his first wife, Mary Alice Wright, were born six children — Farris, Cleo, Essie, Clem, George, and Mary Alice, who died as an infant.

The following is a record of the descendants of Daniel Lafayette Martin by his first wife. Farris married Mollie Hoyle. Their children were Gazzie, Estelle, Mattie Lee, Virginia, Mary Kate, and Hoyle. Cleo married Dennis Wright. They had one child, Luna. Essie married Clenzo Wright. Their children were Lucy, Thelbert, Wray, Azelene, Wayne, Madge, and Bryte. Clem married Elsie Beam. Their children were Doyle, Robert, Floy, Evelyn, and Billy. George married Mary Lizzie Gantt. Their children were Wellington, Vivian, and Doris.

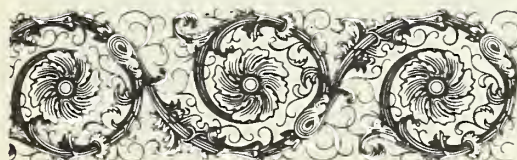
To my father and his second wife, Ida Dru-silla Wright, were born two children — Grier Lafayette and Warren Jackson. The following is a record of the descendants of that union. Grier married Eloice Royster. Their children were Marilyn, William Alton (W.A.), Joreka, and Joyce. Marilyn married Ray Warlick. They had two sons, Ray Jr. and Terry Lane. William Alton (W.A.) married Sue Blanton. Their children were Deborah, Dennis, and Denise. Joreka married Joe Spangler. They had two sons, Michael and David. Joyce married Dwight Meade. They had one son, Kale. Warren Jackson married Eudora Hoyle. Their two children were Kirby Dean and Teresa Ann. Kirby married Lettie Jo Cummings. Their children were Richard, Steve, and Mary. Teresa married Leon Leonhardt. Their two children were Martie and Douglas.

Sources: Cleveland County Censuses 1850, 1860, 1870, 1900. Records of P.C. Gardner, Cleveland County Historical Museum, Records of marriage of Cleveland County, *Roster of the 15 Companies in Cleveland County in the Civil War* by P.C. Gardener, gravestones in Cleveland County.

— Warren J. Martin



Daniel Lafayette Martin



Christopher Gold Martin

Wentz; and Mary Martin, who married Lee Shronce.

In June 1981, the descendants of Christopher Gold Martin and Mary Esther Gardner gathered at Fallston United Methodist Church to meet relatives never seen. Their three sons were born in the late 1850's and the early 1860's, grew up without a father. To help make life easier, reared large families of eight children each, made contributions to many lives, and left a legacy of strength and values for future generations.

Sources: Cleveland County Censuses 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1900; records of P.C. Gardener, Cleveland County Historical Museum; Records of Marriage of Cleveland County; *Roster of the 15 Companies in Cleveland County in Civil War* by P.C. Gardener; gravestones in Cleveland County; Interviews with Warren Martin, E.Y. Martin, and other family members.

— Peggy J. Martin

THE DANIEL LAFAYETTE (FATE) MARTIN FAMILY

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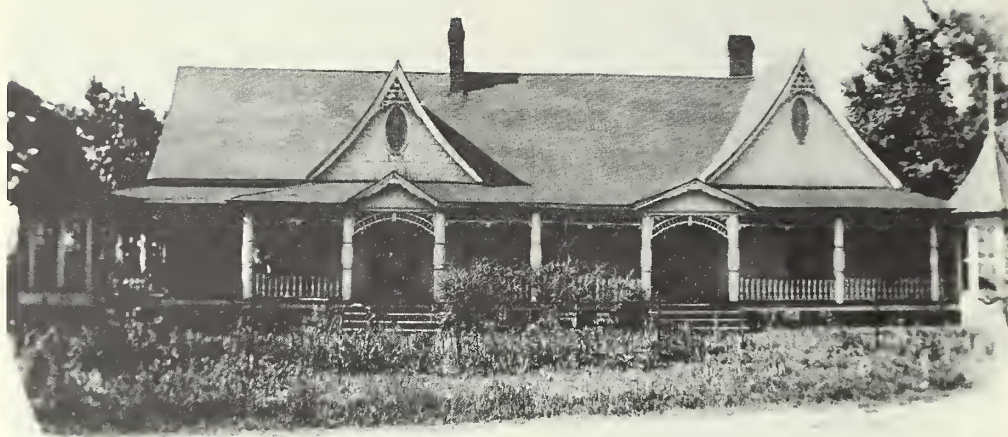
This a partial history of the Daniel Lafayette (Fate) Martin family written by Warren Jackson Martin.

According to my search of the records, there was a Christopher Martin who emigrated to North Carolina from Virginia or Europe just before the Revolutionary War. He had a son whose name was James Martin, my great-grandfather.

He also had a daughter, Olivine Martin, who married Thomas Gardner about 1780.

James Martin was the father of six children by his first wife, Elizabeth Gold. Their names were Christopher Gold, Sarah, Weldon, Abram, Reuben, and William. James Martin's second wife was Martha Mooney. To this union were six children — Josie, Porie, Jennie, Carrie, Corie, and George.

My grandfather, Christopher Gold Martin, the oldest son of James Martin was born in 1835 and married Mary Esther Gardner, daughter of William Gardner. To this union were born three children — Cicero (born July 9, 1859), Daniel Lafayette, my father, (born



The Wyatt Martin Home, built by Wm. Calton, 1899-1900



Julius Martin in his surrey

THE JULIUS CEASAR MARTIN FAMILY

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Julius Caesar Martin was born May 4, 1870, in Rutherford County. He was the only son of Richard (Dick) Martin and Susan Owens. In his younger days he taught school briefly, and was a salesman of stoves and clocks in Georgia, Alabama and Florida. At age twenty-one he returned to his farm in Cleveland County. He was a good farmer and a hard working man. He loved people and music and played the violin well. Hymns and folk music were his favorite music. He played for square dances and other social events. He was friends with the best native musical talents of that day and encouraged his children to play an instrument. He was always present at the corn shuckings, cabin raisings, public singings and anywhere people congregated. He drove his horse and surrey everywhere he went.

In 1901 Julius married Lillie Angeline Walker, daughter of Roxanna McKinney and Doctor Joseph Suttle Walker. (It was the custom for the seventh son in a family to have the name

Doctor.) Lillie was from the Sandy Plains Community in Cleveland County. On the day of their wedding a great emergency occurred when Lillie's wedding dress was being pressed for the important occasion. One sleeve was badly burned with a flat iron that was much too hot! It was quickly returned to the dressmaker, Mrs. W.E. Fite, and a new sleeve was put in just in time for the wedding. Lillie's father paid Mrs. Fite a Beckler gold dollar for making his daughter's wedding dress.

Lillie made a good home for Julius. She was a good cook and housekeeper and was an excellent mother for her five sons and two daughters. They were strict parents and the children had great respect for them. All of them had the benefit of college.

Often as many as one hundred friends gathered at the Martin home for a musical extravaganza. Good food and music were always in abundance. Lillie always saw that there was no drinking nor rowdy conduct in her house and her rules were always respected.

The Martins lived in many communities over the years — Mooresboro, Ellenboro and Boil-

ing Springs. The final move was to Lattimore in 1943 after the children were grown and going their separate ways. Four of the five sons were drafted into the armed services during World War II. It was during these years that you could see Julius still riding in his surrey to visit his farm at Piney Mountain near Ellenboro in Rutherford County. He was perhaps the last man in Cleveland County to give up his horse and surrey.

Julius was a participating Mason, a Baptist and a Democrat. He made friends, young and old, wherever he went.

Julius Martin died March 5, 1953. Lillie Walker Martin died December 22, 1967.

The following children were born to this couple:

Donna, born June 27, 1902 and died at seventeen years on March 14, 1919 when she was a student at Boiling Springs High School.

Lala Estelle, born April 7, 1905, retired from teaching school in 1970 after forty years. She was very devoted to her parents and took excellent care of them as long as they lived.

Julius Edley was born April 9, 1907. He was a school teacher and sold real estate for many years. In 1937 he married Evelyn Bobo, a piano teacher from South Carolina. He lives in Rutherfordton, North Carolina.

Lyman Hoyt Martin was born September 26, 1910. He was an agriculture teacher in Rutherford County schools. He married (1942) Beulah Smith of York, South Carolina. Lyman died in June, 1965.

James Wyatt was born March 15, 1913. For many years he was a barber. In 1937 he opened up a General Merchandise Store and Feed Manufacturing business. He is married to Donnis Magness of Lattimore. They have three children — a daughter and two sons.

Thomas Wilber was born September 1, 1917. He is a school principal in Cleveland County. In 1942 he married Elene Connor, a teacher in Lattimore School. They have a son and daughter.

Howard, the youngest child, was born April 8, 1921. He was a train engineer in Florida. He married Martha Duncan of Rutherford County. In 1953 Howard was killed in an automobile accident in Florida. Two daughters live in Florida.

A portion of a poem, "Take This Surrey Home," by Pat Martin Greene about her grandfather, Julius Martin, read as follows:

"Climbing in that surrey with old Pearl all hitched to go
To wander over roads of pavement where dirt ones
used to flow.

He recalled the days of youth and love as cornfields
glided by

And the shining star that he called 'Lilly' — The
woman he took to his side."

Sources: Family records and personal knowledge

— Mrs. Wyatt Martin

DORRIS (DORUS) CARL MAUNEY

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Dorris (Dorus) Carl Mauney, fourth son of Jacob Simri and Margaret Juletta (Julia) Rudisill Mauney, was born in Kings Mountain, North Carolina on July 24, 1881.

Mr. Mauney grew up in Kings Mountain,



Dorris (Dorus) Carl Mauney, July 24, 1881 — October 15, 1956

attending the local schools. He attended Roanoke College, Roanoke, Virginia, for one year, transferring to Atlanta Business College, Atlanta, Georgia, graduating with a degree in Business Administration. He returned to Kings Mountain to manage the Mauney Brothers General Store.

On September 1, 1904, he and Sarah (Sadie) Elizabeth Fisher were married in Concord, North Carolina, home-town of the bride.

In the Spring of 1918, Mr. Mauney and Larkin A. Kiser organized and built the Sadie Cotton Mills in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. This company is in operation today (1981).

In addition to being Secretary and Treasurer and Chief Executive Officer of Sadie Cotton Mills, he was also President of Bonnie Cotton Mills, a Director in Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company and Mauney Steel Company, a yarn brokerage company in Providence, Rhode Island.

Mr. Mauney was active in Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church, serving as Sunday School Superintendent as well as being on the Church Council for a number of years.

He served as Chairman of the Kings Mountain School Board for two terms, being instrumental in re-building the Central High School building that had burned to the ground in the winter of 1931-32.

Mr. Mauney's wife (Miss Sadie to her friends) was active in both church and civic affairs. She taught Sunday School classes for a number of years at Saint Matthew's and was active in the Womens Missionary Society.

In 1913 Mrs. Mauney and Mrs. C.Q. Rhyne organized the first social club in Kings Mountain, The Thursday Afternoon Book Club, which is still active. She was a charter member of the Kings Mountain Womens Club, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Colonists and Daughters of the Confederacy. She was a person who lived for her family, her friends and the community in which she lived. She died in June of 1952 at the age of 72 years.

Since Mrs. Mauney was very much in-

terested in the building of a club house for the Womens Club, her husband made a liberal contribution to the club in her memory enabling them to complete the building as per the original plans.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauney were the parents of three children: Carl Fisher Mauney, born April 30, 1909; Joseph Stanhope Mauney, born October 11, 1911, died in June of 1950; and Laura Juletta Mauney Houser, born April 4, 1914.

Dorris (Dorus) Carl Mauney lived an active and useful life, held in high esteem by his family and friends. He died October 15, 1956 at the age of 75 years.

Sources: Kings Mountain Herald, Deppen, *Counting Kindred*, Summers, *Three Mauney Families* Hoffman, *Our Kin Shinn*, *History of the Shinn Family*

— Mrs. Geroge H. Houser



JACOB SIMRI and MARGARET JULETTA RUDISILL MAUNEY

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Jacob Simri Mauney, one of Kings Mountain's pioneer settlers, was born April 6, 1846, on a farm in Gaston County — now the Muddy Fork section of Cleveland County, North Carolina. His parents were David Mauney, a descendant of Christian Mauney, and Barbara Frances (Fannie) Carpenter. His early education was in the old field school at Caperneum, near Waco. The Civil War interrupted Mauney's education at Catawba College.

At the age of fifteen, Jacob Mauney was in the drilling service for the Confederacy. In 1863, he enlisted in the 72nd Regiment of N.C. Troops. His unit was stationed at Wilmington, North Carolina, where he accomplished the feat of swimming the Cape Fear River at its widest point.

After the war, Mauney faced the hardship days of Reconstruction and farmed for a short time.

On Sept. 11, 1873, Mauney married Margaret Juletta (Julia) Rudisill, (born Jan. 26,



Jacob Simri and Margaret Juletta Rudisill Mauney, 50th Wedding Anniversary, Sept. 11, 1923.

1850), of Lincoln County. She was the daughter of John A. and Mary Amanda Smith Rudisill. They had five sons and two daughters, Samuel Augustus Mauney, Rufus Lawrence Mauney, John David Mauney, Dorris (Dorus) Carl Mauney, Vera Lavene Mauney, William Kemp Mauney and Edith Eudora, who died in infancy.

Mrs. Mauney was small and for many years of frail body. She was of indomitable energy and will power, keenly interested in life, friendly and sociable with all classes and conditions of people.

Shortly after the Mauney's were married, they moved to Kings Mountain, then called White Plains. Here Mr. Mauney and his brother, William Andrew Mauney, became merchants and farmers. The first store was the small, white dwelling house on North Battleground Avenue at the old overhead railroad bridge. Later, the store was moved to a location south on Battleground Avenue, and in 1878 the Mauney brothers replaced the wooden building with the town's first two-story brick structure.

After the railroad was completed through Kings Mountain and the town began to grow, the Mauney brothers, Jacob and Andrew, pioneered practically every line of endeavor in the new town.

In 1888, Jacob Mauney was one of the organizers of Cleveland County's first cotton mill, the Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company. Mr. Mauney became General Manager of this mill in 1896 and from 1929 until his death, was President. Later he was interested in the organization and building of the Bonnie, Dilling, Mauney and Sadie mills.

In January 1900, the Bank of Kings Mountain received its state charter. The first officers were William Andrew Mauney, president; Jacob S. Mauney, vice-president; R. Lawrence Mauney, a son of Jacob Mauney, cashier. Six months later this bank received its national charter and became the First National Bank of Kings Mountain and was the first national bank in Cleveland County.

Jacob Mauney was deeply interested in the religious growth of the community. In 1876, Mauney, with others, organized St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, holding services in a small house where the Mauney Memorial Library now stands. Mr. and Mrs. Mauney were charter members of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church.

Jacob S. Mauney was greatly interested in the general work of the church. He was a large contributor to Lenoir-Rhyne College where he endowed the Jacob Mauney Scholarship Fund and was one of the chief contributors to the erection of Mauney Hall. For over 20 years he was a member of the Board of Trustees and supporter of the college. While a large contributor to his own church, Mr. Mauney and others contributed in building a Lutheran church in Hendersonville, as a memorial to his parents, David and Frances (Fannie) Mauney. A son, Rev. John David Mauney, was pastor of this church for a number of years. Today, there are four grandsons and four great-grandsons active ministers in the Lutheran Church of America.

In Dec. 1935, a banquet honoring Mr. Mauney was held in Kings Mountain. Principal speakers were Gov. Clyde R. Hoey and Federal Judge E.Y. Webb, who paid tribute to him as a community builder.

Mrs. Mauney died on January 27, 1930 and Mr. Mauney died on Nov. 13, 1936. Both were buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

In Nov. 1947, as a living memorial to Jacob S. Mauney and Margaret Juletta Rudisill Mauney, the Mauney children and families presented to the City of Kings Mountain the Jacob S. Mauney Memorial Library.

Sources: *Kings Mountain Herald*, *The Living Post of Cleveland County*, *Our Heritage*, *Textile Leaders of the South*, *Counting Kindred*, *Three Mauney Families*, Centennial booklet of Kings Mountain, and Jacob S. Mauney Scrap Book.

— Elizabeth Winget Mauney



Front: Virginia LeFils and Beulah Mauney. Back: A friend, and James (Doc) Mauney.

JAMES EARNEST and BEULAH MAUNey

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Beulah Teague (b. Nov. 23, 1896) daughter of William H. and Roena Teague is one of Kings Mountain's most distinguished citizens. She met James Earnest Mauney, at Weslyn College in Athens, Tennessee. Besides "Doc" she had another suitor Claude Bush — the canned bean man. The school newspaper quoted: "Be still sad heart, cease your pining, Behind the bush the moon's still shining."

Doc and Beulah were married in Titestville, Florida on January 1, 1918 and rode the train back to Kings Mountain, N.C. For a while they lived with "Doc's" parents, Caleb and Margaret Kennedy Mauney and his sisters; Carrie, Edith, Ruth and Elizabeth (Rhea). Doc helped his father in the store in Bessemer City.

On Saturday Beulah and Margaret Mauney would take the buggy and go to Kings Mountain. The mule must have had religion because when he got to Grace Methodist Church he would turn-in and stop for a while before he went any further.

Beulah used to walk several miles each way everyday to teach at the "ole Red School House" located on the grounds of what is Burlington's Phenix Plant. She also taught Sunday School for over forty-five years at Grace Methodist Church. Students of both schools still have fond memories of her. For

many years "Doc" and Beulah operated a store at the end of Church Street in Kings Mountain. There are many stories from many people that they helped. One lady recalls that she owed them \$89. When she went to pay her bill it was Christmas and "Doc," on learning that the children were not going to get anything, gave her the money back and told her to buy the children some shoes and toys with it.

You could find Beulah in many places, working as a Red Cross volunteer; She rolled miles of bandages at the City Hall during WWI. She operated the Canteen for the Bloodmobile in Kings Mountain. She is a charter member of Otis Green Unit 155 of the American Legion and served as it's chaplain for many years. Her visits to the local hospital to deliver magazines and cheer will be long remembered. She has always had a helping hand. Everybody says that she has never spoken a cruel word about anyone. She finds good in everything and everybody. Besides the store they owned a lot of real estate and rented houses to many families.

After getting out of the business affairs, they spent time traveling and visited every state except Hawaii and Alaska. "Doc," who was born August 11, 1894, died of a heart attack on September 11, 1965. Beulah continued to give of her service to her church and community. Kings Mountain is a better place to live because of this distinguished couple.

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony

JOHN DAVID MAUNEY

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The Rev. John David Mauney, the third son of Jacob S. and Margaret Juletta Mauney, was born in Kings Mountain October 15, 1878. Though the plans of his early youth projected a business career in his native community yet his eventual life calling dictated otherwise.

At the completion of his high school preparation in Kings Mountain he entered Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia, where he received his A.B. degree in 1901. In that same year, November 12, 1901, he married Bessie Miller Frantz, the daughter of Marshall P. and Virginia McCauley Frantz of Salem, Virginia.

The young couple completed plans to settle in Kings Mountain where he entered into its business life and where they constructed their new home. At the end of a year there came a call to enter into the Gospel Ministry, which led

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to the sale of their unoccupied new home, and which propelled them to return for a year of preparation at Roanoke College where he qualified for a master's degree in 1903. That was followed by three years of theological study at the Philadelphia Lutheran Seminary.

In 1906 John D. Mauney was ordained by the Tennessee Synod of the Lutheran Church and accepted his first call, to Beth-Eden Lutheran Church at Newton, North Carolina. Later his additional pastorates took him to Columbia, South Carolina, then to Hickory, North Carolina, followed by a call to Augusta, Georgia. In 1921 he returned to North Carolina, this time to Grace Lutheran Church at Hendersonville, then back to St. Andrews, Hickory, where he completed a ministry in that congregation of some twenty years. During a portion of his ministry in Hickory he also served as a Bible Professor at Lenoir-Rhyne College.

Among his official positions may be noted his service as Secretary of the Tennessee Synod, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, and as a delegate to the constituting convention of the United Lutheran Church in America.

Under his leadership as pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Hendersonville he erected the church building, which was a gift of the Mauney family in memory of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Mauney of Cherryville. Special attention should be directed also to the fact that in honor of his long service at St. Andrews, Hickory, his brothers and sister made a major gift toward the new educational building, which impelled the congregation to set it aside as a memorial to its late beloved Pastor Mauney.

Seven children were born to John D. and Bessie Frantz Mauney: Dorothy, the late Mrs. Ben G. Brown of Atlanta; the Rev. Dr. J. Luther of Roanoke, Virginia; Margaret, Elizabeth (Mrs. Dennis Blythe), and Mary, of Western North Carolina; the Rev. Dr. John D., Jr. recently of Fayetteville; and the Rev. Dr. Marshall F. of Norfolk, Virginia.

John David Mauney died June 13, 1947, and is buried in the Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain. His was a full life marked by Christian leadership in the communities in which he and his family lived, where he was known for his outstanding proclamation of the Gospel by word and deed.

— J. Luther Mauney

THE MATTHEW MARCUS MAUNEY FAMILY

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In 1780, a young German, Christopher Mauney, and his bride migrated from Rotterdam, Holland to Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Christopher brought his Dutch Bible, habits, customs and hardihood with him. They located at Germantown, Pennsylvania, but later moved to Virginia, and from there farther south to what is now Gaston County, North Carolina. John, born in 1804 one of four sons of this union settled in Gaston County. His



Rev. John David Mauney, 1878-1947.

brothers moved elsewhere. John married a Scotchmans daughter and Matthew Marcus Mauney was one of their four sons. He was born September 25, 1844. "Mark" was regarded as a very substantial citizen and played a very important role in the growth and progress of the entire County.

"Mark"s homeplace had been the John M. Tucker plantation, and along with the transfer of the farm went a mill site, a sawmill and several big steers. "Mark" moved here after he married Sarah Bailey of Fort Mill, South Carolina in 1876. She was the daughter of Richard Thomas Bailey, wagon-master to Rober E. Lee. To this union was born six sons. After the death of his wife Sarah, Marcus married Mattie Bailey, a sister of his first wife. To this union was born seven daughters and three sons.

The "Mark" Mauney home was the gathering place for young and old alike. Bountiful meals were the order of the day. Farm and political problems were discussed by the adults, while the young ones played, worked, or courted in a fashion typical of a well regulated family.

"Mark" Mauney was a pioneer in farming — a man of vision and forethought. He lived

ahead of his time and introduced many new and needed improvements for farming. He was the first man in his community to plough with two horses, and the first to own a wheat drill. He was in every way a professional farmer, wide awake and sensible.

He was known as a pioneer road builder. In this area he was far in advance of his generation. He believed in good roads, talked good roads, and surveyed good roads with his own set of surveying instruments.

For twelve years he served on the Cleveland County Board of Commissioners. He was conscientious and performed his duty faithfully. Because of his thorough knowledge of construction he was appointed to supervise the building of the County Courthouse (now Cleveland Historical Museum). This was, and still is, considered to be a very magnificent building. His name is on the southeast corner of the building. Another outstanding construction achievement was the building of the first steel bridge across Main Broad River.

"Mark" was also a builder of manufacturing plants. In cotton mill construction he had an enviable record. The Shelby Cotton Mill was built under his direction and supervision. He was a well known mill-wright and civil engineer and was connected with several large enterprises. One of his greatest accomplishments was the building of a dam on Catawba River in South Carolina, now the site of a large hydro-electric plant.

He was a Master Mason and an active member as long as he lived. Beside his varied activities he managed the farm where he reared his large family. After his death the near one thousand acre plantation was divided among his children.

As a Confederate war volunteer at age seventeen, and without any military training he plunged into the fight. Wounded at Gettysburg he lay on the battlefield for days before being discovered and treated. The bullet which was removed from his leg was in his possession when he died. Twice after the surrender he visited the battlefield where he was wounded.



House built in 1900 by Rev. John D. Mauney. Now the home of Dr. & Mrs. Charles J. Mauney, great-nephew.

He professed religion on the battlefield, and while he never joined a church he helped every denomination with a willing hand, and a liberal purse. He donated land for Union Baptist Church and grounds. He always administered to the sick and unfortunate with an open heart, and he loved and worshipped his Master with free mind.

"Mark" had no formal education, but had a practical kind of education that an interested, strong and retentive mind had acquired from business experience and contacts with his fellow-man.

After a long and fruitful life of sturdy pioneering "Mark" died on his homestead in upper Cleveland County on November 9, 1917. Following simple religious and Masonic ceremonies he was buried in Union Baptist Church Cemetery, Highway 226 North, Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Family Records, *Daily Star Three Mauney Families*, 1967 by Bonnie Mauney Sumners

— Madge Mauney Harris



Rufus Lawrence Mauney, 1876-1958

RUFUS LAWRENCE and JENNIE GRACE REDFERN MAUNEY

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Rufus Lawrence Mauney was born March 7, 1876 in Kings Mountain, N.C. His parents were Jacob Simri and Margaret Julietta Rudisill Mauney, early pioneers of Kings Mountain, N.C.

"Mr. Lawrence", as he was affectionately known in Kings Mountain, attended the Captain W.T.R. Bell school, predecessor to Kings Mountain Public Schools; Roanoke College, Salem, Virginia; and Kings Business College, Charlotte, North Carolina. Before going into the business world Mr. Mauney taught school for a short time near Cherryville, North Carolina.

In late 1890 Mr. Mauney served an apprenticeship in banking with the Bank of Shelby — Now the First National Bank of Shelby, N.C.

under Mr. Charlie Blanton and Mr. George Blanton, Sr.

In 1900, the National Bank of Kings Mountain was organized by Jacob S. Mauney, father of R. Lawrence Mauney, and William Andrew Mauney, uncle of R. Lawrence Mauney. Mr. R.L. Mauney was made cashier and served in this capacity until 1937 when he was made Vice-President, a position he held until his death. This bank, now The First Union National Bank, was the first Chartered National Bank in Cleveland County. In 1950, Mr. Mauney was honored by the North Carolina Bankers Association for fifty (50) years of banking service in North Carolina.

On March 12, 1902 Rufus Lawrence Mauney was married in Ansonville, North Carolina to Jennie Grace Redfern, daughter of William Dorsey and Winifred Watkins Redfern. To this union were born two children — Winnie Vera Mauney, who married Garland Everette Still, and Dr. William Lawrence Mauney, the first Doctor of Podiatric Medicine



Jennie Grace Redfern Mauney

in Cleveland County.

Mrs. Mauney's father was an educator and professor at Anson Female College, Ansonville, North Carolina — the second chartered female college in North Carolina.

Mrs. Mauney was born August 15, 1875 in Ansonville, North Carolina and attended Ward's Seminary, now Ward-Belmont, Nashville, Tennessee. She majored in music and art which she taught in Albemarle, North Carolina and Kings Mountain, North Carolina, where she made her home for over fifty years. Mrs. Mauney was a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church where she was active in most phases of church work. Also, she was a member of the Col. Hambright D.A.R. Chapter; the U.D.C., and a charter member of the Kings Mountain Woman's Club.

A Lutheran by faith, R.L. Mauney was a life long member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church; Kings Mountain, where he served on the Church Council, was superintendent and treasurer of the Sunday School as well as a

teacher for a number of years. He was active in the Lutheran Brotherhood and contributed to all phases of the Lutheran Church in North Carolina and some in Virginia and South Carolina.

Mr. Mauney, a charter member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, died in Kings Mountain, September 25, 1958. At the time of his death, Mr. Mauney was Vice-President and director of Bonnie Cotton Mills Inc., and Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company; President and director of the Sadie Cotton Mills Inc.; a director of the Kings Mountain Savings and Loan; Vice President of Mauney Mills Inc. and Vice President and director of First National Bank of Kings Mountain — now First Union National Bank.

Both R. Lawrence Mauney and Jennie Grace Redfern Mauney (who died June 9, 1951), are buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Sources: *National Cyclopaedia of American Biography* Vol. XLVII Kings Mountain Heralds; Weathers, *The Living Past of Cleveland County*; *Shelby Daily Star*, *Our Heritage* Durham, *Down Home Summers*, *Three Mauney Families* Redfern, *History of the Redfern Family* Jacob S. Mauney Family Scrap Book

— Dr. W.L. Mauney
and Elizabeth Winget Mauney

THE SAMUEL AUGUSTUS MAUNEY FAMILY

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Samuel Augustus (Gus) Mauney, the eldest son of Jacob Simri and Margaret Julietta (Rudisill) Mauney, was born October 17, 1874 in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, Cleveland County, where his parents had moved in 1872. He completed his education at Captain Bell's Academy, and at an early age he became book-keeper for the Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company.

Over many years with this company he served as secretary, treasurer, vice-president and president until he retired in 1944. He was associated with other cotton mill industries in this area such as the Indian Creek Manufacturing Company in Lincoln County which he helped organize and served as secretary and treasurer until 1907, when the business was sold. He also served as president of the Bonnie Cotton Mill in Kings Mountain and secretary/treasurer and manager of Anna Cotton Mill at Crowder's Mountain in Gaston County.

In addition to his manufacturing interests he was owner of many farm properties, where he raised fine Hereford cattle. His main hobby was horses and he always owned three or more at a time. His greatest joy was riding horseback to oversee his farms early in the mornings before breakfast. He never learned to drive a car, although he owned several, he preferred his pretty buggy or surry.

Another one of his pleasures was to take his whole family on camping trips to the mountains or other locations. This was before motels, etc, were available; so beside the family car a truck was required to take all the necessary paraphernalia such as: a large tent and cots for sleeping and a smaller tent with stove for cooking and table for eating. In the



Home of Rufus Lawrence and Jennie Grace Redfern Mauney. Now the home of their daughter, Winnie Mauney Still.

summer of 1915 his family camped where the second Cleveland Springs Hotel was later built. On this occasion he took a cow along so that his family would have fresh milk, which was sometimes hard to get at the camping site.

On December 20, 1899 Mr. Mauney married Susan Anna Isenhower, a daughter of Philo E. and Margaret Catherine (Stine) Isenhower of Conover, Catawba County, North Carolina. They were the first young couple to marry in Concordia Lutheran Church which was new at that time. They were privileged to celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1949 with all their children and grandchildren present. For this celebration they chose to have all the family attend services at the church where they were married.

Mr. Mauney died November 23, 1952 and his wife died November 8, 1974. Both were buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauney were members of Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church and were closely associated with all the church activities. Mrs. Mauney served as Sunday School and Catechetical teacher and as a member of the church choir, the visitation and altar committee, and Women of the Church. Mr.



Susan Anna and Samuel Augustus Mauney on their Wedding Day, December 20, 1899.

Mauney served the church in many capacities and for many years he was a member and secretary of the church council.

On the seventy-fifth anniversary of the church, he wrote the church history. In addition to his local church he contributed liberally to other churches, orphanages and colleges and served for years on the board of trustees of the Lutheran Children Home, Salem, Virginia and the Lowman Home, White Rock, South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauney were blessed with seven children and all were born in Kings Mountain, Cleveland County.

The eldest was Samuel Aubrey Mauney, born December 8, 1900. On June 26, 1930 he married Katharine Shenk, born November 8, 1907 and the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Elonza Ashby Shenk. They have a daughter, Peggy Ann, born September 8, 1931, and a son, Gene Ashby, born January 28, 1933.

Juanita Elizabeth Mauney born June 15, 1902. On September 11, 1925 she married Herman B. Wolf, born September 10, 1896. They have three daughters: Elizabeth M. Wolf born August 12, 1926; Anna Wolf born January 8, 1929; and Edith Juanita Wolf born March 13, 1934.

Julia Catherine Mauney born July 3, 1905; and married July 30, 1935 to Bahnson N. Barnes, born August 29, 1903. They have two sons: Luther Barnes born December 6, 1938 and Kenneth M. Barnes born May 30, 1945.

Susan Frances Mauney born August 10, 1907 and married September 5, 1936 to Lawrence Luther Lohr, born June 16, 1894. They have one son, Lawrence Luther Lohr, Jr. born May 29, 1937. Lawrence L. Lohr died November 15, 1966 and is buried at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Jacob Philo Mauney, born November 19, 1912; and married February 3, 1940 to Myrtle Kelly, born November 20, 1912. Myrtle Mauney died June 1, 1975 and Jacob P. Mauney died October 20, 1975. Both are buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings

Mountain. They had two sons: Jacob Philo Mauney, Jr. born March 25, 1942 and died May 12, 1980; Samuel Kelly Mauney born May 20, 1946 and married to Margaret Castillo.

Martha Lou Mauney born March 4, 1920 and married June 30, 1943 to Reverend Clifford Paul Fisher, Jr. born October 16, 1918. They had children as follows: Martha Jean Fisher; born December 27, 1945; Zelia Elizabeth Fisher born August 18, 1948; and Clifford Paul Fisher, III, born April 14, 1953. Dorcas Nell Mauney born and died April 5, 1922 and buried at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

Sources: Family Bible, and North Carolina Biography, Volume IV by Archibald Henderson

— Frances M. Lohr

THE WILLIAM ANDREW MAUNEY FAMILY

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Mr. William Andrew Mauney, one of the founders of Kings Mountain, was born December 18, 1841, on a farm in the Muddy Fork Section of Cleveland County, North Carolina. This was the homesite of his parents, David and Fannie Carpenter Mauney.

He was educated at Caperneum school, near Waco, at Lohr's school in Catawba County, and at the Hoover School in Lincoln County. At the age of fifteen, he began teaching at the Lackey school, then at Morrison school near Cherryville, at Fairview in Gaston County, and then at Long Creek school, when he was eighteen and nineteen.

On August 6, 1861, he volunteered and enlisted in the state's service and after training was a member of Company B of the 28th North Carolina regiment. In October he was appointed commissary sergeant. After participating in several battles, he was captured in 1862 with forty-five others at the Battle of Hanover Court House in Virginia. He was sent to prison at Governor's Island, New York. Later that year he was sent to Richmond to be exchanged and returned to his own regiment with which he remained until April 1865.

Facing the Reconstruction, he farmed, surveyed, and taught school until 1873. In 1868, he married Susan Ramseur (born March 10, 1841) and went to live on the Dameron farm near Shelby. Here their first children were born.

In 1873, he and his brother, Jacob, came to Kings Mountain (then White Plains) where they became merchants, textile manufacturers and farmers. In 1888, he and others built Kings Mountain's first textile mill, Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company.

During his remaining life he was identified with practically every line of enterprise in the community. He was the first mayor and the first postmaster. He was representative to the North Carolina Legislature from Cleveland County in 1917, and State Senator in 1907. He was editor of the first newspaper in the town and was one of the founders of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church (1876). He served as elder from February, 1880, until May 1905; thereafter he alternated the office with his brother every two years until his death.



Augustus and Anna Maaney on their 50th Wedding Anniversary December 20, 1949. L to R: Jacob, Martha Lou, Frances, Julia C., Juanita and Aubrey.

His first wife, Susan, died in 1886. Their children were Ida Pauline, born October, 1870, married Charles E. Neisler; Laura Ella, born November 25, 1872, married William A. Ridenhour; and David Hunter, born January 19, 1877, married Jessie Mundy (later moved to Lincolnton).

In 1894, Mr. Maaney was married to Candace Miller, born March, 1860, the daughter of The Reverend Adam Miller and his wife Susan Carpenter Miller (of Catawba County). Their children were Bonnie E., born 1897, married Frank R. Summers; and Virginia E., born 1900, married James E. Herndon.

Mr. Maaney died May 15, 1928. He, Susan R. Maaney, and Candace Miller Maaney (died June 28, 1954) are buried at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

— Mrs. L.E. Hinnant

WILLIAM KEMP and SARAH JANE HOFFMAN MAUNEY

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William Kemp Maaney was born July 4, 1889, in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, the youngest son of J.S. Maaney and Margaret Juletta Rudisill Maaney.

His early education was in the Kings Mountain school system. He graduated from Lenoir College (now Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina) in the Class of 1910. During the years he was there he made a name for himself as an athlete, a scholar, a musician (he played the cello and violin), a singer (he was the Poo-fah in Gilbert and Sullivan's operatta, "The Mikado.") He helped to organize the first football team Lenoir College ever had back in 1907 and was one of its star backfield players.

After graduating from Lenoir College in 1910, he attended the University of South

Carolina to obtain his law degree.

On October 19, 1916, W.K. Maaney married Sarah Jane Hoffman, only daughter of Laban Miles Hoffman, prominent Dallas, North Carolina lawyer and educator, and Martha Jane Jenkins Hoffman.

Sarah Jane Hoffman was born September 9, 1887, in Dallas, N.C. She was graduated from Gaston Female College in Dallas, where her father taught Greek and Latin. L.M. Hoffman was the author of the book, "Our Kin," published in 1915. Sarah Jane Hoffman graduated from Elizabeth College in Charlotte. She holds a certificate of music from the Southern Conservatory of Music, Durham, N.C., and a Masters Degree in music from Teacher's College, Columbia University in New York City.

Mr. Maaney's first business venture was the establishment of a Ford dealership, The Kings Mountain Motor Company, Inc., which he operated until 1929. In 1929 he took over the operation of the old Enterprise Cotton Mill, which was then the Mason Cotton Mill, as a receiver in bankruptcy. The new organization was Maaney Mills, Inc.

In spite of the Great Depression of the 1930's, Mr. Maaney managed to become successful in the cotton yarn mill and later took over the management of three other cotton yarn mills, namely, the Bonnie Cotton Mill, Kings Mountain, N.C., the Nuway Spinning Company and the Howell Mfg. Co., Cherryville, N.C., all of which were very successful.

Mr. Maaney was an esteemed Christian businessman who had so applied his talents in industry as to give support to his church and its schools, its missions, its Brotherhood, and its other organizations.

Mr. and Mrs. Maaney are both of the seventh generation of the family in the United States. Both share the same ancestors of Peter Heyl and Catherine Dales who came to America

in the ship "Robert and Alice" which sailed from Rotterdam and landed in Philadelphia on September 11, 1738. Mr. Maaney is descended from three of Peter Heyl's children — Michael, John and Katrina, and Mrs. Maaney is descended from two daughters of Peter Heyl — Elizabeth and Katrina. Mr. Maaney's great, great, great grandfather was Jacob Muni who arrived in Philadelphia from Rotterdam on the ship "Phoenix" on August 28, 1750. Mrs. Maaney's great, great, great grandfather was Jacob Hoffman who came to America from Germany several years before the American Revolution.

A life-long member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church of Kings Mountain, Mr. Maaney served several terms as a member of the Church Council and also served several years as its chairman. He served as superintendent of the Sunday School for a number of years.

In 1924 he was elected by the N.C. Lutheran Synod to the Board of Trustees of Lenoir-Rhyne College, which school belongs to the Synod. He was re-elected to that office every three years for forty years. As a member of the Lenoir-Rhyne College Board of Trustees, he served a number of years on the Executive Committee and Finance Committee, as well as Vice-Chairman of the Board.

In 1950 Lenoir Rhyne College honored Mr. Maaney by awarding him the Doctor of Law honorary degree.

In 1963 the Lenoir Rhyne Alumni Association presented Mr. Maaney The Distinguished Alumni award presented annually "in honor of outstanding service and in recognition of living reflection of the principles of education and Christian character."

In 1941 Mr. Maaney established a scholarship fund with Lenoir-Rhyne College that would provide a scholarship for a boy or girl from the graduating class of the Kings Mountain High School for each year in the future at Lenoir-Rhyne College.

In 1960 the Maaney Music Building was dedicated on the campus of Lenoir-Rhyne College. The \$352,000.00 structure was given to the college by Mr. and Mrs. Maaney. The gift also included a pipe organ and four Steinway pianos.

Mr. Maaney joined with other members of his family to build Maaney Hall, a dormitory for girls at Lenoir-Rhyne and in 1939 Mr. and Mrs. Maaney established a scholarship fund at Lenoir-Rhyne to assist worthy boys and girls in acquiring an education. This is a \$25,000.00 endowment fund.

W.K. Maaney took an active interest in the work of the Boy Scouts of America. He served as chairman of the organization and extension committee of the Piedmont Council and was awarded the Silver Beaver Award, scouting's highest award for outstanding service to boyhood. His five sons each attained the rank of Eagle Scout.

Taking an active interest in Kings Mountain civic activities, Mr. Maaney served several terms as a city councilman from ward one and was a former mayor.

He was a past president of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club and took an active interest in the club activities.



William Kemp and Sarah Jane Hoffman Maaney, married October 19, 1916.

Mr. Maaney served as president of the Kings Mountain Savings & Loan Association and was for many years a director of the local First National Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. Maaney, with the other members of the J.S. Maaney family, gave the City of Kings Mountain the city library as a memorial to their father and mother, which is called the Jacob S. Maaney Memorial Library and stands at the corner of Piedmont Avenue and King Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Maaney's children are W.K. Maaney, Jr., George H. Maaney, Miles H. Maaney, Ernest J. Maaney, deceased, and David L. Maaney.

Mr. Maaney died January 1, 1970, at the age of 81 and is buried in the family mausoleum in Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain. His wife, Mrs. Sarah Hoffman Maaney, survives him and is now 94 years old and is living in the family home on Piedmont Avenue in Kings Mountain.

— William K. Maaney, Jr.

WILLIAM KEMP MAANEY, JR. and MARY SIMPSON MAANEY

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William Kemp Maaney, Jr. nicknamed Billy, was born August 15, 1917, in Kings Mountain, N.C., the eldest son of W.K. and Sarah Hoffman Maaney. He attended grammar school and high school in the Kings Mountain City School System at Central School on Ridge Street. He graduated from high school from the eleventh grade in 1934. He attended Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C., graduating in 1938 with an A.B. Degree with majors in math and history. While a student at Lenoir Rhyne College, he served one term as President of the Gamma Beta Chi Fraternity and was a charter member of this fraternity. He was a member of the Lenoir Rhyne College Band and the A Cap-

pella Choir. As a boy of twelve, he joined the Boy Scouts of America and obtained the rank of Eagle Scout. All four of his brothers also obtained the rank of Eagle Scout.

After graduating from college, he trained in the Maaney Mills, Inc. and became proficient in operating all the various machines in the plant.

On June 2, 1939, he married Mary Elizabeth Simpson of Hickory, N.C., who was born February 14, 1920, in Anniston, Alabama. Mary finished Hickory High School in 1937 and attended Queens College in Charlotte, N.C. and Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory, N.C.

Children of W.K. Maaney, Jr. and Mary S. Maaney are: Sarah Frances Maaney, born December 30, 1946, married to David B. Faunce, Jr., and they have two sons, Britt David, III and Justin Howard Faunce; Mary Leigh Maaney was born September 3, 1949, married Rowland Goodrich Turner, Jr., and they had two children, Natalie Turner and Rowland Goodrich Turner, III; this marriage ended in divorce and Mary Leigh married Gerald Fred Broadwell, III, in 1978; William Kemp Maaney, III, born April 21, 1951, married to Delva Sprouse and, as of this writing, have one son named William Kemp Maaney, IV, born March 21, 1979; Martha Jane Maaney, born September 21, 1955, is not married at the present time.

In 1939 Mr. Maaney started a small hosiery mill operation as a division of Maaney Mills, Inc. with 24 knitting machines and six employees. This hosiery department of Maaney Mills, Inc. was sold in 1943 to a partnership under the name of Maaney Hosiery Company of which W.K. Maaney, Jr. was a 50% partner. In 1947 the Maaney Hosiery Company was sold to a corporation by the name of Maaney Hosiery Mills, Inc., of which W.K. Maaney, Jr. was the major stockholder. Today the Maaney Hosiery Mills, Inc. employs 300 people and the annual sales are over 8 million

dollars. Production is in excess of 1,200,000 dozen pairs of socks per year.

Other business ventures of Mr. Maaney include founding the Carolina Throwing Co., Inc. in 1955 which was liquidated in 1982. At the peak of operations of this plant there were 250 employees, and production exceeded 200,000 pounds of yarn per week.

Mr. Maaney and Jack Hauser organized a partnership called Double Knit Fabrics and for a period of about ten years operated this plant, employing 35 people and producing approximately 30,000 pounds of double knit fabrics per week until the operation became unprofitable and was liquidated.

Mr. Maaney and Buford Cline formed a partnership known as Double "B" Ranch where they had approximately 120 milk cows in a dairy farm and owned at one time approximately 1,000 acres of farm land. The dairy business became unprofitable in 1973 and this partnership was liquidated. About 350 acres of this farm was condemned by the City of Kings Mountain for a water reservoir, now known as Moss Lake. Mr. Maaney took the remaining 150 acres of the Moss Lake property that was not condemned and formed the Faunce Realty Company on Lake Moss which is now selling lake lots.

Mr. Maaney owns and operates three mobile home parks in Mecklenburg County with approximately 80 rental lots.

In recent years Mr. Maaney has been acquiring condominiums for rent and sale in the Myrtle Beach, S.C. area.

Mr. Maaney has been active in religious, civic and political activities. He has served three terms as lay Vice-President of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Kings Mountain, where he has been a life-long member. He has served as Superintendent of the Sunday School and as a Sunday School teacher.

Mr. Maaney was elected President of the Kings Mountain Jaycees in 1953 and President of the Kings Mountain Lions Club in 1947-48 where he has been a Lion since joining in 1939. Mr. Maaney served as chairman of the fund drive for Kings Mountain March of Dimes program and as chairman of the fund drive for the Red Cross in Kings Mountain. He was President of the Industrial Association for the Kings Mountain area 1965-1968. He also served as a scout master for Troop #2 in Kings Mountain for a number of years.

In his political career Mr. Maaney was elected to the N.C. House of Representatives in 1967, 1969 and 1971, serving three terms as a representative of Cleveland, Rutherford and Polk counties. In 1973 and 1975 he was elected to the N.C. Senate, representing the counties of Cleveland, Gaston, Lincoln, and Rutherford. His record in the Legislature of North Carolina is recorded in the state's history.

Mr. Maaney served on the Lenoir Rhyne college Alumni Association Board of Directors and on the Lenoir Rhyne College Board of Trustees for twelve years and served on the executive committee of the Board of Trustees for six years.

Mr. Maaney served on the Board of Directors of the Catawba Valley Hosiery Association



William Kemp, Jr. and Mary Simpson Mauney.

in Hickory, N.C. for three terms. He has served on the local Board of Directors of First-Citizens Bank & Trust Company, and he served on the Board of Directors of the Cleveland County Mental Health Association 1967-1976.

Mr. and Mrs. Mauney reside in Kings Mountain at 200 East Gold Street.

Sources: Personal knowledge

— W.K. Mauney, Jr.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE MAUNEY

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William Lawrence Mauney, son of Rufus Lawrence and Jennie Grace Redfern Mauney, was born in Kings Mountain, North Carolina on March 20, 1914. He attended the Kings Mountain City Schools and Fishburne Military School Waynesboro, Virginia. In 1936, he graduated from Temple University, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, School of Chiropody — Now The Pennsylvania College of Podiatric Medicine. Following graduation, Dr. Mauney did a year of post-graduate study at The Illinois College of Podiatric Medicine. In 1947, after serving in World War II, Dr. Mauney established practice in Kings Mountain and Shelby,

North Carolina, thus becoming the first podiatrist in Cleveland County.

On September 12, 1942, William Lawrence Mauney married Billie Louise Black, daughter of Dr. Charles Jefferson and Annie Louise Black. Mrs. Mauney, a graduate of North Carolina Baptist Hospital School of Nursing in Winston-Salem, was born in Wingate, North Carolina on February 4, 1917 and died in Kings Mountain, North Carolina June 15, 1951. To this union was born two sons — William Lawrence Mauney, Jr., a career officer in the United States Air Force, and Dr. Charles Jefferson Mauney, a Podiatrist, who married the former Priscilla Kay Hamrick, of Bessemer City, N.C.

In August 1943, Dr. Mauney entered the service of his country. He served first with the United States Navy and was attached to the Naval Hospital Corp. Later, he was transferred to the 1st. Marine Division, 5th Regiment and Headquarters Company of the 1st Battalion with whom he served in the Southwest Pacific. He was in active combat during the Okinawan campaign and was later sent to Peking, China with the same division for occupational duty and acceptance of the Japanese surrender for the Chinese government. Before this mission was completed, Dr. Mauney received orders to

be returned to the Navy and was given an Honorable Discharge on Jan. 6, 1946 because the war was over and he had enough points to be discharged from active service.

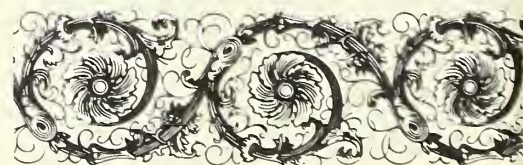
On February 21, 1953 Dr. Mauney married Elizabeth Fisher Winget, born April 12, 1919 and daughter of Arthur Knox and Minnie Gray Winget. To this union was born one daughter — Jennie Gray Mauney a medical technologist, who is married to David Wayne Hinshaw of Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

Mrs. Elizabeth W. Mauney attended the Gastonia, North Carolina and Albemarle, North Carolina City Schools. She graduated from Salem College Winston-Salem, North Carolina in 1941 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and English. In 1949 Mrs. Mauney received a Bachelor & Science degree in Library Science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In 1980, Mrs. Mauney retired after serving 24 years as a school librarian in the Albemarle, North Carolina and Kings Mountain City Schools. During these years, she was active in the North Carolina Education Association, the North Carolina School Librarian Association, and the National Education Association. Mrs. Mauney was elected in 1950 to membership in Delta Kappa Gamma, a National honorary educators society. Mrs. Mauney has been active in civic affairs: The Kings Mountain Womans Club, the Col. Frederick Hambricht D.A.R. and Parent Teachers Association. As a member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Mrs. Mauney has been active in Lutheran Church Women, the Sunday School and is a member of the Altar Guild.

Dr. Mauney after forty-two years of practice in Cleveland County, retired and during these years he was active in the North Carolina Podiatry Association, and held the office of Secretary-Treasurer, and President of the Association. In 1980, he was given a Life Membership. Also for a number of years Dr.



Dr. W.L. Mauney



Mauney was associated with the Bonnie Cotton Mills Inc. Kings Mountain, N.C. as Vice-President and Assistant Secretary. The mill which was founded by his grandfather, Jacob S. Mauney and others. Today, he is a director and Vice-President of Sadie Mills Inc. Kings Mountain, N.C.

William Lawrence Mauney, a Lutheran by faith, is an active member of St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain, North Carolina. He has served as Councilmen, President of the Lutheran Brotherhood of his local church and for a short period as a Sunday School teacher.

In 1953 the W. L. Mauney and Mrs. Winnie Mauney families gave the pews in the new Sanctuary of St. Matthews Lutheran Church in memory of their parents — R. Lawrence Mauney and Jennie Grace Redfern Mauney.

In August 1975, Dr. Mauney was awarded the Service Cross of Honor by the William Wilson Allen Chapter of the United Daughters of Confederacy of Shelby, North Carolina. Interested and active in community affairs, Dr. Mauney was a member of the North Carolina Jaycees, and Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club. Today Dr. Mauney is a member of Fairview Masonic Lodge No. 339 A.F. and A.M.; Carolina Consistory; Oasis Shrine Temple; American Legion; and Veteran of Foreign Wars.

Dr. and Mrs. Mauney reside today in Kings Mountain, N.C. at 704 West Mountain Street.

Sources: Redfearn, *History of the Redfearn Family*; *Kings Mountain Herald*; Jacob S. Mauney Family Scrap Book; Navy Service Records and Documents.

— Elizabeth Winget Mauney



Montrose Mull Meacham

MONTROSE MULL MEACHAM 788

Mr. and Mrs. Otis M. Mull had one daughter, Montrose McBrayer Mull, who was born July 25, 1909. Montrose received her education in Shelby Public Schools, Peace Junior College of Raleigh and Meredith College. In 1931 she was appointed the North Carolina Queen of Cotton by Governor O. Max Gardner. In 1938 she married Earl Holleman Meacham of Statesville. She served from 1962 to 1966 as a member of the Board of Trustees of Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem.

She was a lifetime member of the First Baptist Church of Shelby and a member of the Philathea Sunday School Class. Mrs. Meacham was a former Sunday School teacher and visitor for the Extension Department.

A woman of many interests, she was a member of the Reviewers Book Club, The Dutch Club, The Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the DAR, The American Legion Auxiliary, The Elks Auxiliary, the Wake Forest University Stadium Club, The Deacons Club, the Cleveland Country Club and North Lake Country Club. She was also a very active member of the Democratic Party.

Mrs. Meacham passed away on May 24, 1972. Surviving other than her husband are one son, Otis Mull Meacham, one daughter Montrose Meacham Ballard; and two grandchildren, Lacy Henry Ballard, III, and Montrose Rebecca Ballard.

— Earl Meacham

ANDREW CALEB MILLER 789

David Miller of Ulster, Ireland, and wife, Mary Kerr (of Ireland or Scotland — unsure) with five children emigrated to America about the year 1764. The children were John, Andrew, Martha, Hester and Mary. Some records say that they settled in Pa. for about two years, then about 1766 came down the Wagon Road to Old Tryon and settled there. He acquired land grants and settled in Tryon which later became Rutherford County, built a house and became an entry taker. He also farmed.

The older Son, John, married Susannah Twitty, daughter of William Twitty who accompanied Daniel Boone on some of his exploratory trips and was killed by Indians. John was an Ensign in the N.C. Militia (DAR Patriotic Index, pa. 693) and Susannah (Susan) was a heroine in the battle of Graham's Fort (Drap-er's History, p. 146-146).

John (1754 — April 30, 1807) and Susan Twitty Miller (1763-1825) had six children. They lived on land given them by his father, David Miller, located near Broad River and Mountain Creek, now in Rutherford County. They are buried in the Twitty-Miller Family

Cemetery near the homeplace and on Mt. Creek.

The third son of John and Susan was William John Twitty Miller, who became a physician. They lived in Shelby, N.C. He married Elizabeth Fulenwider of Lincoln Co. They are buried in Sunset Cemetery.

The youngest of their children was Andrew Caleb Miller. He was born March 14, 1850 in Sharon in Cleveland County. His father, Dr. William John Twitty Miller, was a physician and lived in Rutherford County for a while where he represented the County and State Legislature several times and also the State Senate. His mother was Elizabeth Fulenwider of Lincoln County. Andrew Caleb married Emily Graham (born Jan. 8, 1845, died July 31, 1936). His wife was from Marlboro County, S.C.

A.C. Miller helped built the Miller Block on West Warren and South LaFayette Streets but later sold his interest. He and his brother later built the Belmont Cotton Mill on South LaFayette and operated it until 1907 when it was sold to J.J. McMurphy and Sons. Mr. Miller was a member of the board of directors for the School of the Deaf at Morganton for many years and was chairman of the Finance Com-

mittee. He took an active part in his church, where he was an elder in the Shelby Presbyterian Church, for over 30 years. For many years he was superintendent of the Sunday School.

A.C. Miller promoted and was the president of the Shelby and Cleveland County Building and Loan Association (now the First Federal S&L).

On November 3, 1874 he married Emily Graham (born Jan. 8, 1845 — July 31, 1936) and to this union were born three children; Hugh G. Miller, Sr.; Robert C. Miller and Andrew Cleveland Miller.

His first son, Hugh G. Miller Sr., (born Jan. 15, 1876, died Aug. 24, 1954) married Margaret LeGrand (born Oct. 24, 1881, died 1966). He lived in Raleigh and had three children; Hugh G. Miller Jr. (born June 9, 1907, died May 21, 1981), who married Ruth Arrowood (born Jan. 15, 1907); Eugene LeGrand Miller (born 1907) who married Mary Neil Cummings (born 1913); and Emily Graham Miller (born Feb. 3, 1918) who married James Selden Lay Jr. (born Aug. 24, 1911). Hugh Miller Sr. was connected with the School of the Deaf in Raleigh for many years.

His other son was Robert C. Miller (born Sept. 6, 1877 — died March 2, 1963).

His third son was Andrew Cleveland Miller (born July 1, 1883, died April 3, 1968), whose first wife was Annice Floyd. They had no children. He later married Rochelle Davis (born Dec. 13, 1901). He talked and preached to the deaf people of the area, and his wife, Rochelle, lead the singing in sign language. To this union were born three children; Dr. Andrew Miller (born June 16, 1930) who married Rebecca Whitesides; Annice (born Feb. 23, 1927) who married Richard Arey (born June 4, 1927) and Mack Davis Miller (born Feb. 2, 1935) who married Barbara Ledford.

Andrew Caleb Miller and wife Emily Graham are buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, as are two of his sons, Robert C. Miller and Andrew Cleveland Miller and their wives.

Hugh Miller Sr. is buried in Raleigh.

There is evidence today of many signs of development and growth of Shelby and the community around this prominent Shelby family.

— Henry Lee Weathers, Sr.

COLUMBUS MILLER

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Columbus Miller (Jan 22, 1869 — Oct 28, 1925) son of David Walter Miller (Aug 16, 1825 — Oct 27, 1888) and Margaret Gardner Miller (Sept 6, 1830 — July 6, 1905) and grandson of John Miller (Oct 3, 1793 — April 15, 1867) and Mary Miller (1806 — was still living in 1850 census). John Miller was born in S.C. "Protestant immigrant to S.C. by Reville," list John, David and Elizabeth Miller passengers from Ireland on the ship "Pennsylvania Farmer" and petitioned for land grants in S.C. John Miller 150 acres, David Miller 300 acres. The passenger journal dated Jan 6, 1773. The warrants of survey are dated 1765. They were promised these grants to settle in S.C., John, David, Walter are family names and John, Mary, David Walter, Margaret Gard-

ner Miller, Eli Alexandria Miller, Mahula Miller were buried at Capernaum Baptist Cemetery. David Walter and Eli Alexandria Miller died from wounds received in the Civil War. There is a John Miller who married Susannah Twitty and was a Revolutionary soldier. I suspect they are part of the same family, however, there are Millers with the same family given names who were loyalist (because of their business connections) who fled to Pennsylvania after the Revolutionary war, then returned to N.C.

Columbus Miller married Martha Barbara Emma Mauney (Dec 4, 1865 — Dec 1, 1919), (both buried at Capernaum Cemetery), daughter of Christopher (Christy) Mauney (Oct 26, 1823 — killed in Civil War, buried in Richmond Confederate Cemetery, Richmond, Va.) and Malinda Eaker, married Sept. 7, 1858. Emma Mauney Miller's grandfather was Peter Mauney, and her great-grandfather was Christian Mauney and her great-great-grandfather Jacob Mauney, Sr. Emma is a descendant of Jacob (Mooney, Mony) Mauney Sr. died in 1780. He and his three sons Peter, Christian and Jacob Jr. came to America in 1750 from Germany on the ship Phoenix from Rotterdam and lastly Cowes, landing in Philadelphia port. These Mauneys came to Tryon County (now Lincoln) between 1760-70 and received land grants. Christian Mauney (1741-1815) Jacob (-) and Peter (1790 — May 30, 1840) are buried in the Beaver Dam Lutheran Church Cemetery now St. Marks. Christian Mauney was a worthy pioneer and patriarch, a good public servant and a patriot. Virginia Summers Hinnant, National No. 382580, holds membership in the NSDAR on service and lineage records of Christian Mauney.

Court was held in Christian Mauneys home for nine years until the Court House was built (July 1774 — Jan 1783). A room in his log dwelling was used as a jail. The Tryon County Court House, prison and stocks were built at "cross roads" on Christian Mauneys land between the heads of Long Creek, Muddy Creek and Beaver Dam Creek. Christian was granted a license to keep an "ordinary". An ordinary

was an inn where food, lodging and drinks were supplied to patrons at prices fixed by law.

Colombus and Emma Mauney Miller lived in what is now Waco. Emma never joined the Waco Baptist Church, but continued her Lutheran membership. Their children are as follows: Ernest Miller — married 1 — Edna McQuarters 2 — Dosia Falls. Annie Miller — married Charles Putnam. Julia Miller — married Maldry Putnam (Charles and Maldry were cousins). Hoyle Miller — married Annie Mae Blackwelder. Lithis Miller — married James Victor Limerick. There were seven other children who died in infancy.

Sources: Census Records: Three Mauney Families: Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Strassbarger and Hinks Micra Film, Cleveland County Library.

— Barbara Miller Limerick Beattie

WILLIAM JOHN TWITTY, MILLER M.D.

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William John Twitty Miller (1805-1885) was the son of John and Susan (Susannah) Twitty Miller whose home was on the Broad River in Rutherford County, N.C. His grandparents were David and Mary Kerr Miller of Scotch-Irish descent who, with their five children, emigrated to America from Ulster, Ireland and settled on a land grant in old Tryon County, N.C. in the early 1760's. His mother, Susan Twitty, the daughter of Captain William Twitty, was called the heroine of Graham's Fort of Revolutionary fame.

W.J.T. Miller studied medicine at the University of Transylvania at Lexington, Kentucky graduating in 1827. He then returned to Rutherford County to begin his practice.

On February 7, 1833 he married Elizabeth Fulenwider (1815-1892) of Lincoln County, the daughter of Jacob and Mary Margaret Hoyle Fulenwider. Jacob Fulenwider, was a Revolutionary War soldier, and an iron master at Ware Shoals, N.C.

Dr. Miller practiced medicine for fifty years. He was a prominent and public-spirited citizen who represented Rutherford County in the



Columbus Miller Home built 1880's, burned 1909. L to R: Anderson Lutz, tenant; Columbus, Lithia, Hoyle, Annie, Emma, Cameron Putnam, tenant.

General Assembly in 1836, 1838, and 1840. He took an active part in having Cleveland County formed from Rutherford and Lincoln Counties; this was accomplished in 1841. He was a member of the State Senate from Cleveland County in 1842, 1848, and 1864 and a member of the N.C. State Seceding Convention in 1861.

The oldest son of Dr. W.J.T. Miller, John Fulenwider Miller, after graduating from Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia in 1858 became associated with his father in his medical practice in Shelby, Cleveland County. This lasted for three years until Dr. John F. Miller entered the Confederate Army as a surgeon. After the war he lived in Goldsboro, N.C.

Other children of Dr. W.J.T. and Elizabeth F. Miller who reached maturity were:

Eli H. and David M. who lost their lives in the Civil War; William Henry, Robert Burton and Andrew Caleb who spent their lives in Shelby; Mary Elizabeth (Mrs. James E. Moore) and Alice (Mrs. Samuel G. Brice) who moved to S.C. after marriage.

William John Twitty Miller and Elizabeth Fulenwider Miller are buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, N.C.

Sources: Clarence Griffin: *History of Old Tryon and Rutherford Counties*; Amanda E. Fulenwider: *Torchbearers of Freedom: A Carolina-Virginia Genealogy* compiled by York Lowry Wilson; family records.

— Mrs. Marjorie Miller Triebert

WILLIAM LAFAYETTE MILLER FAMILY

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William Lafayette Miller came from Lenoir, Caldwell County. He was born May 27, 1874 and expired December 22, 1932. He was married to Sara Etta Champion in 1886 who was sixteen years old. She was the daughter of Isreal and Missionary Champion. Her mother and father were nicknamed "Is" and "Mis". Her birthday was April 18, 1880 and she expired December 23, 1942. She was buried on Christmas Day.

To this union fourteen children were born; six sons and eight daughters; Macie (Mrs. F.L. Rollins), Dewey Miller who died in infancy, Lawrence, married to Blanche Gantt and has one daughter Mary Beth and four sons Gene, William Joe and Johnnie; Selma, married to Lee McMurry, seven children, two daughters, Nellie died in infancy and Bernice. Sons, Dwight died in infancy, Robert, Joe Fitz and Jack. Everette Miller now deceased, married to Bryte Elmore has two sons, Jimmy and Joe.

Minnie married to C.B. Tickle, has one daughter Carolyn. Mamie married Yates Deviney had three sons, one died in infancy and Tommy and Harry. Three daughters Doris, Sarah, Mary Minta. Kathleen married Henry Ormand, one son, Ragan; Banks married Elizabeth Bowen. They had five sons, Banks, Jr., Bob, Jerry, Steve and Donnie (deceased). Mildred married J.W. Brackett, one daughter Peggy, two sons, Tommy and Sam. Carl married to Martha Falls has two daughters, Carolyn and Rachel. Three sons, Marion, Roger, Olin. Jeanette married to J.D. Horn. They had

one daughter Vangette, four sons W. Edgar died in infancy. Donald, Gene and Jimmy. Chalmus married Pauline Spurling and had one daughter Paulette, two sons, Charles and Dale.

Helen married Heywood Allen and to this union there were one daughter Lynn, two sons Larry and Billy. Helen has said she was glad there were fourteen children or she might not have been here.

We were raised on a three hundred and fifty acre farm with Maple Creek running through the farm. This is near Fallston and was bought for twelve dollars per acre. William Miller was a hard working farmer, a faithful member at New Bethel Baptist Church, on the Advisory Board with Reverend John W. Suttle as pastor who baptized the entire family.

We lived in a nine room home. Some of the neighbors said for every child that was born, another room was added to the house. At first there was no electricity, and no running water. The milk and butter was kept in the spring. In later years, when the wife and mother got running water in the home, a bathroom and a washing machine, we felt like we were the richest family in the neighborhood.

Another good memory was when we got the new piano. We would gather around and sing hymns. The older children married and would come home on Sunday. Mother always made six pies on Saturday and two cakes. We had chickens, cows, hogs, raising most of our food. She never did any field work but did all the cooking and preparing meals, washing and supervising the garden.

Each child had his chores to do. She really belived that idleness was the "devil's workshop." She was talented in many ways. Sewed for eight daughters and could take the Sears Catalogue and make dresses to look like the pictures without a pattern.

All thirteen attended school at Piedmont and Fallston. At one time she fixed seven lunches to go to school. Sometimes it would seem like running one egg through twenty-one biscuits. Peanut butter was bought by the gallon.

Two of the girls made teachers, two nurses, three bookkeepers, one a housewife. Three boys farmed, one is vice-president Bordens Ice Cream Co., one is with Veterans Administration. The forty grandchildren consist of twelve teachers, two principals, two pharmacists, three ministers, two engineers, four carpenters, three machinists, one doctor (dentist), and various businesses.

Fond memories of the rustling of the leaves and the sound of the water splashing over the rocks; fishing in the creek and gathering in the crops in the fall, paying the bills with not much left in material possessions, but untold treasures being reared in a christian home!

In 1982, twelve of the thirteen are living and have a reunion each year.

Sources: Family Bible

— Jeannette Miller Horn



MARY FRANCES GREEN MODE 793

Mary Frances Green Mode, the Daughter of Charles Abner and Louise Frances Callahan Green, was born Dec. 21, 1953, in Shelby, North Carolina. She attended Shelby City Schools and graduated from Shelby High School, class of 1972.

She married Robert Charles Mode Dec. 18, 1971. He is the Son of the late Charlie and Elvie Lowrance Mode of Shelby, N.C. Robert Charles Mode was born June 14, 1948. He attended Shelby City Schools and is a graduate of Gardner Webb College, class of 1979. He is employed in the tax department of Cleveland County.

To this union were born two children. Amy Lea, born March 7, 1975, in Shelby, N.C. and David Christopher, born April 2, 1979, in Shelby, N.C.

— Charles Abner Green

THE JOSHUA MONTGOMERY FAMILY

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Virginia Louise Young Montgomery was the only child of Ezra Lula Young Staten Beam. She was born on January 28, 1915 in Mooresboro, N.C. Her maternal grandparents were Tom and Lillie Horn Young. The maternal Great-grandparents were Amos and Diana Horn.

She attended the local school in Mooresboro until she finished the seventh grade. In her effort to get a high school education she rented a room from the Means family in Shelby. While living in Shelby she attended Cleveland Training School where she was an honor student. Due to circumstances at home Virginia had to drop out of high school to help at home.

Virginia married Joshua Montgomery the third child born to Charlie and Diana Wimberly Montgomery. The Montgomerys had moved to Cleveland County from Georgia in 1921. The family included the parents, Ophelia, Leonard and Joshua. The Montgomery children also attended Cleveland Training School after their father bought them a new 1924 Ford to drive to school.

Joshua and Virginia had three children, Emily Jean, Warren Henry and Mildred Virginia. The family moved to Salisbury, N.C. and spent part of the war years in Portsmouth, Virginia. They moved back to Mooresboro in 1945. Joshua returned to work at Duke Power and Emily and Warren attended Green Bethel School in Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

Tragedy struck during the spring and summer of 1949. Joshua became ill and was unable to work in the spring. Mildred, who had been an invalid most of her life, died. Warren was having difficulties with his legs and was later diagnosed as having a mild case of polio.

Emily and Warren graduated from high school at Green Bethel in 1952 and 1953. Emily received a B.S. degree in biology and chemistry from Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1956. Warren was a



General Marion and Vistie Hamrick Moore.

Ford Foundation Fellow at Morehouse College in Atlanta, Georgia until the end of the first semester his junior year. At this time he joined the U.S. Army "to see the world."

Warren married Doris LaVaughn Gardner between tours of duty with the U.S. Army. They had seven children, four boys and three girls. Wayne Trevor, Wanda Anita, Warren Henry, Junior, who died in infancy, Cheryl Denise, Adriann LaVaughn, Darryl and Jerald were born in this order. Wayne is serving his country in the U.S. Air Force in Germany. Since graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Wanda is doing research at the Smithsonian Institute. Cheryl married Robert Littlejohn and has one child, Patrick O'Brian. Adriann is a student at Gardner-Webb College and Darryl and Jerald are students at Crest Junior High.

After his first marriage ended in divorce Warren married Alice Poston of Shelby, North Carolina. They have one daughter, Tiffany.

Emily married Zan Calvin Withrow on December 30, 1957. They have two children, Eric Zan and Lorna Clarice. The children's great-grandmother Ezra died when Lorna was two weeks of age.

The year 1966 was a year of change for the family. This was the first year that school facilities were integrated and Emily was moved from Green Bethel to Piedmont. Joshua died in December after losing a fight with cancer. After the new year Virginia had major surgery twice in less than eight months. Zan and Emily moved into their new home in the Ramseur Community in 1967 during January.

Eric and Lorna graduated from Burns Senior High in 1979 and 1981. Eric attended A. & T. State University for two years and Lorna is attending N.C. State University.

Sources: Family Bible; Courthouse and School Records.

— Emily Withrow

GENERAL MARION MOORE

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General Marion Moore was born on October 5, 1836 and died on April 30, 1910. He married Vestie Victoria Hamrick (b. November 11, 1844 — d. July 26, 1922). They were born in what is now Cleveland County.

General served in the Confederate Army, according to records supplied by the National Archives. His enlistment began on April 27, 1861, in Shelby. He was a private in Company C of the 5th Regiment North Carolina Infantry (Volunteers) which was organized in June 1861. Its designation was changed to the 15th Regiment North Carolina Infantry (State Troops).

According to the documents, General was five feet and six inches tall with a light complexion, brown hair and hazel eyes. He was promoted to corporal on May 2, 1862. He apparently was injured according to records of time spent in Jackson Hospital in Richmond, Va.,

on May 28-29, 1864. He is named on a Roll of Honor before he is listed as a Prisoner of War at Point Lookout, Md. He was captured at Sutherland Station on April 3, 1865, and released on June 29, 1865, after taking an oath of allegiance.

He and his wife are buried in Poplar Springs Baptist Church cemetery. This verse is written on his tombstone:

"An amiable Father here lies at rest as ever God with his image blessed, the friend of man, the friend of truth, the friend of age, the guide of youth."

General, along with some of his children, John Matterson, Malland Dovus, Margaret Jane, Marshall Morris and Mary Narcissus, were charter members of Poplar Springs church organized in 1898. Dovus, in particular, was active in the early life of the church.

General and Vestie had eight children. They include:

Malland Dovus (July 17, 1868 — June 15, 1935) was a farmer, a teacher, and a Mason. Many people referred to him as "The Preacher." He served as a deacon at Poplar Springs. He and his wife, Elizabeth Lattimore, who were married on March 16, 1899, had eight children: Halys G., Buren R., Jessie Lou, Howard M., William Eubert, Joe Lane, Mary Lee and George Carroll.

Marshall Morris (September 24, 1869 — March 5, 1951) was a farmer and a lawman, serving as a county deputy and a city policeman. He gave law-breakers a second chance and kept an eye out for his tenants at his farm. His wife, Dovie Gertrude Blanton, said one way to find her husband was to go uptown and look for the worst fellow and there Marshall would be.

He rarely cursed, preferring instead to say only "pshaw-pshaw." He gave land to Sharon United Methodist Church to start a cemetery. Later, some of his land was sold for the Shelby Airport. He was a Mason. He and his wife had four children: Occie Ethel, Vaughn O., Salier Shaw and Marshall Dean.

John (August 8, 1872 — June 1, 1919) was a farmer and a merchant. He married Effie Jane Freeman. He owned land where Cleveland Me-



1941 Birthday Celebration for Marshall Morris and Marion Olive Moore (third & fourth from left, second row).





1980 Moore reunion at Lattimore Women's Club.



Mr. & Mrs. J.R. Moore, 1900

1784, died in 1872.

As a child he was called George Robert. Later he dropped the George in favor of his father's name, James, and was called Bob.

He was educated at home by his mother and later attended school at Boiling Springs, walking five miles each way to and from school. He learned telegraphy and worked as telegraph operator first with Seaboard Air Line Railway, later with Southern Railway, in Shelby, Charlotte and Asheville. In 1899 he became associated with Henrietta Mills and while working there he built (about 1907) a home in Shelby, choosing a location near the Shelby Graded School because four of the children were having to attend boarding schools (Piedmont and Boiling Springs). He commuted by train from Shelby to Henrietta. During this time for several years as "J.R. Moore and Sons" he and his sons operated a poultry business in Shelby, breeding Barred Rocks and winning a number of trophies in poultry exhibitions in southeastern United States. In 1918, he became secretary-treasurer of Alexander Manufacturing Co. which was built under his supervision near Forest City, North Carolina, and the family lived at Alexander Mills until 1932. He died in Marion, North Carolina, on August 24, 1936, and is buried in the Moore family plot at Sunset Cemetery, Shelby.

Always active in his church, he taught a class at Caroleen Baptist Church; served as Sunday School superintendent at First Baptist Church, Shelby, 1913-1915, and as a deacon; was a charter member of Alexander Baptist Church, organized September 28, 1919, and served there as a deacon and as Sunday School superintendent.

In Shelby he was a member of Cleveland Lodge No. 202 A.F. and A.M., and in Forest City was a member of the Kiwanis Club. He maintained a lifelong interest in poultry, apiculture, and horticulture as hobbies.

On November 23, 1882, he and Mary Jane Green were married by Dr. W.A. Nelson, pastor of Shelby Baptist (First Baptist) Church. She was the daughter of George McSwain and Patience (Washburn) Green, and was born November 24, 1864, near Boiling Springs. Her family moved to Shelby when she was quite young and she was educated in the Shelby schools. She remembered little about living in the country but did recall before they moved trying to find a favorite doll she had "planted" because her brother teasingly told her that if she would plant it a doll tree would come up



Moore Home on West Marion Street, Shelby, 1908.

morial Park was later built. He and his wife had one child, Elaine.

Mary Narcissus (April 6, 1879 — August 3, 1968), better known as Aunt Mollie, lived in Boiling Springs. She married Charlie Putnam. She was the organist at Poplar Springs for many years, but she later joined Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

Aquilla Blanche (February 4, 1884 — March 5, 1927) and her husband, Coel Blanton, had no children. She is buried in Sharon Methodist Church cemetery.

Marion Olive (October 8, 1881 — June 13, 1966) was a merchant. He worked as a clerk at the Lily Mill company store in Shelby. He was known as "the fish-fry king" for his assorted gatherings on Second Broad River. He married Alice I. (Burna) Harrill on October 13, 1913. He was a Mason and a member of First Baptist Church of Shelby. He is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. He and Burna had two children: Bessie and Harrill W.

Margaret Jane (July 15, 1875 — March 16, 1958), better known as Aunt Mag, loved her family, church and community. She had a smile for everyone. She and her husband, John E. Morehead, had two children: Maude and Marion O.

Carrie Ann (July 5, 1886 — June 20, 1978) volunteered her services in Lattimore, most notably for the women's club. She married Lawton Blanton, who was known as the "Professor." The Moore reunion is held in Lattimore because of Carrie's wishes. She and Lawton had five children: Genevieve, Marsdon, Geraldine, Betty and Bill.

— Franklin Shaw Moore
and Mary Lee Moore Borders

MR. and MRS. J.R. MOORE 796

James Aaron George Robert Moore was born December 2, 1859, near Mooresboro in Rutherford County, son of James Christmas Moore, born July 9, 1831, and Malinda Jane (Bridges) Moore, born June 3, 1833. There

were two other sons, Austin S. Moore, born July 20, 1857, and William Burwell Moore, born March 25, 1862.

James C. Moore enlisted in the North Carolina Troops of the Confederate Army on May 5, 1862, and served as a private in the Fifty-fifth Regiment, Infantry, Company D, at Camp Magnum near Raleigh and Camp Johnson at Kinston, and died of typhoid fever at Goldsboro on October 10, 1862. Jane Bridges Moore died October 15, 1912, at the Moore home in Shelby. Both parents were buried at the Moore family burying ground near Trinity Baptist Church in Cleveland County.

J.R. Moore's only recollection of his father was of playing in the room behind his parents who were sitting before an open fire. He said he could remember the shape of his father's head but could not see his face. He told of two events remembered from the War Between the States. A small group of Union soldiers stopped by their house, found him hiding under a bed behind a keg of molasses, and just laughed at him. They took two horses and left two of their own. He also remembered having bread made from wheat flour only for Sunday morning breakfasts, eating corn bread all other meals. He never cared for cornbread.

His grandparents were James C. Moore, born April 7, 1792, died November 19, 1869, and Elizabeth (McSwain) Moore, born January 21, 1792, died October 3, 1865; and Aaron Bridges, 1789-1887, and Margaret Matilda (Peggy Holland) Bridges, born December 25,

and she would have lots of dolls like that one.

She was a devoted wife, mother and church member. Her home was always open to family, friends, friends of her children, and friends of her grandchildren. She taught Sunday School classes at various times and was very active in the Woman's Missionary Society of every church to which she belonged. Following the death of her husband she returned to the Moore home in Shelby and lived there until her death, November 11, 1953, and is buried in the Moore family plot at Sunset Cemetery. At her death she was the "oldest" member of First Baptist Church in that she had joined the church earlier than any other living member, having been baptized on March 26, 1877.

The Moores were parents of the following children: Foy Victoria, Patience Jean (Thompson), James R., Jr., Mary Nelson, George Green, Crawford Durham, Jefferson Davis, Terry Austin, Truman Ellinwood, and Ruth (Hoey).

The Moore home is currently the home of one of the grandchildren.

Sources: Family records.

— Miss Mary Sue Thompson

JOHN FRANKLIN and SUSAN HOLLAND MOORE

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John F. Moore, son of Thomas and Mildred Morrow Moore, was born August 2, 1862, in Rutherford County. The birthplace is now a part of the campus of Isothermal Community College. Forebears reaching Virginia in mid-seventeenth century immigrated from the British Isles. Early ancestors reaching Rutherford County — Roberts, Jones, Suttle, Bushrod, Doggett — arrived before the American Revolution.

On December 31, 1884, John Moore, young carpenter and farmer, married Cynthia Susan Holland, born in Cleveland County October 11, 1860, daughter of Cynthia Moore Holland and Gold Griffin Holland. He represented Cleveland County in the General Assembly in 1850, was a captain of the Confederacy serving at Gettysburg, and at Appomattox signed terms of surrender for his company.

Susan, great-granddaughter of William Holland, Captain in Colonel Davie's North Carolina Regiment during the American Revolution, was a collateral descendant of James Holland. A charter member of the Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina, he served on the committee that selected the site for the University in Chapel Hill.

After marriage, the Moores lived in Rutherford County for twelve years. There, he continued his farming and carpentry while experimenting as cabinetmaker. Grandchildren and great-grandchildren treasure items he made, and great-great grandchildren happily eat from one of his tables. Five children — Odus, Marietta, Ollie, Kate, and Dan — were born in Rutherford County.

Upon the purchase of land just east of Boiling Springs, the Moores moved to Cleveland County. They lived in what had originally been

the kitchen portion of the Holland property while building their house. (That older house is now owned by Dan Moore, Jr; the newer, by Glenn A. Williams.) The other children, Tom, D.F., E.V., and Holland were born there.

The Moores worked hard on their farm and were active members of Boiling Springs Baptist Church of which she had been a member since girlhood. He had joined around 1912, having previously been a member of Pleasant Grove Methodist.

Having been born during a very turbulent period in American history, the Moores experienced hardships which stagger one's imagination. Carpetbaggers were as real to them as ACC is to today's youth. Instead of becoming bitter because of hardships, they learned early in life that perseverance, faith, hope, and hard work were essential to survival.

The one thing denied these two intelligent people was a formal education; but they sent their children, all of whom are deceased, to school. Six of those children and fourteen of their fifteen grandchildren graduated from college.

Gardner Webb College, originally Boiling Springs High School, is evidence of the Moores' respect for education. Not only was he one of the original trustees, but both contributed in many ways to the school. Working from dawn to dusk, he hauled the first brick, did manual labor in the construction of the first buildings and gave financial and moral support for the rest of his life. His wife supported him in his total commitment.

In spite of hard work, the Moores always had time for their grandchildren and great-grandchildren who, early in life, learned certain things. His "Hurrah" meant to get busy with the assigned task. If she mentioned her "cat switch," we were being too noisy while picking up magnolia leaves. We also learned that the pink grapes went to him; the white, to her. We could have all the blues we wanted!

Never since has watermelon tasted so sweet nor fresh apple cider been so refreshing as in summer when the family gathered on Sunday afternoons. The adults visited on the porch while the children played in the yard.

Physical death for her occurred on June 7, 1944; for him, October 28, 1954. Each of these people, as well as eight of their nine children, lived far beyond their allotted time.

I am convinced that their ideals, values, faith, and industriousness live on in the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren. Our grandparents believed that: work which is honest is honorable; what one does with his life is far more important than material possessions; giving to or caring for others brings its own rewards. We believe as they did!

Sources: Family Bible, *Shelby Daily Star*, *Laurinburg Exchange*, family documents, personal knowledge.

— Helen V. Hamrick

THOMAS MOORE

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Thomas Moore was born in 1797 and died in 1877. He married Margaret McSwain, who was born about 1798. He was probably born in

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what is now Cleveland County. She was probably born in Stanley County, what is now Rowan County. They are buried in a cemetery in Boiling Springs across from the Gardner-Webb College chapel.

Thomas was a farmer; Margaret a housewife. They lived around Beaver Dam Creek in the southwest corner of Cleveland County. Their home was diagonal to Memorial Park and near the Earl Owensby studio. Many of their descendants lived in this area.

They had eight children: Francis (1818) (?) - (?) who married Loucindy O'Neal; Cinthia (March 3, 1821 — June 28, 1895) who married Gold Griffon Holland in 1841; Martha (1827(25)-(?)) who married Calvin Holland who was born in 1820(?) - (?); Leah (1828-?) who married Leander Jolley; Mary (1830(?) - (?)) who married Erasmus Holland; Sarah (1833(?) - (?)) who married David Hamrick on September 28, 1852 (?); and General Marion Moore who married Vestie Victoria Hamrick.

Confusion surrounds the Moore line, past Tommy. However, according to research done by Mrs. Virginia Fowler in Gaffney, S.C., John Moore was Tommy's father.

According to a pension roll dated March 4, 1834, John appeared in open court on November 11, 1833 when he was 78 years, eleven months and twenty-three days old to apply for a pension for service in the Revolutionary War.

He said he was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, on November 19, 1754; moved to Orange County in North Carolina when he was about 18; moved to Rowan County for about four years; to Rutherford County where he lived for about twenty years and from there to York District, South Carolina.

John said he entered service about 1772, while he was in Orange County. He fought in several battles. John later moved to Harmony Post Office in South Carolina. Mrs. Fowler speculates John did this because he was related to a Captain Jones through marriage. John is believed to have married Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Benjamin Jones. John, a brother, Richard, Benjamin Jones and Amy (Anney) Parrish are believed to have come on the ship together.

Mrs. Fowler's interest comes from an ancestor named John Moore Jr. (called 'Jack') who m. Anna Davis, daughter of Philip and Mary Davis, in 1830. His ancestors had come from Ireland during a potato famine. There were twelve tall sons. Once, a man had come to Cowpens, S.C. searching for descendants

of this John Moore and twelve sons for an inheritance. In the archives at Salt Lake City, Utah, Mrs. Fowler found a John Moore b. 1758 — Elizabeth Jones b. 1760 of Rutherford County. Their children included: William, John, James, Jonathan, George, Francis, Richard, Jones, Joseph, Farmer, Thomas and Lewis.

This sketch presents only bits and pieces of Mrs. Fowler's research. For further information or contributions, call 1-803-489-5501.

Other sources of information for the sketches of Thomas Moore and General Marion Moore include census records, family memories and help from friends. The principal research was done by Franklin Shaw Moore and Mary Lee Borders, who are grateful for past help and welcome future advice.

— Franklin Shaw Moore
and Mary Lee Borders

THE CHARLES POSTELL MOREHEAD FAMILY

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My daddy, Charles Postell Morehead, was born in Cleveland County October 15, 1877, to William Miller Morehead and Mary Jane Blanton Morehead. He had six brothers and one sister. His oldest brother, Bob, first married Ockie Bostic, his second wife is not known. Herod married Samantha Champion, Jim married Selena Champion, John married Mary Smith, Torrence married Veola Blanton, Seth married Josie Smith. His sister, Curtis, married Vermon Fitzgerald.

Daddy, his parents and all his brothers are deceased. Bob was buried in Sandy Run Church Cemetery in Mooresboro, Herod and Torrence were buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, and Jim was buried in New Hope Cemetery in Earl. Charlie, John, and Seth along with their mother were buried in Sharon Cemetery. His father was buried in Oakland Cemetery in Gaffney, South Carolina. His sister, Custis, is still living in Gaffney, South Carolina at the age of 93. A sister-in-law, Josie Morehead, is still living in Shelby, North Carolina at the age of 92.

William Miller Morehead married Savannah Davis after the death of his first wife. To this union were born three children: Zera married John Stowe, Ben first married Polly Hill and secondly married Faye Coward, Ocie married P.K. Phillips. These half sisters and brothers are deceased: Zera and Ben were buried in Oakland Cemetery in Gaffney, South Carolina, and Ocie was buried in Simpsonville, South Carolina.

Charles Postell (b. October 15, 1877 — d. March 30, 1939) married Alma Blanton (b. September 17, 1882 — d. April 19, 1973) on July 15, 1907. She was the daughter of Burl Benjamin and Arminda Hawkins Blanton. My parents were married at her home on what is now Maple Springs Church Road. The old house is still standing, though not used as a residence.

Daddy was a farmer back in the days when "cotton was king". The farm and garden produced most of our needs. Mother did her share

by canning, preserving, drying, sewing, knitting, and by selling what extra eggs, butter, etc. she might have accumulated.

Our family may have been short on material wealth, but we received enough love from our parents to fully compensate. We always had the necessities of life, but at Christmas there was always an extra treat. One Christmas, I remember, we had coconut candy. It wasn't like the candy you get today. It was a big slab or hunk, probably weighing four or five pounds. Daddy bought the candy, brought it home, and put in the till of a big trunk. It had to be cut with a sharp knife, and each time it was served was certainly a treat.

Another incident I remember was the flood of 1916. The bridge across Broad River was washed away. It spanned the river over which Highway 150 now passes. A young man was drowned. Daddy took us girls to the scene where we could see people being carried across the river in a canoe. This was a real experience for us.

Daddy was a faithful member of Sharon Methodist Church until his death. He served many years as a steward. My mother was a member of the same church and it was an important part of their lives. As a young woman mother played the organ at church. Both parents were buried in Sharon Cemetery.

My parents had three children. Helen A. Morehead (b. February 5, 1909 — d. October 23, 1940) married Ralph Dover (b. August 11, 1912 — d. August 5, 1974) on December 4, 1938. Helen lived less than two years after her marriage. An infant son died at the same time.

Johnnie W. Morehead (b. June 1, 1911) married Floyd A. Queen (b. August 29, 1910) December 11, 1936. They have two sons, Floyd, Jr. and Charles Jackson. Floyd, Jr. (b. September 22, 1943) married Carolyn Ann Tessneer (b. February 5, 1946) on June 20, 1965. Floyd and Carolyn Queen have three sons: Robert Paul (b. October 11, 1967), Jeffrey Brett (b. May 31, 1970), and James Floyd (b. November 3, 1971). Charles is not married.

Ila Mae Morehead (b. February 4, 1913) married John Zero Bivins (b. September 22, 1897) on May 5, 1961.

Sources: Family Bibles, personal knowledge, memories, and relatives.

— Johnnie M. Queen

O.Z. MORGAN and HIS FAMILY

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Few people who knew O.Z. Morgan knew what his initials stood for nor were they curious. Cleveland Countians just knew to call on "Mr. O.Z." for their gardening needs.

Joseph Hilliard and Sarah Anne Young Morgan named their first child Ottis Zelma Morgan after the doctor that delivered him. He was born November 27, 1897, in Piedmont, Anderson County, South Carolina. Little O.Z. soon had a sister, Mary Morgan (Brezeale) and twin brothers, Harry and Harrison.

A handsome young man with a strong jawline, steel blue eyes and light hair, his wife



O.Z. Morgan, late 1960's

remembers him as a small boy, "He was just a little tow-headed boy running through the cotton fields." Minnieta Foster became Mrs. O.Z. Morgan on December 16, 1920. The couple married in Pelzar, South Carolina and went to the picture show in Easy for their honeymoon.

Morgan took several short courses at Clemson University and became interested in the control of insects. Through Clemson, he went to Cleveland County in 1923, with the help of the Kiwanis Club, to help farmers discourage the boll weevil. After a few months, Morgan saw Cleveland County as his opportunity and sent for his growing family which included young Robert Foster Morgan who was born June 24, 1922. They made their home on the George Blanton farms west of Shelby.

The Morgans had two more children. Saranan was born June 26, 1926, and Otis Jackson on May 10, 1929. The family lived in the Beaver Dam Community. Morgan served as a Deacon at Beaver Dam Baptist Church.

As a farmer, Morgan became interested in the ginning business. In 1935, he established Morgan and Company, a feed, seed, and fertilizer store located beside Southern Railway between Marion and Warren streets (in the present Farmers Market building.)

Morgan contributed a great deal to the agricultural growth of Cleveland County. He was the first to promote certified cotton seed in the area. He served as president of the Caroling Ginners Association, as a delegate and director of the National Cotton Council, and on the Agriculture Committee of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce. In 1957, he made a successful trip to Washington to get increased cotton acreage for Cleveland County. In 1963, he received the Farm Bureau Service Award for Cleveland County. The Carolina Ginner's Association named him "North Carolina Ginner of the Year" in 1970.

O.Z. Morgan died January 6, 1972, at the age of 74, after a two-year battle with cancer. He is buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Robert joined his father in the business in 1946, after attending Gardner-Webb College and North Carolina State University, and serving in the United States Air Force. He married

Ruth Norment Moore of Lumberton, on June 13, 1953. They have two daughters. Serena Lee was born on September 8, 1956, and married Learned Davis Barry of Richmond, Virginia, on May 31, 1980. Mary Moore Morgan was born on May 16, 1959. Robert served in the North Carolina Senate from 1952 to 1964.

Jack joined the business in 1949, after attending Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina. He left briefly to serve in the United States Army from 1951 to 1953. He married Barbara Jane Roebuck of Shelby on November 28, 1953. Their children are James William Morgan, November 21, 1954; Eleanor Ann, August 19, 1957; and Joseph Hilliard on August 31, 1964.

Saranan taught Physical Education and Health Education at Shelby High School and Gardner-Webb College. She married Thomas Anthony Brady on March 28, 1964. The couple lived in Charlotte and Miami Beach, Florida, until Brady's death in 1973. Mrs. Brady returned to Shelby to live with her mother and help with the family business.

Sources: *Shelby Daily Star*, family records.

— Eleanor Morgan

ROY WILSON MORRIS

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Roy Wilson (Casey) Morris, long-time Shelby High School teacher and coach was born in Gastonia August 2, 1898, the son of Emma Faulkner and Samuel Malcolm Morris.

Casey attended public schools in Gastonia and graduated from Fishbourne Military School in Waynesboro, Virginia. In the fall of 1918 he did military service in the Student Army Training Corps at Lenoir Rhyne College. After one term at North Carolina State College, he transferred to the University of North Carolina.

At Chapel Hill he continued an athletic career that began in prep school. In 1923 Morris became captain of both the Carolina football and baseball teams. A plaque there records his hitting the longest ball at old Emerson Field. After receiving one of the top University honors, membership in the Order of the Golden Fleece, he graduated in Business Administration in 1924.

From 1924 to 1934 Morris was a teacher and coach at Shelby High. He also owned the Owl Soda Shop on West Warren Street. On August 28, 1928, he married Matilda Lattimore, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E.B. Lattimore of Shelby. They had one daughter, Sue Brevard Morris, born in 1931. From 1934 to 1937 the Morrises taught at Belmont High School. He became part owner of a student supply company while in Belmont.

Junior Legion baseball was the top entertainment during the Depression, and thousands of fans crowded ball parks. Casey coached two seasons in his hometown, nearby Gastonia, and his boys won the United States Regional title in 1933. He coached Shelby's team the next year and followed that as business manager of the local semi-pro club in North Carolina's Western Baseball Circuit.

In 1938 Morris bought the Cleveland Gas



Roy "Casey" Wilson Morris

Company in Shelby, and for several years was distributor of Essotane, a new bottled gas for cooking. He also served in the local National Guard during World War II. The Morrises returned to teaching at Shelby High. Mrs. Morris died in 1954. Casey continued teaching, but retired from coaching in 1958.

"His teams won their share of championships from 1924 till 1958: state baseball championships 1924, 1925-29, 1930, with nine or ten conference wins. He also assisted with winning basketball teams. Hundreds tag him as the Number One influence in their lives. One said, 'Respect is a weak word for what we felt for Coach Morris. I learned the meaning of the words Honor and Loyalty. He absolutely refused to accept unethical play.' "

In February 1965 Casey Morris received the first Hall of Fame Award presented for outstanding service to the advancement of sports and recreation by the Shelby Chamber of Commerce.

In 1955 he had married Beatrice Nye Suttle (widow of Ben Suttle), and they both retired from teaching in 1963. They lived at the family farm on New Prospect Road where he enjoyed raising cattle and keeping up with sports events.

He was a member of the Cattlemen's Association, the Rotary Club, and a trustee of Central United Methodist Church for many years. He died at his home February 27, 1973, and was buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby.

Bea is active in Church, music and literary clubs. Delta Kappa Gamma Society — Cancer and Historical Boards. In 1977 she received the Shelby "Lady of the Year" Service Award.

Sources: *Charlotte Observer*, March 4, 1973. *Shelby Daily Star*, November 1977.

— Sue Morris Hopper

JAMES STEPHEN MORRISETT

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James Stephen Morrisett was born the only child of John (son) Gregory Morrisett (born July 24, 1872; died October 1944) and Maude Edwards Morrisett (born October 6, 1873; died November 1948) on June 2, 1906 in Scot-

land Neck (Halifax Co.), North Carolina. His paternal grandparents were Johnson Morrisett (born 1829) and Angerona Warr (born November 8, 1837; died January 27, 1904, who were married on April 5, 1854. His paternal great-grandparents were John Warr (born 1815; died June 27, 1846) and Louisa T. Clements (born 1820; January 30, 1852) who were married on January 3, 1837.

Young Stephen passed his childhood in Winston-Salem, North Carolina where his father was a prominent dry goods merchant. He had his first piano lesson at the age of six, and by the time he was a teenager, he was already a serious pianist. He was also organist for the Christian Church in Winston-Salem during his high school years, and upon graduation from R.J. Reynolds High School in 1925, he went off to study at Curtis Institute of Music in Philadelphia, Penn. In 1930, he obtained a bachelor's degree from Columbia University, and in 1932, a Master's Degree in Musicology from Cornell University. The next fall, he took a teaching position at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey.

On the front row of his Art History course at Westminster sat a young lady named Mary Catherine Keeley (born December 10, 1910), who hailed from Dayton, Ohio, and on June 10, 1933, he married her. They remained on faculty at Westminster for five more years, during which time two sons were born to them: James Stephen Morrisett, Jr. (born August 2, 1934); and Peter Edward Morrisett (born July 12, 1937).

In 1913, at the age of seven, Stephen had become a Christian and had been baptized into the fellowship of Brown Memorial Baptist Church in Winston-Salem. Twenty-five years later, in 1938, he was called to preach the Gospel. Consequently, he moved himself, a wife, and two young sons to Southern Seminary in Louisville, Ky. in order to prepare himself to fulfill that calling. During his stay at the Seminary, he pastored a small church in Blue River, located just out of Salem, Indiana. He was ordained to the ministry on August 2, 1939 in First Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, and in 1940, he completed work for a Bachelor of Divinity degree.



James Stephen Morrisett, June 2, 1906 — April 23, 1969.



Mary Catherine Keeley Morrisett, born December 30, 1910.

After finishing at the Seminary, he accepted the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Elkin, North Carolina, and served there for five years (1940-45) during the war. While in Elkin, another son, Joel David Morrisett, was born May 2, 1942.

In 1945, he left the active pastorate to return to his first love: teaching. He accepted the position of Chairman of the Department of Religion at Gardner-Webb Junior College in Boiling Springs, North Carolina, where he taught Greek and Bible, and conducted the college choir. Another child, this time a daughter, Rebecca Ann Morrisett, was born April 5, 1948.

Mr. Morrisett made his first trip to the Holy Land in 1950, the fulfillment of a long-time dream which left him with a multitude of lasting impressions and a variety of life-long missionary interests. In 1954, he began construction on a self-designed pipe organ in his home which was to be an ongoing project for the rest of his life. During these years and those that were to follow, he was much in demand as either conductor or organist for local musical performances.

In 1955, he was awarded a year's sabbatical from Gardner-Webb, and his wife and the two younger children accompanied him on a year's travel while he studied at the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He returned to Gardner-Webb where he taught until his retirement in 1959.

Immediately upon his retirement, he started his own Bible School where he taught a number of regularly scheduled classes for interested individuals. He was busy as an interim pastor, and as a guest speaker at churches of a variety of denominations. These years were spent largely in studying, teaching, and practicing, but he also found time to be interested in gardening and in collecting rocks, minerals, sea shells, antique glass, old instruments, and recordings.

Another major interest during these years was travel, and on the last of the extended journeys, he suffered a fatal heart attack. A small bronze plaque in Ise, Japan, marks his passing on April 23, 1969.

His descendants at present include four children, seventeen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

Sources: personal knowledge and family *Bible*

— Rebecca Morrisett Causby

MRS. JAMES STEPHEN MORRISETT (MARY CATHERINE KEELEY)

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Mary Catherine Keeley was born in her parents home in Dayton, Ohio on December 30, 1910, and was christened in Memorial Presbyterian Church in Dayton. She was the younger of two daughters born to John Edward Keeley (born November 22, 1884 in Frankfort, Ky.; died March 6, 1959) and Lottie Carrie Lousia Hauss (born August 23, 1884; died December 11, 1961) who were married June 18, 1908. Her paternal grandparents were Frederick Keeley (born in County Kent, England) and Mary Elizabeth deCosta (born 1856). Her maternal grandparents were David Thomas Hauss (born June 7, 1860; died November 17, 1926) and Hannah Hennings (born October 5, 1858; died November 9, 1939). They were married September 11, 1883.

Mary had her first formal piano lesson when she was eight years old, and by the time she was a fourth grader, she was sufficiently proficient to command the interest of Dr. John Finley Williamson who later founded Westminster Choir College. She continued her music studies throughout her teenage years, but was an avid sportswoman as well, playing championship tennis and basketball, and in swimming and ice skating.

She was educated in the public schools of Dayton and in 1928 she was the composer of the class song for her graduating class from Steele High School. After graduation, she attended Westminster Choir College for two years and during that time held a music position in the First Baptist Church in Groton, New York. The following year, in 1930-31, money was in short supply, and she left school for a year to pool her funds while she worked in the payroll office of a General Motors subsidiary in Dayton.

In 1931, she went back to Westminster where she again held a church position in Canandigua, New York. The following year, she won a full Masonic scholarship, and she went back for her senior year. Her German professor that year was a young gentleman named James Stephen Morrisett (June 2, 1906) from Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and evidently he knew a good thing when he saw it. They were married in Princeton University Chapel on June 10, 1933, just two days after she received her Bachelor of Music degree with a major in organ from Westminster Choir College.

The next year, she taught secondary piano

at Westminster until the birth of their first son. She continued to teach privately, and three years later, in 1937, a second son was born.

In 1938, the family moved to Louisville, Ky. so that Mr. Morrisett could study at the Southern Baptist Seminary. It was there that she was baptized into the Baptist church, and during this time that she studied Greek at the Seminary. They then moved to Elkin, North Carolina, and Mrs. Morrisett conducted the Young People's Choir at the First Baptist Church, and taught music privately. A third son was born in 1942 during their stay in Elkin. At the conclusion of the war in 1945, the family moved to Boiling Springs, North Carolina, and three years later, a daughter was born.

During the twenty-seven years since her move to Boiling Springs, Mrs. Morrisett has continued to teach piano and voice privately. She has conducted The Adult Choir at Lattimore Baptist Church (1950-57), the children's choirs at Boiling Springs Baptist Church (1957-64), and the Adult Choir at Boiling Springs (1962-64). In 1957, she was instrumental in dispensing with the split school session in the Cleveland County School System.

Mrs. Morrisett, widowed in 1969, continues to pursue various interests such as teaching, practicing, listening to music, studying, needlework, and gardening. She is "Gran" to a now somewhat extensive family which include four children, seventeen grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. They are as follows: James Stephen Morrisett, Jr. (born August 2, 1934) who married Lois Jean Dawn of Gastonia. They are the parents of Michael Edward (1954), Cynthia Dawn Morrisett Coleman (1956), Diana Jean (1958), Richard Anthony (1960); and the grandparents of Esther Shana Morrisett (1981) and Mary Ruth Coleman (1982).

Peter Edward Morrisett (born July 12, 1937) and Edith Suzanne Hamrick of Boiling Springs who are the parents of Mary Catherine (1962), Laura Helen (1962), Julia Lynn (1963), Janet Irene (1964), and John Gregory (1967).

Joel David Morrisett (born May 2, 1942) and Mary Willard Myers of Charlotte who are the parents of Elizabeth Keeley (1968), Samuel David (1970), Sarah Ruth (1973), John Daniel (1975), and Miriam Esther (1977).

Rebecca Ann Morrisett (born April 5, 1948) who married Harold David Causby of Shelby. They are the parents of Lucinda Warr Causby (1972), Katherine Wise Causby (1976), and Stephen Winston Causby (1980).

Sources: personal knowledge & Family *Bible*.

— Rebecca Morrisett Causby

STAFFORD A. and MARTHA WHISNANT MORROW FAMILY

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Stafford A. Morrow was born May 24, 1809 and moved to Kings Mountain from South Carolina. He was married the first time to Martha F. Whisnant, December 5, 1853. She was born June 3, 1813 and died August 16, 1875. During this marriage five children were born.

William B. Morrow was born October 2, 1836. He married Margaret Dickson, March 17, 1859. Her death was not recorded in our family Bible. Two daughters, Sallie and Callie, were born into this family. Callie was married to Rush Watterson. Sallie was born October 19, 1860 and died January 17, 1918. She was married to Hoyle McDaniel and they had seven sons and two daughters: Dixie, Lee, Grier, Ode, Gaither, Bate DeCalb, Abernathy, Maggie McDaniel Ware, and Angie McDaniel Putnam.

Columbus Morrow was born June 28, 1848 and his death was not recorded. He was married to Eliza Ann Harry, born January 26, 1851. They had five children from this union: Cleve, Dave, Loonie, Maggie, and Dessie.

Roberson Morrow was born July 23, 1839 and died April 19, 1916. Roberson, blind most of his life, made his home with his sister, Sarah, and her husband, George Sellers.

John A. Morrow was born February 19, 1846 and died January 12, 1848.

Sarah Elizabeth, my grandmother, was born January 17, 1843 and died April 11, 1916. She married George A. Sellers November 1, 1863. Six children were born into this family: Mattie Sellers Wells, Elizabeth (died December 28, 1891), Susan Sellers Harmon Logan, Lillie Sellers Love, Michael A., and William Baity.

Stafford A. Morrow was married the second time to Jane Hardin, November 31, 1880. Jane was born October 19, 1833 and died February 8, 1916. They had no children. Stafford died June 6, 1884.

Several members of the Stafford Morrow family are now living in the old Dixon School area, near the Kings Mountain Battleground, which was the Morrow homeplace.

Burial grounds for members of this family can be found in the old Shiloh Church cemetery, near Grover, North Carolina; Antioch; and Bethlehem.

Sources: grave stones, family records, personal papers, and interviews with family members.

— Lula Logan Hardin

EZRA VERNON and PEARL HOUSER MOSS, SR.

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Ezra Vernon Moss, Sr. the long time mayor of Cherryville, North Carolina was born April 15, 1890 in Cleveland County and died in Cherryville, Gaston Co. October, 25, 1961 and is buried at the City Cemetery in Cherryville, N.C. He married Pearl Houser of Cherryville on November 23, 1921. There were three sons born: Aaron Bernard (November 19, 1922), Marcus Lee Thomas (March 10, 1924), and E.V., Jr. (November 22, 1932) in Cherryville.

A few people who do business at Cherryville's First National Bank remember the executive vice-president as the man who used to cut their hair. E.V. Moss's success story was an accepted fact in Cherryville. Mr. Moss managed the bank from 1934 til his death. He was almost as much an institution as the bank itself. Much of the bank's success can be attributed to the quiet and friendly, but efficient, guidance of the son of a Cleveland County tenant farmer.



Ezra Vernon Moss



Pearl Houser Moss

Mr. Moss is probably best known as the man who thwarted a bank robbery in 1941. His name was in all the papers when he grabbed a pistol out of the robber's hand. The pistol bullet ripped through the banker's hand, but the robber fled and was captured by police a few minutes later. That was one of the few spectacular moments in a life marked by steady determination and hard work.

As a boy, Mr. Moss worked his way through high school by working a twelve hour night shift in a cotton mill. He barbered as a student at Cherryville High School and later at Boiling Springs High School and Gardner-Webb College. He was still "shaving his way through school" at the University of North Carolina when World War I erupted.

Mr. Moss joined the Navy as an enlisted man. He passed the tests for officer training school and was an ensign when the war ended.

After a year in the Merchant Marine, Mr.

Moss returned to Cherryville. He took a job as bookkeeper of the bank and married.

He had worked his way to assistant cashier when the banks closed in 1933. He reorganized the bank in 1934 and became the cashier.

Mr. Moss helped organize the Local American Legion Post and was elected to serve as the Post's first commander. His interest in the American Legion was not confined to one particular area but was broad in scope. Of the many programs of the American Legion, Mr. Moss's first love was without doubt the Legion baseball program, which he supported faithfully from 1937-1961. His love of young people turned the task into a labor of love. He took time from his busy schedule to seek out young men to participate in this great program. Ezra Vernon Moss was inducted into the American Legion Baseball Hall of Fame in 1972.

Mr. Moss was a member of the Cherryville City Council for four years. He served on the Cherryville school board for six years. He was a member of the Methodist Church, Woodmen of the World, Knights of Pythias, Lions Club, Rotary, American Legion and The Masonic Order, Ezra was also the republican candidate for the eleventh congressional district of North Carolina in 1942.

Ezra was the youngest son of Marcus Lafayette Moss (June 2, 1854 — February 15, 1903). Born in Waco, Cleveland County, died and buried at Mt. Zion Church. His mother was Jane Alice Lenora Harrelson. They were married December 27, 1877. The other children were: James Hampton, (September 25, 1878 — June 9, 1964) buried at Mt. Zion. He married Cleo Carpenter November 24, 1901, Sarah "Sally" Suzanna (March 23, 1880 — February 29, 1980) buried at City Cemetery. She married John Wesley Quinn II October 6, 1904, Joseph Lee (December 1, 1881). He married Lula Jane Henderson on July 25, 1909. Lula died (April 12, 1976) and is buried at City Cemetery, Cherryville, Walter Graham (August 14, 1883 — January, 1967) and is buried at Mt. Zion. He married Bessie Cunningham on May 14, 1905. Barband Candes (September 10, 1885 — April 16, 1939) who married Pledger Putnam on February 1, 1905. She is also buried at Mt. Zion. Ezra was the next child born, Maggie Bess (February 20, 1894 — February 24, 1929, married Lee Dellinger August 29, 1909. She is also buried at Mt. Zion. Clarence Little and Junie Mae (January 23, 1896), he died October 28, 1900 while Junie Mae continued to live and marry John Caldwell Bridges on November 20, 1915, Mamie (November 3, 1901) married Ben Dixon Newton. There was an unnamed stillborn child born later.

Jane Alice Lenora was the daughter of James Franklin Harrelson (September 16, 1821 — April 16, 1891) and Margaret Amanda Dellinger (August, 1830 — May 20, 1896).

Rev. Noah Hampton Moss was the father of Marcus Lafayette Martin Buchanan (1796-1850) Cleveland County, was the father of Noah Hampton, James (Rutherford County 1766-1820) was the father of Martin Buchanan (circa 1796-1850 Cleveland County). Henry (circa 1741 — ?) was born in Virginia and the

father of James whose father was William (1698-1773) in Virginia. William was educated in England circa 1653-1654).

Pearl Houser Moss was born (March 1, 1894 —) she was a strong influence in the lives of all those around her. She was always giving without expecting to be rewarded. She loved to work in her yard so that everyone could enjoy the pretty flowers that she cultivated. She was a truly remarkable wife and mother.

Her parents were Augustus Lee Houser and Roxanna Houser who were called "Mama" and "Papa" Houser.

Sources: *The Cherryville Eagle*, personal knowledge, records, history done by a niece.

— Mrs. M.L. Thomas Moss

DR. MARCUS LEE THOMAS MOSS and MARY LOUISE MACKLIN MOSS

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Dr. Marcus Lee Thomas Moss, son of Ezra Vernon Moss (April 15, 1889 — October 25, 1961) and Pearl Houser (March 1, 1894 —), was born in Cherryville, Gaston County in (March 10, 1924 —).

Tom played American Legion baseball and high school basketball. He graduated from Cherryville High School in 1941, attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from 1941-43, 1946-1949 and was in the V12 program. Earning his undergraduate degree in chemistry and his master of science degree in public health.

Tom took a job at Camp Detrick, Maryland, in research, before going to Atlanta, Georgia to help produce slides and a movie on preventive measures for handling live viruses. This is still being shown in colleges and universities all over the United States. It was made by the

United States Communicable Disease Center of Atlanta. He was the principle actor.

In 1951 he entered the Southern College of Optometry and earned a bachelor of science and doctor of optometry degrees in 1954. That same year he opened his optometric office in Shelby in the Lineberger Building on North Lafayette Street.

On July 19, 1952 he married Mary Louise Macklin (May 29, 1927 —) of Hutchinson, Kansas, Reno County, whom he met while attending optometry school in Memphis, Tennessee. They had two children, Thomas Macklin Moss born at Cleveland Memorial Hospital (October 31, 1955 —) and Carol Louise Moss who was born at Charlotte Memorial Hospital, Charlotte, North Carolina, Mecklenburg County (March 25, 1964 —).

Dr. Moss served as a trustee of the North Carolina State Optometric Society, Inc. for four years, after which he served as vice president from (1973-1974), executive vice-president from (1974-76) and president (1976-1977). He is a member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church serving as a deacon 1972; he served as pack master of pack number 100 (1971-1972) member of the Jaycees; Kiawanas Club as secretary for two years. Dr. Moss was also a charter member of the Uptown Shelby Association and currently a director. He is a member of the Cleveland Country Club and the Men's Golf Association.

Dr. Moss has been a lover of golf for many years but gave it up for five years in order to have time to care for Carol's ponies and horse which she was showing on the "A" circuit of the American Horse Show Association. He and Mary Louise groomed, hauled and tended to the horses for Carol to show. They traveled from South Carolina to Pennsylvania.

Mary Louise Macklin Moss was the daughter of Mary Belle Farney (May 22, 1902) (Mulvane, Sedgewick, Kansas) (February 26,

1954), Halstead, Reno, Kansas and Frederick George Macklin (May 17, 1900 —) Reno County, Kansas. Was born (May 29, 1927 —) Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas. She attended schools in Hutchinson and graduated from HHS in 1945, Kansas State University 1950 with a B.S. in home economics and education. Marcus Lee Thomas Moss and she were married July 19, 1952 in Hutchinson. They moved to Shelby from Memphis, Tennessee in October, 1954.

She served as president of the women of the Shelby Presbyterian Church (1968-70), Shelby Junior Woman's Club 1961, the Auxiliary to the North Carolina State Optometric Society, Inc. (1973-74), charter member (1975) and president (1980-82) of the Doll Study Club of Shelby, a member of the Shelby Junior Charity League and the Novice Bridge Club, and Dr. Moss and she belong to a supper-bridge club which was organized in 1955.

While a member of the Shelby Junior Woman's Club Mary Louise entered the Vogue Sewing Contest which was sponsored by the General Federation of Woman's Club in cooperation with Vogue Pattern Service and won 2nd place in the state in 1961.

In 1966-77 they built the house they presently live in. Mary Louise drew the plans and did all the sub-contracting for the construction. She bought every piece of lumber and supplies down to the nails. She supervised the construction from start to finish, including the interior decorating and made most all of the draperies. Her hobbies are doll collecting and horseback riding.

— Mary Louise Macklin Moss

THOMAS MACKLIN and CAROL LOUISE MOSS

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Thomas Macklin Moss was born at Cleveland Memorial Hospital (October 31, 1955 —) to Marcus Lee Thomas Moss and Mary Louise Macklin Moss in Shelby, North Carolina.

While at Shelby Senior High School he was President of Interact (1973-74), awarded a North Carolina National Bank and The Charlotte Observer Certificate of Merit — Scholastic Art Award 1975, Special Award 1979 & 1973 by the Amateur Athletic Inc., Union of the United States, North Carolina Association, boys 15-17 — 2nd 200 meter freestyle relay, boys 15-17 1st 200 yard medley relay.

Tom helped organize the first swim team at Shelby Senior High School in 1974. He continued to swim at the University of North Carolina and letter in 1975-76 and 1976-77. He was on the Atlantic Coast Conference Honor Roll at UNC in 74-75, 75-76, 76-77. He was voted the most improved swimmer in 1977 which was one of only three awards given. He loved water polo and played in both undergraduate and medical school. In 1974 he was certified by the National Association of Underwater Instructors in scuba diving.

Tom was a boy scout going up the ranks from cub to eagle in October 1971, then on into explorers.

While a student at UNC he was president of



The Moss Family, Christmas 1979. L to R: Thomas Macklin, Mary Louise, M.L. Thomas and Carol Louise

THOMAS MOSS and DESCENDANTS

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The name of Moss was derived from resident of "mossy or marshy" places in the north of England. From Bedfordshire, John Moss settled in London. His son, Clement, became Comptroller of Chamber of London in 1633 and his descendants were among the earliest colonists of the new world.

During the Civil War Thomas Moss (1829-1866) left his family, wife Mary Bell whom he had married in 1848 and their children Rufus (1849-1904); Jerome (1853-1908); Emily Jane (1854-1862); and Sara Moss Ferguson (1861). His concern for his loved ones was agonizing. In a letter written by the light of a campfire, Thomas cautioned Great-Grandmother Mary to keep Jerome, a mere lad, from any participation in the Ku Klux Klan. Thomas closed the letter by his lonely request to kiss the curly haired Sara goodnight for him.

Surviving the war, his loved ones were overwhelmed with emotion to see Thomas walking up the lane to his home, now Grover, North Carolina in Cleveland County. Next year Thomas died. Both he and wife Mary are buried in the Old Buffalo Community Church Cemetery in South Carolina.

Rufus A. Moss (1849-1904), older son of Thomas Moss married Wilbourn F. Moore (1847-1934). Rufus and Wilbourn reared the following children: Clarence (1873-1888); Dave (1874-1936); Merimon T. (1877-1918); Cyrus (1879) Broadus (1883); W. Moore (1887); Edna Petty Carter (1888); Lizzie (1889-1894). Three children of this union survive. Edna Petty Carter, now 93 years old of Carolina Beach, Cyrus and Broadus live in Spartanburg and Columbia, South Carolina.

Mattie R. Rippey, wife of Dave Moss, was a postmistress in Earl, North Carolina, for twenty years. Her daughter, Wilburn Moss Nickols, succeeded in the same position but served as postmistress for twenty-nine years and pre-



Frederick George and Mary Belle Macklin.

Granville South (1977-78), inducted into the order of the Old Well (1978), lettered in swimming (1976-1977 — 1977-1978), was a member of Phi Eta Sigma Freshmen Honor Society (1976).

In 1978 he received his degree in chemistry and entered the University of North Carolina School of Medicine and graduated May 16, 1982.

Carol Louise Moss was born to Dr. Marcus Lee Thomas Moss and Mary Louise Macklin Moss at Charlotte Presbyterian Hospital in Mecklenburg County, Charlotte, North Carolina on March 25, 1964.

She was a proficient equestrian and rode her small pony Lydia to third place in the American Horse Show Association Small Pony of the year Award in 1976. They won the North Carolina Hunter and Jumper Association Small Pony of the year Award in 1976. Carol was Reserve Champion in Pony Equitation in 1976. She won the Sam T. Eckerd Equitation Award two consecutive years. They were champion or reserve champion at the following shows, Washington International (Washington D.C.), Mecklenburg Hounds (Grand Champions), Tryon Hounds, Tryon Riding and Hunt Club, Knights of Columbus (two consecutive years), Bethlehem of Hickory, Horse Sports of South Carolina, Ramblewood of Aiken, South Carolina, Greensboro Interstate. Ingleside Stable,

Little Bite Pony Farm, West Virginia State Fair, Ronce-Verte, West Virginia, Miss Pitty Pat's of Durham, Blowing Rock, Casa Del Toro Stable, Shelby Charity.

Carol won a McDonalds Art Award, was a cheerleader (1979-1982), Co-editor of Shelby High School Annual, attended Governors at Salem College 1981, a presidential classroom for young americans in Washington, D.C. 1982, and was presented to Western North Carolina Society at the 37th annual debutante ball in 1982.

In 1977, Carol wrote and had published an article for American Girl magazine on page 24 of the October issue. It was titled, "Lydia, My Favorite Show-Off". She and Lydia were featured in an article published in "Tarwheel Wheels" written by Richard K. Dedmon titled, "Carol and Lydia, The Champions of 76", page 3.

Carol was also a marshal and a Shelby High School nominee for the Morehead Scholarship. She entered the freshman class at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in August, 1982.

Sources: Personal knowledge

— Mary Louise Moss



Thomas Macklin Moss, UNC Swim Team, 1977.



Carol Louise Moss and Pony "Lydia"

sently resides in Earl. Rufus and Wilburn Moss are buried in Old Buffalo Church Cemetery in S.C.

The second son of Thomas Moss, Jerome P. Moss (1853-1908), of Whitaker, South Carolina (now Grover, North Carolina) married Frances Adeline Jane Ferguson (1853-1938) on March 8, 1872. The only girl in her family, mother Elizabeth Rose Ferguson named her daughter for the three Rose Sisters.

The children of Jerome and Adeline Moss were: William Alexander (1876-1929), Walter Jerome (1878-1937), Carey Lee Turner (1880-1946), Minnie Pearl Herndon (1883) deceased and buried at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, and Robert Delmar (1887-1976).

Jerome and his brother Rufus of the Buffalo Community were experienced farmers with extensive land holdings. Colored tenant families lived on the farms in three room houses helping with farming, storing of corn in cribs, packing cotton into special storage, curing of meat in the smokehouses, and other farm chores.

The oldest child of Jerome and Adeline, William Alexander married Minnie Ada Falls (1881-1966). The children of Will and Minnie were: William Woodford (1899-1929); Mary Odessa Powell, wife of Dr. Herman Sutton Powell; Mildred Mozelle wife of Lawrence Roscoe Hollifield; Evelyn Delta (1909-1982) married Homer Estes Bridges; Ada Mae married William Holmes.

Woodford and Bertie Cloninger Moss' children are: Roy Maurice, Jr., who married Odessa "Dot" Wilson (1948). Roy's son Woodford Wilson married Sharlene Manley; Maurice, Jr.; Barry Tyler married Kay Solesbee. Their daughter is Treva Grey Moss Brooks; children are Ben Brantley, Jr., Maurice Dale and Bolen-da Grey. Dale and wife, Rebecca Burns Moss, are the parents of Amy Michelle.

Mary Jane, another granddaughter, married Sam Newton Stevenson (1966). The Stevenson great-grandchildren are Beth and Michael Scott.

Evelyn Moss Bridges' daughter, Joyce, married John Laughridge.

Granddaughter Janice Moss Holmes was born to Ada Mae Moss Holmes and husband, William.

Walter Jerome Moss (1878-1937), second son of Jerome and Adeline Moss, married Mary Julia Herndon (1878-1937) in 1900. To this union the following children were born: Dorritte Avery (1901) married Mary Oveda Martin (1927). Their daughter, Claudia Moss (1943) married Charles Edward McLean and has two daughters: Adele Claudette (1968); and Angela Oveda (1972).

Dr. George Oren Moss (1902) is a medical doctor and married Ann Finch in 1931. Their children are: Walter Lee Moss (1935) and Barbara Ann Moss (1932) who married Darrell Peeler (1951) of Hickory. Three daughters and a son were born in the Peeler family.

Addie Elizabeth Moss (1906) was a R.N. in Cleveland County hospitals. At an early age her twin sister, Agnes Josephine (1906-1913) died of leukemia.

Mary Frances Moss (1920) married Richard Irwin (1956).

Walter Jerome Moss and Mary Julia Herndon Moss were buried in the Grover cemetery.

Two daughters were born to Jerome P. and Adeline F. Moss. Carey Lee Moss (1880-1946) married Charles Turner, lived in Grover and had two sons, Willard Edward and Walter Boyce, both now deceased. Carey Lee and second husband, Horace Johnson, had no children.

Another daughter, Minnie Pearl (1883) married William Bunyan Herndon. Their children Alma, Meredith (deceased), and Gertrude who died at nine years of age of diptheria.

Minnie Moss Herndon and husband, Bunyan, are buried at Myrtle Beach.

Robert Delmar Moss (1887-1970), the youngest child of Jerome and Adeline "Addie" Moss, married Beulah Carner (1891-1976).

The children of Robert and Beulah Carner Moss are: Robert Delmar, Jr. (1915-1963);

Sara Faye Moss Padgett.

Robert and Beulah Moss and their deceased children, Richard (1923-1934) and infant Bobby D., are buried in the Grover cemetery.

Sources: Moss and Ferguson *Bible*, Michael Whisnant and Feeling *Bible*, Thomas Moss *Bible*, personal conversations, Genealogical records — National Archives, Burke Landed Gentry.

— Odessa Moss Powell

THE MULL FAMILY (MUHL, MOLL)

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The Mull Ancestors immigrated from Holland and originally spelled their name "Muhl" or "Moll". They first settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania but later learning of a milder climate in the South and because of the defeat of General Bradford by the Indians in 1756, some of them migrated to North Carolina.

The earliest authentic record of the ancestors of the present Mull clan was one John Mull, who according to the U.S. Census of 1790 was living in Lincoln County, near Catawba County, and was the head of a family composed of four males and six females. He was the ancestor of most of the Mull descendants now living in Catawba, Burke and Cleveland Counties.

John Mull, was born in 1744, and was married to Mary Anthony. He settled in the Jacob Fork section (Jacob's River section or three County Corners) of Catawba County in 1762. The date of his death is not known, however, a special proceedings of record in Lincoln County show a division of his real estate by Commissioners in 1833.

The names of his children were: John, Jr., Peter, Henry, Jacob, William, Sall, Catherine and Elizabeth Mull Mosteller. His other three daughters possibly died without issue between the time of the census and the division of his lands, their names are not known.

Jacob Mull settled in Catawba County some three miles down the river from the Three-County Corner. Peter Mull settled in the edge of Burke County on the farm now known as the Solomon Hoyle Farm. He was one of the first Sheriffs of Burke County and served from 1790 to 1792. William Mull settled near Morganton and Henry Mull settled on upper Fork River.

Henry Mull, Jr. and Jacob Mull had the two rivers named in their honor — the Lower South Fork being frequently called "Jacob's Fork" and the upper South Fork frequently called "Henry's Fork".

As to John Mull, Jr.'s descendants, he was the father of Abraham, Barbara who married a Setzer, Martha who married a Whitener, and William.

Henry Mull, son of John Mull, Sr., had the following children: Sara, John III, Eli, Harrison William, Frank, and Alfred.

Jacob Mull was the father of Captain P.M. Mull, Jacob, Jr., George and Archibold, Annie Carpenter and Emeline.

The children of John Mull, son of Peter Mull were Mary Jane Carpenter, Julius, Roxanne Peeler, J.L. Houston, Ambrose and Leila Mull Downs.

Houston Mull who married Margaret Ann Carpenter was the father of Otis M. Mull of Shelby.

— Otis Mull Meacham

OTIS McCOY MULL

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Statesman, attorney and churchman, Mr. Mull was born in a one-room cabin in Cleveland County, September 18, 1880. His parents were Houston and Margaret Carpenter Mull. His grandfather, John Mull, was a planter and merchant. His great-grandfather was Peter Mull, Sr., and his great-great-grandfather was John Mull, a member of a Dutch family that immigrated to Pennsylvania and moved to Lincoln County prior to 1790.

Slightly more than a year after Otis was born, his father died at the age of twenty-six. Thus Otis was left to the care of his twenty-two year old mother. When Otis was six, his mother married a second time, and Julius L. Smith assumed the burden as head of the family and opened the way for an education for the child.

Otis pursued his education as a pupil in the Belwood Institute from 1892 to 1898. After finishing the schooling the community afforded, he began a career as a farmer. But the price of farm crops dropped beneath the cost of production. In one year's labor, Otis produced four bales of cotton which he sold for \$98.67, or 4½¢ per pound. The distress and hopelessness produced by four-cent cotton proved valuable. They caused him to become determined to go to college. He was a high school graduate and held a first grade certificate, so he left the cotton field for the school room and taught for \$25.00 a month in the Cleveland County Public Schools and at Belwood Institute.

In 1889 Otis entered Wake Forest College and in three years completed the four year course with distinction of "Suma Cum Laude" averaging above 97½ for the full course. He obtained a law degree in 1903 from Wake Forest completing the two year course in one year and graduating "Magna Cum Laude".

In 1907 Mr. Mull was chosen to represent his district among North Carolina's lawmakers, and again in 1919. During the 1919 session he was co-author of the Mull-McKoin Bill, which was the predecessor of the statewide highway building program. From 1928 to 1932 Mr. Mull was Chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee and for a longer period one of its members. He exerted a widely felt influence over public thought and action in political affairs in North Carolina. In all he served six regular terms and two special terms as a member of the North Carolina House of Representatives, and during the 1941 session he was Speaker of the House.

During his terms as a member of the House, Mr. Mull introduced legislation that: (1) established vocational education in the state's public schools; (2) provided for the physical examination and treatment of school children; (3) permitted Shelby to hold election to vote for the first brick school house in the county; (4)

provided for a bond issue for Shelby's first water system; (5) permitted the purchase of the electric light system from private ownership; (6) authorized a vote on the liquor question which resulted in the outlawing of the legal sale of liquor in North Carolina from 1908 to 1935; (7) brought North Carolina into co-operation with the Federal Government in establishing the present system of farm and home agents; (8) appropriated the money to establish the North Carolina Vocational Textile School at Belmont.

Locally, Mr. Mull's first official position was membership on the Shelby School Board. He was also president of the Shelby and Cleveland County Foundation that constructed the Shelby City Park; later he led a fund drive to establish a swimming pool at Holy Oak Park; and served as attorney for the City of Shelby for fifteen years. He drafted the bill to vote a bond issue to establish the Shelby Hospital and assisted in its construction in 1922.

Mr. Mull was a charter member of the Shelby Kiwanis Club and served as its second president in 1924. He was president of the Cleveland County Bar Association in 1938 and 1939

was vice-president of the North Carolina Bar Association. He was also one of the organizers of the Sixteenth Judicial District Bar Association.

As a churchman, Mr. Mull worked in behalf of the Baptist cause, on both local and state levels, with such marked success that he was known as "Mr. Baptist of North Carolina". A pillar of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, he served as chairman of the Board of Deacons, superintendent of the Sunday School, a member of the Building Committee during three periods of construction, and founded and taught for thirty years the O.M. Mull Bible Class.

Mr. Mull's love of church, politics and Wake Forest College merged in 1937 when a move was made in the General Assembly to establish a four year medical school at the University of North Carolina. Mr. Mull was named to a committee to study the proposal and it was decided that the school should be built if the money could be found. But the state was not fully recovered from the depression and the funds were lacking. Mr. Mull told the committee "If you will give me about a month, I will go



Otis McCoy Mull

around the state and see if I can get the money from private sources". The committee agreed and Mr. Mull began his rounds. Mr. James A. Gray, President of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company and Chairman of the Bowman Gray Foundation, was impressed with the medical school idea and told Mr. Mull to have the committee present a formal request to the foundation's board of trustees. Mr. Gray mentioned that the policy of the foundation would require that the medical school be built in Winston-Salem and expressed doubt that the university would locate anywhere other than Chapel Hill. The committee turned down the Gray offer, although Mr. Mull and Dr. Ben J. Lawrence of Raleigh submitted a minority report in favor of acceptance.

After the committee turned down the offer, Mr. Mull informed Mr. Gray that Wake-Forest College would confer with the foundation trustees about moving the Wake Forest Medical School to Winston-Salem. At a meeting in Winston-Salem details of the offer were worked out thus forming the Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

About 1944, Mr. Mull pursued the possibility of obtaining part or all of the income from the Smith Reynolds Foundation for Wake Forest College. In 1946, the Baptist State Convention in special session voted to accept the offer of a ten million dollar fund for a perpetual endowment from the Smith Reynolds Foundation.

During this period of time, Mr. Mull was a trustee of the five hundred bed Baptist Hospital, a member of the Building Committee of the Bowman Gray School of Medicine and Chairman of the Building Committee for the new Wake Forest College which was moving from Wake Forest to Winston-Salem.

In 1950 when Dr. Kitchin retired as president of Wake Forest College, Mr. Mull was a member of the committee that elected his successor, Dr. Harold W. Tribble. Later, when a ripple of dissension threatened the college, Mr. Mull became president of the Board of Trustees at the age of seventy-five to bolster the Tribble administration and hold Wake Forest on its path of progress.

Mr. Mull passed away at the age of eighty two on November 27, 1962.

— Montrose Meacham Ballard
and Otis Mull Meacham

THOMAS EDISON MULL

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Thomas Edison Mull was born April 6, 1891 in Burke County to Joseph Lucius and Emeline Hudson Mull. The Mull ancestors came from Germany via Rotterdam to Philadelphia, Pa., September 10, 1731, aboard the *Pennsylvania Merchant*.

Mr. Mull was educated in Burke County public schools and Piedmont Boarding School in Lawndale, N.C. He served in World War I, having duty in France. He was a farmer and landowner in Burke and Cleveland Counties.

On April 10, 1930 T. Edison Mull married Lydia Ethel Crow, a daughter of E.M. Pinky and Martha Ann Tallent Crow of Lincoln Coun-

ty. She was born August 3 1905. Mrs. Mull attended Lincoln and Catawba County schools and Lenoir Rhyne College.

They established their home on the Mull farm in Cleveland County near the Three County Corner area. Both were active members of Zion Hill Baptist Church. Thomas Edison was church clerk, building fund treasurer and a deacon. Lydia served as a teacher in the Junior Dept. for more than twenty years.

The Mulls had one child, Martha Evelyn, who married Marvin Lee Lutz of Cleveland County, and two grandsons, Marvin Lee and Thomas Luther.

Thomas Edison Mull died April 1, 1975. Lydia Ethel Crow Mull died November 10, 1979. They are buried at Zion Hill Baptist Church near their home and farm.

Sources: Family Bible, The Heritage of Burke County and Family Records.

— Evelyn Mull Lutz



Nancy Naomi Neal

J. MARION and NANCY NAOMI WARE NEAL

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J. Marion Neal (b. 1844) was the son of John W. Neal (b. Jan. 1809) and Mary Neal (b. May 17, 1808). John W. Neal was listed as a mechanic in the 1860 Census Records. He had large real estate holdings and above average personal property. He and Mary are buried at Long Creek Presbyterian Church. Their other children were: Margaret (b. 1839); John C. Neal (b. 1841) and Hester J. Neal (b. 1846).

J. Marion Neal married Nancy Naomi Ware (Wear) (b. May 24, 1847 d. April 14, 1889). She was the daughter of Alford B. Ware (b. Aug. 14, 1817 — d. Aug. 10, 1892) and Sarah G. Ware (b. Dec. 27, 1824 d. July 1866).

Alford B. Ware was a farmer with large real estate and personal property according to Census Records of 1860. Alford and Sarah are buried at El Bethel Methodist Church.

Nancy was from a good size family. Others in her family were: John F. Ware; Marcus Ware; William Ware; Sarah M.R. Ware; Boyce Ware; Amanda J. Ware (married a Dr. Glenn); Sophronia Ware (married Sam Rhea); Collumbus Ware and James A. Ware her twin brother; according to 1850 Census Records.

Marion served in the Confederate Army — Company C 55th Regiment. He joined the Army on July 10th, 1865.

Children of J. Marion and Nancy Naomi Ware Neal were: Angeline Neal who married Adam Hovis, Georgia Neal married Miles Ware, Fallie Neal married Luther Barrett, Quillia Neal married John Page, Garfield Neal married Mae Camp, Bynum married Minnie Blanton, Sallie Neal married Ralph Early and Monsieur "Monte" Neal married Gertrude Dovie Bowen (see additional article). Nancy Naomi and J. Marion Neal were buried at El Bethel Methodist Church in Kings Mountain.

— Geneva H. Neal
and Elizabeth C. Anthony

MONSIEUR C. and DOVIE BOWEN NEAL

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Monseieur C. Neal b. Sept. 22, 1878 — d. Mar. 20, 1956 was the son of J. Marion and Nancy Naomi Ware Neal. (see other article).

Monsieur married Gertrude Dovie Bowen b. Feb. 26, 1887 — d. Sept. 26, 1972 daughter of Jacob and Katie Randall Bowen. Her father did masonry work as well as plastering in many of the older homes in the Shelby area. Her mother died when she was young and she had a step-mother that she didn't particularly like. They lived in the Sulfur Springs Area of Cleveland County. Other children in the family were: Lillian, Babe, Maude and several brothers — Jessie North Bowen, Samuel Bowen, Thomas Marshall Bowen, Brodus Bowen, Brack Bowen and Willie T. Bowen. Her grandparents were Samuel and Hannah Bowen.

Monseieur, also, had a hard time growing up. His mother died when he was 10 years old. He was bound out to work for another family for his keep.

"Monte" as he was best known, had a farm on the road between El Bethel and Bethlehem Church. Besides farming, he had a three-storied mill on the creek where he ground corn meal, flour and ginned cotton. He also had a saw mill, where he would do sawing for people. In the fall he operated a cane mill to make molasses. He used a horse to walk and turn the mill. Across the creek he had a country store. This was after World War I. Son Fred remembers adding cotton to the bales after they were ginned so they would weigh more.

He was a short man with a limp, after a run-away horse caused him to break a hip. Although he never held a church office, he was one of the staunch pillars that kept the church going during the depression. He would give

the food away from his own table when there was need. The family remembers during the depression of a family wanting to borrow some flour so he gave them all he had and ate corn bread for breakfast himself. He was also thrifty — he had to take insulin for diabetes and the drug store closest sold it for five cents higher than Kings Mountain Drug. So he told the man he would go to the other store and save five cents. The man said, but Mr. Neal you'll have to walk a good distance — he said "well, I haven't got anything else to do anyway." He used to tell about going to the "5 & 10 cent store" and asking to buy ten cents worth of candy. The girl told him that it would be eleven cents. He said that he didn't want eleven cents worth — he only wanted ten cents worth. She said she couldn't do that, so he said — give me two five cents bags and I'll keep my penny.

When he had to take medicine, he would try to get his wife to take some too — he would say, "It'll make you feel better!" She would say "I ain't gonna do it — there ain't nothing wrong with me."

Nothing gave him more happiness than having his grandchildren around. He would have liked to have them there all the time. After automobiles became popular he bought one but never tried for a driver's license. He would drive it on the dirt road where he lived and if he wanted to go anywhere else, he would drive up to the highway and let grandson Bill Anthony take him where he wanted to go.

Dovie was a quiet person, very talented in crochet, knitting, tatting and other forms of needlework, when she was able to do them. Besides raising her children, she raised three grandchildren, after their father J.D. Neal was killed in a plane crash across the field from their house in 1947. Her children went to the old Bethlehem School and later to Bethware High School.

After Monte's death in 1957, Dovie bought a trailer and lived at a daughter's house. She died in 1972 and both of them were buried at El Bethel Church — two courageous people — the type America was made of. Their children and grandchildren are:

1. Marion Hord Neal (b. Jan 14, 1910 — d. 1939) married Cornelia Cox.

2. Katie Naomi Neal (b. June 7, 1911 — d. 7-21-1965) married A.P. Anthony. Their children: Margie married Kenneth Gates; Cornelia "Neely" married Jack Eaker; William Pinkney married Elizabeth Camp; Robert Neal married Joann ; Tony Reid married Charlotte Martin.

3. Jacob Dennis Neal (b. Oct. 25, 1912 — d. June 28, 1947) married Pansey McGee. Their children: Dennis Neal; Rachel L. Neal married Neil Holcomb; Hazel Neal married Bill Watterson.

4. Helen Neal married David R. Hamrick. Their children are: Norma Kay Hamrick married (1) Robert Moore (2) — Doc "Buc" Glasco; Brenda Gail Hamrick married Steve Martin.

5. Fred Ray Neal (b. 6-18-1920) married Geneva Homsely. Their children are: Dianna Neal married Larry F. Allen; Daniel Fred Neal.

6. Fairy Elizabeth Neal (b. May 31, 1922 — d. Feb. 19, 1981) m. Edward Anthony. Their

daughter Willie Elizabeth Anthony married Jack Howard.

7. Boyce Dewitt Neal (b. April 29, 1924) married Faye Starnes. Their daughters are: Alice Faye Neal married Henry Hillard; Linda Jane Neal married Craig Yanoudenhausen.

8. Paul Neal (b. Oct. 9, 1932) married Emma Hamrick. Their children are: Valarie, Gregory, Scott, David and Mark.

There are a good number of great-grandchildren at this time and a few great-great-grandchildren. From a farm in Cleveland County, they have gone north to Virginia and Maryland, West to California, Texas and Okinawa, South to South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. "From a small acorn grows a mighty oak" — so the Neal Family.

— Geneva Neal
and Elizabeth Anthony



Monte and Dovie Bowen Neal

CHARLES EUGENE NEISLER

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Charles Eugene Neisler, manufacturer, was born in Concord, N.C. on February 3, 1868, son of Joseph Rankin and Margaret Ellen Phillips Neisler and grandson of Joseph and Rachel Shinn Neisler. Neisler was graduated A.B. in 1888 from Gaston College, Dallas, N.C. In 1892, he became superintendent of the Dallas Cotton Mills. He left that post in 1893 to become associated with the Kings Mountain Manufacturing Company in Kings Mountain, N.C., the city's first cotton mill, which was organized in 1888 by Jacob S. Mauney and others. Neisler served as superintendent of the company until 1918. Meanwhile, in 1899, he joined with Samuel A. Mauney in organizing and building the Indian Creek Manufacturing Co. near Lincolnton, N.C. and he was manager of that enterprise until it was sold in 1907. A year later, he built the Pauline Mills, Inc., in Kings Mountain, which was incorporated in 1910, and he served as president and chief executive.

In 1918-19, after the First World War, in association with his sons, Neisler built the Margrace Mills, Inc., for the manufacture of bedspreads and the Patricia Mills, Inc. for the

manufacture of napkins.

In 1927, the Pauline, Margrace and Patricia Mills, Inc. were consolidated under the name of Neisler Mills Inc. Neisler served as a member of the Kings Mountain Board of Aldermen, a director of the First National Bank, now First Union, Kings Mountain and Chairman of the City School Board.

His religious affiliation was with the First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain, where he served as superintendent of its Sunday School.

He was married to Ida Pauline Mauney, daughter of William Andrew Mauney of Kings Mountain and had eight children: Charles Eugene, Paul Mauney, Joseph Andrew, Hunter Ramseur, Hugh, Margaret Sue Neisler Hunnicutt, Laura Grace Neisler Page, and Ida Pauline Neisler Brewer. Charles E. Neisler died near Bessemer City, N.C. on April 14, 1931.

— Mrs. Charles Neisler

CHARLES EUGENE NEISLER, JR.

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Charles Eugene Neisler, first child and son of Charles Eugene and Ida Pauline Mauney Neisler, was born in Kings Mountain, N.C. on January 15, 1895. He was educated in the Kings Mountain schools and Davidson College, Davidson, N.C.

He was, upon the death of his father, made president of Neisler Mills, Inc. and later president of Neisler Brothers Inc. after the sale of the Neisler Mills in November, 1955. He was, also, an officer of the Archdale Farms and Mines, located in Cleveland County. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Kings Mountain where he served as ruling elder until his death.

He was married on June 29, 1921 to Myrtle Kathleen Baker. Their only child was Charles Eugene Neisler, III who, on December 27, 1961, married Lucille Terry of Charlotte, N.C.

Neisler died while on a vacation in the Western States on August 19, 1966.

— Mrs. Charles Neisler

HUGH NEISLER

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Hugh Neisler, fourth son and child of Charles Eugene Neisler, was born on July 11, 1902. He attended Kings Mountain City schools, Davidson College, Davidson, N.C. and the School of Textiles at North Carolina State College, Raleigh, N.C. He was superintendent of the Pauline Mill in the Neisler chain of mills.

Fun loving and a happy bachelor, Hugh Neisler was an active member of the Knights of Pythias, the Civitan Club, Cleveland Springs Golf Club and was an organizer of the Lake Montonia Club, located in Gaston County, serving as secretary and treasurer. While at Davidson College, he was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, Kings Moun-

tain, N.C. never married and died on July 19, 1932.

— Mrs. Charles Neisler

THE HUNTER RAMSEUR NEISLER FAMILY

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Hunter Ramseur Neisler born December 27, 1904 in Kings Mountain was the fifth son of Charles E. and Ida Mauney Neisler. Educated at Davidson College and Philadelphia (Pennsylvania) Textile School, he was an officer and chief designer of Neisler Mills, Kings Mountain.

On October 7, 1931, he married Anne Lutz of Shelby. Their children are Patricia Anne (Mrs. John Oates Plonk) born August 10, 1932, and Hunter Ramseur Neisler, Jr., born December 27, 1940.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Neisler were active in the First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain where he was both a deacon and elder. They were also widely involved in the civic and social life of the town until Mr. Neisler's retirement when they moved to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, where they now live.

— Mrs. John Plonk

THE JOSEPH ANDREW NEISLER FAMILY

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Joseph Andrew Neisler was born November 10, 1899 in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. He was the third child and the third son of Charles Eugene and Ida Pauline Mauney Neisler.

He was educated in the Kings Mountain School System, Westminster Preparatory School in Rutherford County, and was a member of the Class of 1922 at Davidson College.

Mr. Neisler was employed by Neisler Mills, Incorporated from 1921 until 1955. He served as Secretary of the company until 1955.

He is a member of First Presbyterian Church of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. He served on the Town Council for several terms during the 1930's. Mr. Neisler was a member of the Kiwanis Club and is a Mason.

Mr. Neisler was married to the former Annie Lee Miller of Lincolnton, North Carolina on April 19, 1923. There were five children born to this marriage. The four surviving children are as follows: one daughter, Betty Lee born January 11, 1924; three sons, Joseph Andrew, Jr. born December 13, 1930; Hugh Miller born January 9, 1934 and Robert Preston born August 12, 1936.

Betty Lee was married to Joseph Winston Timberlake, Jr. of Gastonia, North Carolina in 1945. They now make their home at Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina. Their three children are Joseph Winston, III who lives in Richmond, Virginia with his wife Deveron. Robyn who is married to Reverend William Albert Ruth and lives in Graham, North Carolina with their children Vicky and Christy, and Vicky who is married to Garmon Burton, Jr., they make

their home on Bald Head Island, North Carolina.

Joseph Andrew, Jr. married the former Marlene Hedrick of Lenoir, North Carolina in 1954. Their four children are Stella Lee who married Gerald Eugene Putnam and lives in Kings Mountain, North Carolina with their daughter Virginia Lee; Joseph Andrew, III who married Kim Latham from Raleigh, North Carolina and now make their home at Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina and daughters, Melissa Marlene of Meredith College, Raleigh, North Carolina and Theresa Annzelett of the home.

Hugh Miller married the former Jane Thompson of Shelby, North Carolina in 1955. They lived in Pageland, South Carolina with their children Hugh Miller, Jr. and Pauline Elizabeth Neisler.

Robert Preston married Nora Jane Deese of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. They also make their home in Pageland, South Carolina with their three sons, Robert Preston, Jr.; Matthew Ramseur and Christopher Edgar Neisler.

Mr. Neisler on his retirement moved to Lake Waccamaw, North Carolina and married Mary Hatcher. They still make their home there.

Mr. Neisler in 1941 purchased a Pre-Revolutionary War home, "Oakland Plantation", the home of General Thomas Brown in Bladen County on the Cape Fear River. He restored the home and uses it as a hunting lodge, entertaining guests from all over the world. He has given much of his time and energy to the betterment of the Wildlife Program of North Carolina.

— Mrs. Joe Neisler, Jr.

THE PAUL MAUNEY NEISLER FAMILY

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Paul Mauney Neisler, second child and son of Charles Eugene Neisler, was born on December 3, 1897 in Kings Mountain, N.C. He attended public school and Davidson College, Davidson, N.C. He was a lifelong member of the First Presbyterian Church, where he served as Deacon and Chairman of the Building Committee when the present sanctuary was erected in 1934. He married Dicey Kathryn Moss on October 20, 1920. From this union was issued three sons, nine grandsons, one granddaughter, one great-grandson and one great-granddaughter.

Eldest son, Paul Mauney Neisler, Jr. was born February 9, 1922 and was married June 3, 1944 to Joan Alexander of Charlotte, N.C. Second son and eldest twin, Henry Parks Neisler was born September 14, 1927 and was married November 8, 1949 to Marilyn Sue Biggers of Charlotte, N.C. Third son and youngest twin, Charles Andrew Neisler was born September 14, 1927, was married to Mary Virginia Sommers of Charlotte, N.C. on March 31, 1951.

Paul Neisler was Treasurer of Neisler Mills Inc. until its sale in 1955 to Massachusetts Mohair Plush Company. In December of that same year, Neisler and his three sons founded

Dicey Mills, Inc. and Dicey Fabrics, Inc. in Shelby, N.C. for the manufacture and sale of upholstery goods. Paul Mauney Neisler died February 6, 1973.

Neisler's grandchildren carry on in the family textile business. Four of his grandsons, Henry Parks Neisler, Jr., George Scott Neisler, father of the one great-granddaughter, Wendy Ann Neisler; William Hayne Neisler and David Carl Neisler are employed by Dicey Mills, Inc. Paul Mauney Neisler, III, father of the great-grandson, Paul Mauney Neisler IV, and Charles Henry Neisler are associated with Elizabeth Weaving Inc., Grover, N.C. with their father, Paul M. Neisler, Jr., whose daughter, Catherine Elizabeth Neisler practices law in Cabarrus County, N.C. Another grandson, Charles Andrew Neisler, Jr. practices law in Cleveland County, N.C. Grandson, Lee Sommers Neisler, student, will follow in his grandfather's and father's footsteps upon graduating from college and, finally, grandson, John Alexander Neisler is employed with the Coca Cola Bottling Company, in San Francisco, California.

— Mrs. Charles Neisler



Alma Wilson Newman, age 16, 1914

ALMA WILSON NEWMAN

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Alma Wilson Newman was born May 10, 1897 in Cleveland County, North Carolina to James Andrews and Amanda Dover Wilson. She was the eldest of the five Wilson children; the others being Isabell Poston, Annie Weathers, Hackett Wilson and Della Bachmann.

The Wilson family lived so far from a school that a tutor was employed for them until they moved to Shelby. An exceptional student, Alma excelled in English, spelling and history. In June 1914, her senior year in high school, she brought honor to her Shelby High Class by winning the B.H. DePriest gold medal for her essay "Woman." She also won a spelling medal. She wanted to attend college but these dreams were shattered when her mother told her she would have to stay home and help with the large family. Following her graduation from high school she was offered a teaching position "way up" at Double Springs which actually was only a few miles away. Many of her students were older than their sixteen year

old teacher but this did not discourage her in the least.

In 1936, Alma started work as Cleveland County's first School Attendance Officer. She served the county, Shelby and Kings Mountain systems, Negro and white schools for 26 years. Mrs. Newman was forbidden by law to lay a hand on truant youngsters, but she coaxed, cajoled and even carried hundreds of them back to school in her own car. Once she "chased" a young lad to the top of "the highest poplar tree I'd ever seen in my life." Sty-mied on the ground, she told him firmly she would meet him the next morning — in his classroom. She was sitting in the room the next morning, and so was he. There was a time in the beginning when her job had little prestige — and cooperation from court officials and school officials was slim. As she approached the end of her twenty-six years in this capacity she had learned that welfare assistance, special education classes, mental health and health department agencies and other community facilities as well as increased emphasis on attendance made the task easier and there was less tendency for truancy. Credit was given to special education classes particularly with "saving" a lot of youngsters who might have otherwise dropped out of school because they couldn't do regular classroom work.

Looking back over her career, she said, "many of the hundreds of boys and girls that I dealt with hated me, but there were many who didn't. Some were scared of me." Miss Alma got a "large charge" when Shelby's current Sheriff, Dale Costner said to her, "Miss Alma you scared me stiff when I was in grammar school." "It thrilled me to pick up a paper and read something good about one of the children I helped back to school and it hurt me just as much to read of one of them being sentenced to prison. I was just trying to help them," she said.

The former Alma Wilson, descendant of a historic Cleveland County family was first married to Jarvis S. Hamrick, son of John C. and Charlotte Harrill Hamrick. They had three children: Sara Lousie, Betty Love and Mary Jarvis, Betty Love's twin sister who died at birth.

On May 13, 1956, Alma Hamrick was married to Clarence Newman of Powell, Wyoming. Mrs. Newman was an active member of First Baptist Church of Shelby, past matron of Eastern Star, past regent of Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of Daughters of American Revolution, senior president of the Susan Twitty Society of the CAR and a member of the Cleveland Guards chapter of UDC. She worked closely with school children in another field too — the writing of American history essays for contests and the organization of Junior American Citizens clubs. She was a charter member of Cleveland County Historical Society.

Due to declining health in March of 1968, Alma and Clarence Newman moved to Charlotte to live with the oldest daughter, Sara Louise. Betty Love and her husband N.J. Melton also live in Charlotte. They have a daughter, Mary Elizabeth, who lives in Greensboro, N.C. Their son Joseph Hamrick lives in Charlotte.

Alma Newman was a member of Common-

wealth Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina. She maintained her interest in her church, family history and love of people. Genealogical research was her hobby.

Her husband died November 22, 1978 and she died November 10, 1977 and they are buried in Cleveland Memorial Park, Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Family records, personal knowledge and personal papers.

— Sara L. Hamrick

ANDY BRYSON NEWTON FAMILY

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Andy Bryson Newton was the son of William Benny and Eliza Catherine Downs Newton. When he was a small boy, Bryson had the misfortune of having most of one foot cut off by an axe. While his family was cutting wood, he placed his foot on a log that was being chopped and his brother cut it off. His mother saved him from bleeding to death by applying a tourniquet on his leg and letting off on it, off and on while they traveled four miles to see a doctor with a mule and buggy. When Bryson grew up his parents wanted him to have more education. They took him to Piedmont Boarding School in Lawndale, North Carolina. He always laughed about how he went through that school; because he only stayed one night and returned home. Later he married Evie Luckadoo. They were married in 1925 at Casar, by Cullen Hull, Justice of the Peace and witnessed by W.N. Newton and C.F. Downs.

Bryson and Evie had five children with only three surviving. Eliza Pauline Newton married Amos Earl Pruett the son of Edgar and Stella Pruett. Ruby Lee Newton married Sidney A. Mauney, then later got a divorce, she is not married at present. Wayne Adam Newton married (1) Maxine Black, with two children. (2) Malinda Fryer, also with two children, and also divorced of present date 1982. There were two sons died in infancy.

Margeret Evie Luckadoo Newton died July 8, 1945. She was buried in New Home Methodist Church Cemetery.

After the death of his first wife, Bryson married a second time to Dessie Brackett Carpenter, widow of Clyde Carpenter. There were no children born to this marriage.

Due to his handicap Bryson was unable to follow a mule and plow a crop like most of his brothers, he learned the trade of automobile mechanics. Bryson moved his family from the old home place on No-Bussiness Creek to Casar about 1930. He worked for Frank Morrison Sr. for a while. Then he and his cousin Acie Downs rented shops from different people in Casar. Two of those were Ausney Hoyle and Clyde Warlick. About 1940 Bryson bought land from Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Wortman and built his own garage. He operated this garage until December 1947 when he had a heart attack and died while working. This building is still standing in Casar today.

Andy Bryson was buried in New Home Methodist Church Cemetery, beside his first wife.

— Pauline Newton Pruett

CAPTAIN BENJAMIN NEWTON

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Benjamin Newton was the oldest son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Buchanan Newton, born February 3, 1748 in York County, Pennsylvania. Benjamin Newton's mother was a sister to James Buchanan Sr., the father of President James Buchanan, Jr. Before her marriage to Ebenezer Newton, she was Elizabeth Buchanan, daughter of John and Jane Russell Buchanan.

Elizabeth Buchanan Newton was President James Buchanan's aunt, and therefore her son Benjamin was a first cousin to President James Buchanan.

Benjamin Newton's father, Ebenezer Newton, came to North Carolina about 1767, when Benjamin was about nineteen years old. They probably settled first in Orange County, North Carolina along with the John McCall family. Here he married Nancy McCall, daughter of John McCall.

Soon after his marriage, he settled on the South Fork of the Catawba River in Tryon County. Which, in 1779, was divided by the Legislature to form Lincoln and Rutherford Counties.

While residing here, he entered the service of the Army of the American Revolution in 1776 and served as Lieutenant in Captain John Mattock's Company, Colonel William Graham's Regiment.

In 1778, he served as ensign in Captain Jack's Company in the regiment commanded by Colonel Dudley of Virginia. He also served in Colonel Reed's Regiment; and then in the Regiment commanded by Colonel Marshall of South Carolina.

In 1780 he served under Major Harris in the North Carolina Troops, and was in an engagement at Hawfield in Orange County. In 1781 he served in Captain John Clark's North Carolina Company, and was in an engagement at Polk's Mill in which he was wounded in the thigh by a British ball. It was in 1781 that he was appointed Captain and served with this rank until the close of the War in 1783, amounting in all to two years as Captain.

Benjamin Newton on January 24, 1775, married Nancy McCall, who was born January 22, 1760 at the home of her father, John McCall in Orange County, North Carolina about Seven Miles from the Town of Hillsborough (Hillsboro). It was about the year 1802 that Benjamin Newton moved into Rutherford County, that part which is today Cleveland County, and settled on the waters of Crooked Run Creek. This place of settlement was within one mile of the present site of Casar, in the Clover Hill Church Community. It is thought to have been on the John H. Magness place or either the Cicero Queen place, for many good springs could have been found then between the two places. Both are old, well established places.

Captain Benjamin and Nancy McCall Newton were the parents of thirteen children: They are listed in order according to the way they were listed on his application for pension filed in 1832, with the Veterans Administration, Washington 25, D.C. for service rendered in

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the Army of the American Revolution as a soldier.

Their children are as follows: Jane, born January 17, 1777 married a Queen; Elizabeth (Betsey), born November 27, 1778, married W.M. McGlamery; Ebenezer, born November 22, 1780, married Elizabeth Rucker; Patience (Patsey), born September 4, 1783, married Hampton; Mary (Polly) born July 2, 1785; John McCall, born October 4, 1787, married Jane Erwood; Margaret (Peggy), born October 19, 1789, married Robert Goins; Benjamin Jr., born September 28, 1791, married Fanny Crowder; George, born July 27, 1793 married Martha Rucker; Nancy McCall, born September 22, 1795, married (1st) Daniel Goins, (2nd), John Queen; Cynthia, born February 12, 1798, married a Lewis; Calvin, born September 4, 1801; John, born May 20, 1810.

Back in the days before the establishment of churches, people would gather together and have what was called Camp Meetings. It was on this man's land that one of the first Camp meeting grounds was held. The people would come in buggies and covered wagons or horse back to this site, and bring their food and clothing and camp for one or more weeks at the time, while these religious services were being held. They would cook on open fires and sleep on the ground or in wagons. They must have had a glorious time in the Lord for them to have made these sacrifices to worship. Many of the young boys and girls probably met their sweethearts at these meetings. It is believed that from some of these meetings is how the Clover Hill Church was formed. It is thought to be one of the oldest Methodist Churches in that community.

It is a known fact that quite a few of Captain Benjamin's children married and remained in Cleveland County. Most of the Newtons in upper Cleveland County are direct descendants of this Captain Benjamin and Nancy McCall Newton.

Sources: War Records, Dr. Posey Downs' Book of Genealogy on Newton & Downs.

— Pauline N. Pruett

BENJAMIN O. NEWTON FAMILY

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Benjamin O. Newton was the fourth child of George and Martha Rucker Newton. Benjamin O. was born in 1825 in Rutherford County,

North Carolina, now Cleveland County. He married Mahalia Proctor, born 1826, the daughter of William and Elizabeth Melton Proctor.

To this union were born eight children: Dailcenla Arminda Newton married Owen C. London; Martha Newton married David Crotts; Oliver Newton died while rather young; Barbara Newton married William Winfield (Bud) Hardin; Robert A. Newton married Annie Gantt; Calvin Newton married Mary Crotts; William (Benny) Newton married Eliza Catherine Downs; Mahala Catherine Newton married David S. Downs.

Benjamin O. Newton enlisted in the Army of the Confederate States of America as a member of Company F. 55th North Carolina Infantry. He was with General Robert E. Lee in his campaigns around Richmond, Virginia, and was wounded while so engaged, losing two fingers from one hand and a bullet wound in one leg, which necessitated his spending some time in the Confederate States of America Hospital in Richmond to cure the gangrene which developed from the wound in his leg.

John ("One Legged John") A. Newton, a first cousin of Benjamin O. Newton, who had lost one leg in the Battle of Gettysburg by wounds, and Silas Proctor, a Brother-in-Law of Benjamin O. Newton, went with Mahala Proctor Newton to visit her husband in the hospital. They had to travel by mule and buggy to Clover, South Carolina so they could catch a train going to Virginia. When Benjamin O. was able to leave the hospital, he was given a furlough to come home, and was at home on his only such furlough when General Lee surrendered to General Grant at Appomattox, Virginia.

Benjamin O. and his wife Mahala later bought a farm on the waters of No-Business Creek in the upper part of Cleveland County. This farm was about one mile north of New Home Methodist Church, which is about four miles west of Casar, North Carolina. Here they lived and farmed until the death of Benjamin O. Newton. Mahala stayed on and tried to raise her family the best she could. Times were hard and rough in those days especially for a widow with a family. Benjamin O. and Mahala Proctor Newton are both buried in Clover Hill Methodist Church Cemetery.

— Pauline Newton Pruett

EBENEZER NEWTON

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Ebenezer and Elizabeth Buchanan came to North Carolina from York County, Pennsylvania in 1767. They are of particular interest as the parents of Capt. Benjamin Newton and wife Nancy McCall Newton who founded a large family in northern Cleveland County.

Ebenezer is thought to have been born in New England, a son to John or Jessee (of Connecticut) of the Susquehanna Land Company in Pennsylvania. An Ebenezer Newton brought a suit against the company in 1788 which was dismissed. The will of Ebenezer (born 1725, died 1812) and the Ebenezer of our articles states "and if my suit is settled." Ebenezer and Elizabeth lived in Shrewsbury

Township, York County, Pennsylvania before coming to North Carolina.

The children of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Newton were: Capt. Benjamin, 1748-1855; Ebenezer, Jr., born 1761; Martheu, born 1760; Rev. John, 1759-1797; Rev. Thomas, 1764-1843; Rev. George, 1765-1840; William, 1757-1824, married first cousin, Margaret Buchanan daughter of William; Martheu Newton married Thomas Buchanan, son of William (died 1764) and lived in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

The Newton, Buchanan, and McCall families were associated and related in York County, Pennsylvania. Capt. Benjamin Newton and his brother, Rev. George Newton, both married daughters of John McCall. There are statements in York County Historical materials that the Newton and McCall families came to North Carolina together. Gwinston Presbyterian Church records, York County, Pennsylvania state that the McCalls and Newtons lived at Hopewell, and that some Newtons lived at Shrewsbury. These are located in southern York County.

Capt. Benjamin Newton, born February 3, 1748, York County, Pennsylvania, married on January 24, 1775 to Nancy McCall, born January 22, 1760. They moved to upper Cleveland County near Casar about 1802. Capt. Benjamin Newton served in the Army of the American Revolution from 1776 to 1783. He was appointed Captain in 1781. He died February 20, 1835. Nancy McCall Newton died May 12, 1845. They are buried in the Old Clover Hill Methodist Church Cemetery, Casar, North Carolina.

The children of Capt. Benjamin Newton and Nancy McCall Newton were: Jane Newton, born January 17, 1777, who married a Queen; Elizabeth Newton (Betsey), born November 27, 1778, who married a McGlamery; Ebenezer Newton, born November 22, 1780, who married Elizabeth Rucker; Patsey Newton, born September 4, 1783; Mary Newton, born July 2, 1785; John McCall Newton, born October 4, 1787, married Jenny Erwood (possibly Arrowood); Margaret Newton, born October 19, 1789; Benjamin Newton, Jr., born September 28, 1791, married on January 7, 1817 to Fanny Crowder; George Newton, born July 27, 1793, married on February 5, 1814 to Martha Rucker; Cynthia Newton, born February 12, 179-; and Calvin Newton, born September 4, 1804.

So far as is known, all the children of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Buchanan Newton came to North Carolina. The three sons who were ministers are thought to have been Presbyterian, and one of them served in the Swannanoa, North Carolina area. The Newtons were members of the Presbyterian Church in Pennsylvania.

— Elizabeth S. Cofer

EBENEZER NEWTON FAMILY

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One of the earliest of the Newton Ancestors to come into this part of the country, was Ebenezer Newton, born ca. 1730 and died April 29, 1812 in Rutherford County, North

Carolina. He was married in 1747, to Elizabeth Buchanan, born ca. 1730 in Pennsylvania, died 1821 in Rutherford County. Elizabeth Buchanan was the daughter of John and Jane Russell Buchanan. Elizabeth was a sister to James Buchanan Sr. the father of President James Buchanan.

Ebenezer Newton lived in Shrewsbury Township of York County, Pennsylvania. He came to North Carolina about 1767 with his family and settled in Mecklenburg County. He bought land on both sides of Sugaw Creek amounting to about 243 acres. He sold this land for a considerable profit. He was a farmer and bought and sold a considerable amount of land.

There was no other record of them until 1777, when they bought land in the Tuckaseegee Ford area of the Catawba River in Tryon County, now Gaston County. The John McCall family also settled in this area. The Newtons and McCalls were neighbors in Pennsylvania.

Two of Ebenezer Newton's sons married John McCall's daughters. Benjamin married Nancy McCall and George married Mary (Polly) McCall.

According to record's of the Daughter's of the American Revolution; Ebenezer Newton was a patriot during the Revolutionary War. He supplied the militia of North Carolina, Virginia and South Carolina with provisions on a number of occasions. Three certified copies of manuscripts from the archives of North Carolina show proof of aid; from Tryon County, North Carolina.

Ebenezer and Elizabeth had seven children: Benjamin Newton born February 3, 1748 married Nancy McCall; William Newton born ca. 1757 married Margaret Buchanan; Reverend John Newton born February 20, 1759 married Catherine Lawrence; Martha Newton born ca. 1760 married (1) Ellender Rutherford (2) Thomas Buchanan; Ebenezer Newton Jr. born ca. 1761 married Rachel Rutherford; Reverend Thomas Newton born December 12, 1763 married Ann Martin (Martyn); Reverend George Newton born 1765 married (1) Mary (Polly) McCall (2) Anne ? (3) Helen Martin (Widow Martin) McCall.

In 1799 he came to Rutherford County and bought land located on Maple Creek near Isaac Whites land. Ebenezer owned land on both Maple and Knob Creeks. He paid 50 shillings for over 100 acres of land. Here he remained until his death. Several of his children remained in what is now Cleveland County and reared their families.

In his will he left the bulk of his estate to his wife, Elizabeth Newton.

Ebenezer Newton died April 29, 1812. His wife Elizabeth Buchanan Newton died in the year 1821.

Sources: Magna Carta Dames. Deeds, Will and Census.

— Pauline N. Pruett

GEORGE NEWTON FAMILY

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George Newton was the ninth child of Benjamin and Nancy McCall Newton. He was born in 1791, in probably Old Tryon County, North

Carolina, where his father settled soon after his marriage. He came to Rutherford County in the early part of the eighteen hundreds with his family.

George married Martha (Mattie) Rucker, February 5, 1814, with Ebenezer Newton, his brother as bondsman and Robert Wells as a witness.

George and Martha Newton were the parents of seven children: William Newton married Rody (Rodia) Newton; Ebenezer (Eben) Newton married Rebecca Eliza Canipe; Ebenezer Newton enlisted in the Army of the Southern Confederacy of America on October 20, 1863, and was taken prisoner, June 17, 1864. It has always been presumed that this Ebenezer Newton died while in prison for he never returned. He and his wife had no children. Elizabeth Newton never married; Benjamin O. Newton married Mahala Proctor; Jerushia Newton married George S. Newton on August 8, 1851; Martha Newton never married; Oliver Newton died when only a teen age boy from exhaustion, it was thought, as result of chasing a calf, trying to get the calf back into the place where it belonged.

Not too much else is known of this George and Martha Rucker Newton except they remained in the same territory as his Father Benjamin. He was listed in the first census records taken of Cleveland County in 1850: George Newton age 65 years. Martha Age 55 years; daughters Elizabeth age 30 years, Russia age 23 years, Martha age 20 years.

George was listed as a farmer and his real estate at \$400 dollars. George and Martha are buried in the Clover Hill Church cemetery near Casar and were probably some of the early members that helped organized the Church.

Sources: Dr. Posey Downs' Book of Genealogy (Newton & Downs)

— Pauline Newton Pruett

WILLIAM (BENNY) BENJAMIN NEWTON FAMILY

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William Benny Newton was the seventh child of Benjamin O. and Mahala Proctor Newton. Benny was a young boy when his father died, and he grew up helping his mother on the family farm.

There was an incident in his life when about twelve years old for some unknown reason, the Ku Klux Klan came riding up to their home. They were hollowing and shouting and carrying lighted torches. This frightened Benny, and he ran back into the house, grabbed his father's shotgun, loaded it and came out pointing it at those people. They turned and left, and after they were gone he realized he had only one shell, and it was in the gun.

William Benny Benjamin Newton married Eliza Catherine Downs, the daughter of Louis S. and Sarah Wortman Downs. They were the parents of ten children: (1) Ada Newton married Carlo Newton. (2) William Nolan Newton married Zula Wall. (3) Vester S. Newton married Eliza Turner. (4) Melvin Cleatus Newton died in his early teen age with what was presumably an attack of appendicitis. There was

no hospital at that time nearer than Charlotte, North Carolina and there was no way to get there in time. (5) Robert E. Newton married Elva Wall a sister to Zula Wall the wife of his brother, Nolan. (6) Clarence Lee Newton married (1) Celeta Stimson, they lived in Norfolk, Virginia and also San Diego, California. (2) Clarence Lee married Hazel P. Sanders. (7) Andy Bryson Newton married (1) Evie Luckadoo (2) Dessie Brackett Carpenter. (8) Dora Elizabeth Newton never married. (9) Bessie Newton married Jessie Davis. (10) Freddy Benny Newton married Elsie Fortenberry.

After their marriage, William Benny and Eliza Newton, lived on in the house with Mahala Newton his mother for some time. Later he built a home for himself and his family on top of the hill above the old home place.

We remember as children going to Grandfather Newton's to visit. They would let us children help carry water in an eight pound lard bucket from this spring. The spring was at least three tenths of a mile down a very steep hill, then we children would have to carry the water all the way back up the hill.

Grandmother would take her laundry down to the spring to wash. There she had a big black iron wash pot in which to boil the clothes. She also had a large block of wood and a battling board to beat the dirt out of the clothes.

We remember she kept her milk and butter in the spring house in a stream of water that ran through it. They had an old fashion molasses mill near the spring also. The pasture for the cattle was made of old split logs for a rail fence.

In the early days there were no radios or t.v.'s so the women would sit by the fire and piece quilts, crotchets or do embroider scarfs and pillow cases with only a kerosene lamp for light.

Eliza Catherine Downs Newton died August 1937.

William Benny Newton died April 1946.

They are both buried in Clover Hill Methodist Church Cemetery.

— Pauline Newton Pruett

ROBERT EUMENUS and ELLIE WILBURN NICHOLS FAMILY

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Robert Eumenus Nichols (February 14, 1871 — January 16, 1943) was the son of Rufus Nichols (1840-1922), Civil War soldier, and Naomi C. Mullinax (February 7, 1847 — November 23, 1898), organist and organ teacher.

Robert Eumenus Nichols was a section foreman on the Southern Railroad for many years, retiring in 1938. On April 23, 1891 at "1½ o'clock P.M." he married Ellen (Ellie) Keron Wilburn (June 30, 1872 — October 11, 1935), daughter of Hiram Wilburn (November 18, 1807 — December 23, 1895), a descendant of John Wellborn who came to Jamestown, Virginia in 1610, and Mary Ellen Robinson Wilburn (September 30, 1830 — January 31, 1887). Ellie Wilburn Nichols was superintendent of the Cradle Roll Department at New



Robert Eumenus and Ellie Wilburn Nichols with baby Wilburn Caldwell.

(September 10, 1943 —), all of Asheville. Linda has a daughter, Teresa Faye Adams (January 20, 1963 —).

Robert Landrum was educated at North Carolina State University, majoring in electrical engineering, and was assistant manager of the Shelby Branch of Duke Power Company for many years, retiring from the company in 1966 after 38 years service. He was a deacon and Sunday School teacher at New Hope Baptist Church in Earl, North Carolina. On June 7, 1926 in Atlanta, Georgia, R.L. married Pinkie Alpha Jones (May 2, 1899 — July 12, 1981), the daughter of Benjamin Franklin and Dovie Towery Jones. She was a teacher in the Cleveland County Schools, and an active member of New Hope Baptist Church, serving as pianist and organist for over 50 years. R.L. and Pinkie Nichols had one daughter, Doris Jean, who married Thomas Bostick Austell.

Sources: Family Bible, Conversation with family members, Welborn-Wilburn History-Genealogy

— Doris Nichols Austell

THE WILLIAM BENJAMIN NIX FAMILY

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W.B. Nix was born December 3, 1854 in Hampton County, South Carolina. He was the son of John W. Nix and Martha Smart.

W.B. spent some time in Denver, Colorado, working in the law office of Nix (his brother), Pratt and Norlan. During that time he joined the "land rush" west and was able to secure a section of land. There were two ladies in the group who were not so fortunate, so he gave them his section.

Around 1885 he moved to Shelby where he picked up the name "Golly Nix" among his closest friends, because when Hattie Lattimore first saw him, she exclaimed, "Golly, what a man!" He established the Nix Company with his brother Abner. Since W.B. was quite large and Abner was quite small, they were known as "Big Nix and Little Nix." Their store was on the square. Abner sold his interest to A.V. Wray in 1911 and the store was called Wray-Nix. Soon W.B. sold A.V. his interest and established the W.B. Nix General Merchandise Store a block north of Wray-Nix. At one time this was the Nix-Lattimore (Tom Lattimore, Hattie's brother); then still later it became the W.B. Nix Company.

W.B. and Hattie Lattimore were married September 5, 1894 at the First Baptist Church in Shelby. Hattie helped at the store some while keeping house. All her life she called W.B. "Mr. Nix," except at home where he was always "Honey." In 1885 Mr. Nix bought four thousand square feet of land on the four hundred block of North Morgan Street from W.H. Strickland. They built a house in the corner of this land and this is where both their children (Lucile, July 13, 1896, and Rosalynd, May 28, 1904) were born. (See Cecil Lee Gilliatt Family)

Hattie Lattimore Nix (June 23, 1872) was a civic, social, and Christian leader in Shelby. She graduated from the Shelby Female College around 1895, in the same class with Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll.

Hope Baptist Church in Earl, North Carolina for many years.

To Robert E. and Ellie Wilburn Nichols eight children were born: two infants who died at birth, Joe Maxwell (April 30, 1897 — November 9, 1907), Vera Cathleen (May 15, 1895 — May 30, 1896), Wilburn Caldwell (August 12, 1893 — January 12, 1962), Robert Landrum (October 9, 1901 — July 2, 1968), Aubrey Leon (December 29, 1903 — June 13, 1961), and John Hervey (December 4, 1906 — February 22, 1951).

Wilburn was a Certified Public Accountant in Wilmington, North Carolina. He married Adah Bell Campbell on December 25, 1913 and they

had one daughter, Helen Wilburn (July 5, 1915 —), who married John Henry Fussell, Jr. (July 25, 1915 —). They live in Blowing Rock, North Carolina.

Aubrey married Bert Watson Smith on November 19, 1932 in Fayetteville, North Carolina. Aubrey was a florist and restaurant owner in Fayetteville.

Hervey married Clara Shadel on December 24, 1932 in Frackville, Pennsylvania. A graduate of North Carolina State University, Hervey was an electrical engineer in Asheville, North Carolina. He and Clara had three daughters: Blanche Evelyn (March 8, 1934 —), Barbara Ellen (July 27, 1937 —), and Linda Faye



Robert Landrum Nichols, 1901-1968.



Pinkie Jones Nichols



William B. Nix, 1854-1939



Hattie Lattimore Nix, 1871-1938

She and Mr. Nix were active members of the First Baptist Church where Hattie taught a Sunday School class and played the organ at church — as well as being a leader in the Woman's Missionary Union. She was exceptionally talented in some several ways (which she did not pass on to either daughter); she played the piano, organ and violin and could get music out of just about any instrument; she excelled in handwork such as crocheting, embroidery, cut work, and dress making. Another talent she enjoyed was art; she did burned-wood work and painted in watercolor and oil media. Her friends thought her paintings were quite good. An acquaintance, after having many kind things to say about some cats she had painted, asked where she had studied. When Hattie said she had never had an art lesson in her life, the lady cocked her head, studied a minute and said, "Those cats do look wild around their eyes."

She was an early member of the Chicora Literary Club, and a charter member of the Cecilia Music Club (1913). She was often secretary, and her minutes were enjoyed because of her poetic form of writing. She was one of the organizers of the Civic League which later became the Shelby Woman's Club. For many years she served on the Shelby Library Board. She was on the first Board of Directors of the Cleveland County Memorial Hospital. While serving on this board, she formed a close friendship with Miss Ella McNichols. This friendship was meaningful to her the rest of her life.

Lucile (July 13, 1897), their first daughter, was the first grandchild of the Tom D. Lattimores and the only one for seven years — need more be said? She outgrew it though! She finished Shelby High School in 1911 and attended Meredith College for one year. After that she secured a teacher's certificate and taught, with the exception of one year when she clerked at Gilliatt Florist, until she was 65. She taught in several schools in the Cleveland County system as well as in the Shelby City Schools.

Lucile was an active member of the First Baptist Church. She worked in every phase of the Woman's Missionary Union and taught Sunday School or was superintendent of a

department until she had to retire because of poor health. She was an active member of the Business and Professional Women and the Evening Division of the Woman's Club. She now resides in the Fair Haven Home in Forest City.

Rosalynd, the younger daughter, was born May 28, 1904 (see Cecil Gilliatt Family for a report on her).

W.B. Nix died July 28, 1939 and Hattie Nix died March 28, 1938. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: Family Bible Recorded Deeds, Minutes of Clubs

— Rosalynd Nix Gilliatt

THE WILLIAM ARTHUR NOBLITT FAMILY

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The name Noblitt with it's varying spellings (Noblit, Noblitt, Noblet, Noblett, Noblette De Noblette) means "noble": noble in physique, in character, or noble of title.

Most of the male Noblitt's have outstanding physical characteristics. They have: a ruddy complexion, piercing brown eyes, thick hair with a Cupid's bow on the forehead, no balding or receding hairline, a large nose, and protruding ears. In the younger boys the ears are an embarrassment, but with maturity they become a proud distinctive family characteristic.

William Arthur (called Arthur) Noblitt was one of those men with most of the distinctive features that go with the name. Arthur was born near Forest City, N.C., as were his brother, Roy Lee (1901-1969), and sisters, Viola Smoot (1905-), High Point, N.C. and Pauline Henson, (1915-), Forest City, N.C.

He was an eighth generation son of the Noblitts in America: John (late 1700's-1748) and Ann: William (1740-1788), and Catherine; John and Mary Brown; William and Sarah McCaslin; Martin (1824-1899), and Sarah; William Riley and Arabella Sisk (1843-1880); Thomas Leonard, (1874-1952) and Nettie Vassey; and William Arthur, (1907-1956); and Pearl Weast and Beulah Philbeck.

The centuries were not easy on the Noblitts. They were living in France, England, and Ire-

land in the twelfth century. Being Huguenots, they were persecuted in France until things came to a climax the 24th of August, 1572, with the massacre of St. Bartholomew. Before then many of the Huguenots had escaped to Wales, Ireland, England and other parts.

In the year 1681 and following, William Penn sent letters and pamphlets to Quakers in England, Scotland, and Ireland, extending to them a welcome to his new settlement in Pennsylvania. Some time prior to 1729, the first Noblitts accepted the invitation. They came from Ireland to Pennsylvania.

They were sometimes disowned by their church for marrying their choice of a spouse. (William and Catherine, the first into North Carolina). They were disowned by the Quaker Friends by fighting for their country. There have been Noblitts in every war in which America had a part.

Arthur served a time in the army prior to World War II. He was in Company K, 21st Infantry and spent most of his time in Hawaii. He enlisted while the family lived at Cooleemee, N.C., following the textile trade. When he was dismissed they had moved to Cleveland County where he met and married his first wife, Pearl Weast (youngest daughter of Charlie and Linda Adams Weast).

When their only child, Nancy Jenell Noblitt (1933) was five years old, her mother died (Beaver Dam Baptist Church).

Two years later, 1941, Arthur married Beulah Philbeck. World War II was looming. Arthur went to Wilmington, N.C. and spent the next four years building liberty boats.

Their oldest son, William Thomas, (1945), was born about the end of the war. Ann, (1948), was born three years later.

After the war, Arthur worked with S.H. Philbeck, his father-in-law. They operated Philbeck's Grocery Store at Mooresboro. Then Arthur operated the Esso (Exxon) Station at Swainsville, west of Shelby, until his untimely illness and death in 1956 (Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church). William Thomas and Ann were eleven and eight years old at that time.

After Arthur's death, Beulah Noblitt quit her textile job and went to Gardner Webb and Limestone Colleges and earned a teachers degree. She taught several years in the Cleveland County School System, before her retirement. In 1978 she married Robert Lee Ridings of Shelby. They reside on Route 4, Shelby.

Jenell Noblitt married Billy Wayne Dishmon (1933-1973), Charlotte. They have three daughters; Debbie Spivey (Dwayne) of Cherryville; Wendy (1970), and Dawn (1972) of the home at Shelby, N.C.

William Thomas Noblitt went through the Vietnam conflict (B. Battery 9th Artillery) and settled in Palmdale, California. He is an auto mechanic.

Ann Noblitt married Robert E. Wright (div.). She lives on Route 2, Grover, N.C. They have two sons: Robery Lee Wright (1970) and Christopher Scott Wright (1974). Ann teaches school in Cleveland County school system.

There is one great-grandchild, Amber La Chelle Spivey. She is twenty-one months old.

S.H. Philbeck always said that Arthur was the only person whom he would rather have

keep his money than for himself to keep it. Arthur was that honest with everyone in all his dealings.

The family remind each other from time to time of Arthur's admonition, "Learn to stand on your own two feet."

Sources: Military service records, U.S. Census records, family Bible, personal knowledge, and a book on our family history.

— Beulah Ridings

ANDERSON NOLAN

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Anderson Nolan, born Nov. 3, 1834, d. March 6, 1926, married Sara R. Crowder, b. Dec. 13, 1844, d. May 9, 1917. They both are buried at the Bethel Baptist Church in Cleveland County.

To this union were born 3 children; John Beam Nolan (1869-1945) who married Della McBrayer; Amelia Octavia (1861-1942), who married A.P. Weathers; and Florence Jane (1877-1940) who married Virgil A. Gardner.

Anderson Nolan died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. A.P. Weathers, at the age of 91 years. He was a confederate soldier and marched at the head of Company F, 56th Regiment, Ransom's Brigade, carrying the confederate colors. He was wounded in the thigh in a skirmish at Plymouth, North Carolina. After the war, he lived near Lawndale where he farmed.

In his obituary from "The Cleveland Star" of March 8, 1926, it read: "Mr. Nolan was a man of powerful physique, strong, religious convictions and alert mind. His recollection of the past was most vivid and he talked with much interest of the trying days of the 1860's during the Civil War. His bible was his daily companion and he read the New Testament through 8 times." He was discharged from the Army in Columbus, Ga. and walked home or caught a ride on a wagon to his home in Fallston.

Sources: Family

— Henry Lee Weathers, Sr.

THOMAS NORMAN, SR.

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Thomas Norman, Sr. had land in parcels and large tracts near and around Buffalo Creek in Cleveland County, which was, in 1769, part of Tryon County then becoming Lincoln County. This land was purchased with English pounds. This became later a part of Cleveland County.

Thomas Norman, Jr.'s (son of Thomas Sr.) will and last testament handwritten in Cleveland County in the courthouse Superior Court Registry, registered in 1852 and executed in 1854. He left his plantation to his beloved wife, Jane. At her death, or if she should remarry it would go to his sons, James and Robert. Other gifts were to his daughters, Willa, Mary and Sally.

James Norman, son of Thomas Jr., left his plantation to his six sons, Alexander, Hose, Pinkney, Max, Tom and Frank Eli. Frank Eli buying out his brothers and keeping most of Thomas Jr.'s share of land together. Some of

his children are still living on parcels of this track in Cleveland County.

Frank Eli was born June 16, 1862, died December 29, 1935. He was buried in Knob Creek Church cemetery. He married Martha Louise Queen in 1884. She was born in 1868 and died in 1956 at the age of ninety-seven. She was the daughter of Joe and Margaret Cook Queen. To this union were born twelve children, eight girls and four boys as follows: Lawrence Lorance (deceased), Clemie Frances (deceased), Lona Esther, Lovie Lou Ella, Maggie Jane, Myrtle Mae, Ethel Bryte, Fannie Belle, Minnie Rosalee, Ambrose Franklin, Odus James, and an infant daughter who died at birth in 1918.

Lawrence Norman was born January 10, 1885, died August 1957. He was married to Lola Ledford and they had five children: Emmitt, Selma, Carl, Loy and Amos.

Clemie Norman was married to Bessie Lowery and the following children were born to this union: Clayton, Mamie, Malvin and John Henry.

Lona Norman married Clarence Ledford and their children were: Hoyte, Mattie Lee (Mrs. Dwight Wright), Wendall, Clarence Jr., Ruth (Mrs. J.B. Hastings), Harris and Harold (twins). Harold was drowned during the flood of 1939. Lovie Norman married Walter M. Chapman. They had two children: Maggie Myrr (Mrs. Jethro Hoyle), Ruby (Mrs. Lloyd Ivester).

Maggie Norman married Ambrose Jeffers and had three children: Warren, John Frank and Dwight. Myrtle Norman married Jack O'Brien and to this union were born two children: John N., and James (Jimmy). Ethel Norman married Evoy Lutz and their children were: Charles, Jean Ann (Mrs. Ben Privett) and Thomas. Fannie Belle Norman married Bynum B. Chapman and they had one son: Leon. Minnie Norman married Burgan Grigg and their children were: Pauline (Mrs. Frank Lattimore), Helen (Mrs. J.L. Carroll), Myrtle Mae (Mrs. John Sparks), Burgan, Jr. Ambrose Norman married Pauline Leatherman and they have one adopted son, Amon.

Odus Norman married Lucy Sam. To this union were born ten children: Gene Granklin, Sibyl (Mrs. Robert L. Poole), Sherrill Fletchel, Janice (Mrs. Lee Roper), Milba, Joe, Frances (Mrs. David Pittman), Stanley, Anita and Patricia "Pixy" (Mrs. Derex Owens).

Sources: Court records; personal knowledge.

— Mrs. Bynum (Fannie Bell) Chapman

THOMAS LEROY and IDA MARY McSWAIN OATES

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Ida Mary McSwain was born in Number Three Township, Cleveland County, N.C. on September 11, 1901. She was the daughter of LeRoy Wellington and Maggie Delean Rippy. She attended Number 3 School. She was baptized into New Hope Baptist Church August 13, 1916.

Thomas LeRoy Oates also of Cleveland County was born December 11, 1890 the son of John James Oates and Cornelia Josephine

Rohm. Cornelia was the daughter of Isaac Rohm and Sarah Cook from Number 5 Township Muddy Fork. Isaac was a confederate soldier from Cleveland County. He never returned to his wife and five children after the war. Isaac died in Maryland April 1, 1865.

John James Oates was originally from the Pisgah A.R.P. Church section of Gaston County and was a member of that church. He and Cornelia moved to the Park Yarn Mill near Kings Mountain, N.C. He tended the gardens and horses for the mill. Grandpa John only had one arm. He lost the other while running a girl's bonnet through a molasses mill. The Oates and Josie Dover McSwain, the wife of Ezra, were neighbors at Park Yarn before her marriage.

In November 1818 Ida McSwain was visiting Josie and Ezra McSwain. Thomas Oates was on leave from the military due to the death of his sister, Amanda Moss, (the mother of the current Mayor of Kings Mountain). By the time he had reached Kings Mountain from Camp Sevier they had already taken Mandy to the cemetery. Josie saw Tom and asked him in. She introduced Tom to Ida. They courted for a year. Tom would catch the train to Earl Station and walk to the McSwain house about a mile away. They were married November 16, 1919 in Cleveland County.

Tom and Ida lived in Rhodhiss, Newton and Lenoir in the early part of their marriage. They moved to Homestead Village, Leaksville Woolen Mills. Tom worked for this mill for 30 years prior to his death February 10, 1956. Ida died June 8, 1956 and was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Charlotte, North Carolina. Tom and Ida had bought a farm in Mecklenburg County and settled there in 1947 to raise their children. After their death the property was divided into eight tracts each child receiving one. Six of the children have built their homes there. The area is called "Oatesville" and we enjoy gathering together as one "big family." Tom and Ida had eight children.

Maggie Josephine Oates, the first born, married Henry August Miller. She works for I.B.M.

Dorsie Mae Oates married Harry Tyre White. They have two children, Rodney and Marsha. They own and operate Harry T. White Plumbing Company.

Mary Elizabeth Oates married Ernest Lee Moore. They have two children, Lynn and Tommy. Mary works for Eastern Air Lines. They are the "adopted grandparents" for my children.

Thomas Wellington Oates married Joyce Ann Smith Haglar. They have a daughter, Debbie. T.W. runs a garage.

John James Oates married Jean Carlyn Station. They have three children: Tammy, Terry and David, or "Bucky" as he prefers to be called. Johnny also owns and operates a plumbing company in his name.

Barbara Thelma Oates married Nathaniel Macon Tomlinson. They have three children: Elaine, Beverly, and Nathan. When we mention Charlotte my boys automatically say Nathan's. Nathan is near their age and has all kinds of farm animals.

Virginia Irene Oates lives in Charlotte. She

works for Trans-Conn lines Trucking Company as a secretary. She directs the choir at Homestead Methodist Church and has a beautiful soprano voice.

Last on the list is Sylvia Jean Oates. We all attended Paw Creek School. The first four graduating from Paw Creek High School. The last four going the last years to Consolidated West Mecklenburg High.

Ida was the fifth generation of Baptists. Tom was a sixth generation Presbyterian. They had eight children to join the Homestead Methodist Church. Seven of the eight still attend this church along with their families.

One thing that has been true in all generations, our ancestors loved children. Our home life holds many fond memories of taffy pulls, making homemade ice cream, baking cookies etc. It was a place friends and relatives were always welcome.

Daddy never lost his love of the soil. He enjoyed farming and hunting with a little "Amateur gold mining" on the side. He respected nature as a gift from God to be used but not abused.

After the death of our parents, T.W., Johnny, Thelma, Virginia and I shared the home. Thelma was only six years older than I but we nicknamed her "Mama" because she was the one Virginia and I had to ask for permission.

Sylvia Jean Oates married LeRoy Clifton McSwain on February 19, 1972. We own and operate McPhail Greenhouses, a florist shop, in Sanford, North Carolina. We have three children: LeRoy Clifton McSwain Jr. born June 8, 1973; Joseph William McSwain born April 18, 1975; and Trent Ernest McSwain born May 29, 1980.

Our family attends Edgewood Presbyterian Church where Roy is an elder and a member of the choir. Our hobby is genealogy. We have been Cleveland County bound for our vacations for several years. I would say Trent is one of the youngest family researchers. During the summer of 1980, he visited all the court-houses in the Old Tryon County area.

— Jean Oates McSwain

THOMAS MILTON ADDISON OATES

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Addison Oates was born Mar. 1 1827 (d) Jan. 17, 1913. He was the son of William and Elizabeth Espy Oates. Addison's father was born on a ship sailing from Ireland to America.

As a boy, Addison was taught the skills of farming, building, surveying and business.

At age 29 he married Sarah Ann Kiser on October 14, 1856, whose ancestry was German.

The first home is what is now known as the "old kitchen." Later the original part of the home place was built. It is estimated to be between 115 and 120 years old. Some additions have been made to the original home.

Addison received three hundred acres of land from his father's estate. He was not only a good farmer, but also an excellent businessman. He built and opened a general store in 1860 which still stands today, complete with

counter and shelves.

During the Civil War, Addison's duty was making gunpowder for the Confederate States of America.

After the war he returned home and took up farming and storekeeping full time. Later he became Justice of the Peace. He married people and also had the power to try minor offenses, including assault to kill. Trials were held in what is now the bedroom. The youngest member of the family was known to try to listen at the keyhole to the proceedings. Sometimes she was caught in the act.

In 1883 Addison became postmaster of a new post office. The postmark read "Fancy, N.C." Mail was sorted and kept in a high back desk which is still in use today. There was no rural delivery so each family came to the post office.

Since Addison's home place was once a federal post office, the postman or rural mail carrier was required to deliver the mail to the house from the public road.

Addison also ran a cotton gin where the community had their cotton ginned. A dam was built on the creek and was operated by a large water wheel. The pond also served the family with fish during the autumn season. Fish were salted and put in large barrels for winter use.

My grandmother was an excellent cook and a perfect housekeeper. Every week the unpainted white floors were scrubbed with soap, water and sand. The curtains were washed and ironed every week and even the chairs were scrubbed.

Grandmother was also a good nurse to the sick in the community. She was often called to the homes and seemed to have a good remedy for all ordinary diseases.

Addison's home place was deeded to my parents, Phate and Josephine Lackey, in 1912, since they were asked to live and care for them for their lifetime.

I was three years old when we came to live with my grandparents. I, with a load of furniture, came in a wagon with an uncle who was moving us.

Grandmother, from that day on, gave me every wish I desired. I followed her every place she went, but I sure got into a lot of mischief. She spoiled me to the 9th degree and because I loved her so much and did what she allowed, my parents "spared the rod." I have so many memories of those days that I only wish I had the space to relate some of them, such as painting all the windows and white walls with shoe polish.

My grandparents were members of Long Creek Presbyterian Church. Grandfather was an elder in the church most of his adult life. He was a very stern Christian. No cooking was allowed by him on Sunday, and no house cleaning. Food was cooked on Saturday and eaten cold on Sunday. The children were not allowed to read anything except the Bible on the Sabbath.

Grandfather's eyesight was perfect as long as he lived and he read a great deal of the time. He lived to be eighty-six years old and the year he passed away he had picked three bales of cotton.

After my father's death in 1954, my husband and I gave up our home to live with my mother until her death in 1966, and at that time the home was deeded to us. My husband died in 1978 and at this time I am continuing to live at the original Addison Oates home place. Our aim was to preserve it and keep it in good condition as long as we lived. There are so many memories to this homestead, as it has passed through three generations.

Addison and Sarah are buried in Long Creek Cemetery in Gaston County.

The children of Addison are: Converse Oates, Susann Oates Froneberger, Charles Oates, Dr. George Oates, Lula Oates Harris, Thomas Oates, Choin Oates, Franklin Oates, Maggie Oates Carpenter, Josephine Oates Lackey. All of the above are deceased.

Sources: family records, personal knowledge, and a family book, *A Harvest of Oates*, composed and written by Miriam Lackey Williams.

— Mr. Raymond Mann

THE OSBORNE FAMILY

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Sir Peter Osborne of Kent, England, sent his three sons, John, Thomas and Henry with their tutor, John Rosse, to America after securing permission to "pass from England beyond the seas" on March 2, 1633. John, from whom this Osborne family descends, settled in Massachusetts. His great-grandson, Ephraim, who married Sara Fisk in 1759 was a Minuteman who was called out by the battle of Lexington on the first alarm and who marched to Concord.

Ephraim's grandson, Amos Wright Osborne, born May 26, 1790 in Fitchburg, Mass. came to Lockart Shoals, S.C. and married Elizabeth McCalle of Chester, S.C. in 1820 or 1821. They lived and died at Lockart Shoals. They were the parents of Dr. James Ephraim Osborne, born on November 8, 1821, who came to Cleveland County about 1840 as Cleveland County was formed from parts of Rutherford and Lincoln counties. Dr. James Ephraim Osborne lived at Belwood at Knob's Creek. He was just out of Charleston Medical College and moved to North Carolina for the practice of medicine, and was considered an outstanding doctor during that period. He was married to Ann Peeler of Cleveland County, daughter of Joseph Peeler. They were the parents of (1) Alfred Brucias Osborne, who married Aurelia Ellis, whom he had met at the home of his grandfather at Lockart Shoals and who had been a governess in the home of his grandfather; (2) Joseph Cullen Osborne, who married Margaret Schenck and lived in Lawndale where he practiced dentistry for a number of years; (3) Mary Osborne, who married Pinkney Baker, a large landowner in Catawba County, N.C.; (4) Alice Osborne, who married Franklin Willis and who lived near the Osborne home in upper Cleveland County; (5) James Ruffin Osborne (born June 30, 1861 and died in Shelby on July 28, 1947). Dr. James Ruffin Osborne was a prominent dentist in Shelby while his brother practiced in the Lawndale-Belwood area. Dr. James Ruffin was the first president of the Dental Society of

North Carolina. He was the first president of the Dental Society of America, also.

Dr. James Ruffin Osborne was first married to Laura Dixon from upper Cleveland County and to whom two children were born, one died in infancy and a daughter Maude married Garland Manning Greene of Boiling Springs, N.C. His second wife was Textia Anna Lattimore, born near Polkville on March 28, 1867 and who died August 4, 1940. They had a foster daughter, Madge, born February 15, 1891, who married Charles P. Wilkins; they had two children;

Thomas Hall Osborne, now deceased, was born July 5, 1893, married Faye Elmore and their children were Thomas Hall Osborne, Jr., now deceased, and Ann Osborne, who is married to Dr. Dan Hoover of Charlotte. Thomas Hall Osborne, Jr., now deceased, was married to Mary Evelyn Suttle and to this marriage were born two children, David Suttle Osborne and Jean Osborne. A son, Joseph Evans Osborne, first married Ruth Coulter of Connelly Springs, N.C. His second wife was Edith Culler. They lived in Rosman, N.C. where he was a dentist and medical doctor until his death in 1966. Also a son, James William Osborne was born in Shelby on December 20, 1903.

James William Osborne grew up at the family home on East Marion Street in Shelby, five blocks from the Courtsquare; at this time the city limits of Shelby only reached the intersection of Belvedere, and delivery boys hated to "take an order to the Osborne house because it was a half mile from town and up and down hill the whole way." As a young man, James William, the youngest son, worked in hardware stores that are famous names in Shelby history: Washburn's (now Phifer's Cleveland Hardware). Farmers' Hardware (owned by the late J.D. Lineberger) and Shelby Hardware (operated by the late W.A. and W.L. McCord). In the depths of the depression he became Deputy Clerk of Superior-Recorder's Court, under Clerk A.M. Hamrick. He then took advantage of the opportunities this position offered and studied law for five years, passing the North Carolina Bar examination on August 6, 1937. In the general election of 1939 he was elected Solicitor of Cleveland County Recorder's Court and remained in office until 1942.

During World War II for a period he served as Assistant File Clerk in the U.S. House of Representatives, after which he returned to the practice of law in Cleveland County. In 1956 he was named Clerk of Superior Court, a position he held until December, 1966 when he resigned to again practice law. A white Stetson hat was his trademark and a familiar sight around the Square and the streets of Shelby. Always active in community life, he helped students with instructions in law at Gardner-Webb College (Boiling Springs), was a charter member of Shelby Lions' Club, formed in 1929, serving as president and secretary of this organization. He was a Mason for over fifty years and a faithful member and lay leader of Central Methodist Church, where he taught an Adult Sunday School Class for many years.

James William Osborne was first married to Minnie Catherine Warlick, daughter of A.C. and Octavia Warlick, who died September 17,

1973. His second wife was Daisy Leigh Boyles Hill, to whom he was married on January 29, 1975. Characterized as "the man with a heart the size of the Court square", Bill died on May 27, 1978.

— Mrs. J.W. Osborne



J.W. Osborne, 1902-1975

WILLIAM LEGRANDE PACKARD

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Lee Packard November 17, 1863 — September 15, 1923 as he was known — was born in Duncan's Creek township, Rutherford County, North Carolina the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Marion Packard. Lee Packard's mother was Sallie Lattimore, who was sister of Captain Thomas D. Lattimore, a great grandfather was William Carson who was for a generation sheriff of Rutherford County, North Carolina.

At the age of (24) twenty-four years with little education, but a strong mind and a willing body, went to Major Schenck's factory at Cleveland Mills, and applied for work. Major Schenck put Lee Packard to work in the woods getting out bills of lumber. He was a general utility man around the mill for several years and proved his worth to Major Schenck, who advanced him, step by step, until he became superintendent of the newly built mill at Lawndale.

Mr. Lee Packard remained at Lawndale Mill which he had looked after building for fifteen years. After this, he came to Shelby, North Carolina, as superintendent of the Shelby Mill for two years.

The next connection of Lee Packard was with Henrietta Mill, where he was superintendent for two years. The late R.R. Haynes regarded him as one of the most effective mill superintendents in North Carolina. With Mr. Haynes, Lee Packard helped build the Haynes' Mill at Avondale, North Carolina.

Lee Packard was not only a fine builder, but

a thorough mill man who knew the business from doffer boy to "super". The thousands of employees that have been under him during thirty-five years in mill business, have always found him a fair, efficient, broad, and charitable "boss", who stood always ready to help his fellow man.

Mr. Lee Packard was a fine christian character, and gave much of his time to religious work. As a Sunday school teacher and superintendent, he was an active, concentrated worker who found joy in winning souls and building Christian character. Wherever he worked, his fellow workers found him "true blue". He enjoyed the confidence of all his associates in business, and his advice was always sought on matters of textile business, because in this line, he was a graduate in the school of practical experiences.

After some years with Cliffside mills and Haynes mills, Lee Packard retired to come to Shelby, North Carolina, to spend more time with his family in their elegant home on North Morgan Street, Shelby, North Carolina.

During Lee Packard's experience in mill business, he was associated with Major and John Schenck Senior, S. Bobo Tanner, J.R. Dover, and R.R. Haynes.

Mr. Lee Packard was a deacon in the Shelby First Baptist Church, a mason of high rank, and was also connected with local business enterprises.

From backwoods country boy, handicapped for lack of education, with no pull, slowly but surely, he mounted the ladder of success. Every opportunity to learn more about his profession, was taken advantage of, and when he died, had nothing, but praise for his example christian character. Hundreds of his employees gathered Sunday to drop a tear on his bier, and express words of sorrow to his bereaved family.

Mr. Lee Packard married Miss Jennie Farris of Texas while he lived in Lawndale, North Carolina. She came there to teach school while he was connected with Lawndale Mill. Mrs. Packard was a devoted help mate and loyal companion through their many years of married life.

Two children were born to Lee and Jennie F. Packard. Their names are Mrs. George Shuford of Cliffside, North Carolina, and Jennie Lee Packard who lives in Shelby, North Carolina.

Lee Packard died suddenly with a heart attack on September 15, 1923, at his home on North Morgan Street in Shelby, North Carolina.

Memorial service was held at the First Baptist Church on Monday, September 17, 1923, in Shelby, North Carolina. A crowd that more than filled the church attended the service, and one of the largest floral offerings that has ever been seen here, poured forth as a testimony to the esteem and worth in which he was held in the community. The expressions of sympathy for one of Cleveland County's most beloved citizens, and one of the foremost cotton mill superintendents in North Carolina, were many.

Sources: newspaper clippings.

— Mrs. Jack Shuford

VIRGINIA BELLE HOEY PADGETT

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Mrs. Charles King Padgett, only daughter and youngest child of Samuel Ernest and Dora Henkel Hoey, is unspoiled in spite of the attention bestowed upon her by five loving brothers, her parents and many friends.

No children of her own, Virginia's unselfish nature has manifested itself through the years in care for those first loved her and a host of others. Physical beauty and graciousness have been nurtured by her inner beauty apparent to those close to her.

Relationship to others is illustrated by her life and work in the First United Methodist Church. She was awarded a Life Membership in the Woman's Society of the church.

Virginia attended Converse College, Spartanburg, South Carolina where she was a member of Delta, Delta Phi Sorority. She made her debut at the Terpsichorean Ball in Raleigh.

Being the dear friend as well as cousin of Isabelle Hoey, daughter of Governor Clyde R. Hoey, Virginia enjoyed special privileges such as being matron of honor as Isabelle christened the battleship U.S.S. North Carolina on June 13, 1940 at the Brooklyn Naval Yard.

Her marriage to Dr. Charles King Padgett, son of the Mr. and Mrs. T.R. Padgett of Forest City, was performed at "Seven Gables", home of her brother, Frank, and Delle Hoey, in Cleveland Springs. In a few years the Padgetts were to build their own lovely home, "Spring Hill," located a few doors away.

Dr. Padgett attended the University of North Carolina, Wake Forest College, and Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia.

Past President of the Junior Charity League and member of the Reviewers Book Club, my aunt Virginia is an avid bridge player and plays regularly with the Triple Deck, the Tuesday and the Round Dozen clubs.

Both Ruth Hoey Lautz and I feel privileged to call this admired young matron "Aunt" Virginia.

— Eleanor Hoey Bradshaw

HARRY EPHRIAM and GRACE NEISLER PAGE FAMILY

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Harry Ephriam Page and Laura Grace Neisler were married July 24, 1937. Harry, born January 28, 1908, is the son of the late Addie Mae Hoover and Harry Page of Lincolnton, North Carolina; his grandfather, George Augustus Page who was English by birth, was a carriage maker and minister, having organized the Derita Methodist Church in Mecklenburg County.

Harry was educated in the Lincolnton Public Schools where his father had served as chairman of the Board of Education. He later attended Christ School in Arden, North Carolina. He worked for the P & N Railroad before beginning a thirty-year association with Neisler Mills in Kings Mountain. Later he became a merchant and gentleman farmer in that community. As an active member of the First Pres-

byterian Church there he served as superintendent of the Sunday School, as a Deacon, an Elder, Clerk of the Session, and President of the Men of the Church. Harry has also been active in civic affairs as a charter member and past President of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club and a regional director of the Boy Scouts.

Grace, born March 1, 1910, is the daughter of Ida Pauline Mauney and Charles Eugene Neisler. She is a graduate of Kings Mountain High School, Ward-Belmont Junior College, and George Peabody College. An outstanding sportswoman, she was the North Carolina Skeet Shooting Champion for two years, 1935 and 1936. Like her husband, Grace has been active in church and civic work, serving for over twenty years as a teacher of youngsters in the Kings Mountain Presbyterian Church and for seventeen years as a leader of the Brownie Scouts. She has also been active in the Women of the Church, the Red Cross, and the Kings Mountain Women's Club.

Grace and Harry have two daughters, Pauline Neisler Page, born July 23, 1940, and Laura Jean Page, born May 2, 1945. Both girls graduated from Kings Mountain High School and made their debuts in balls sponsored by the Shelby Junior Charity League.

Laura graduated from Meredith College in 1967, taught in the Atlanta Public Schools for two years, then began a career involving extensive world-wide travel. She started by teaching for the Department of Defense for one year in Okinawa and a second year in Stuttgart, Germany. Shortly after returning to Atlanta she became a travel agent, working primarily with international travellers. In that capacity she organized and escorted one of the first American groups into the People's Republic of China even before the United States established formal diplomatic relations with that country. Laura is also active in church and civic affairs as a member of the North Avenue Presbyterian Church and the Junior League of Atlanta.

Pauline (Polly) graduated from Agnes Scott College in 1962. She also made her debut in Raleigh's Terpsichorean Ball. After a two-year job as a social worker in Raleigh, she married David Humphreys Moreau in 1964. They have two children, Catherine Page, born July 7, 1967, and David Stewart, born May 2, 1970. Their family now lives in Chapel Hill, where Polly is active in the Sunday School and kindergarten of University Presbyterian Church. She is a sustaining member and formerly a director of the Chapel Hill Junior Service league, active in Girl Scouts, a member of Agnes Scott's Alumnae Board, and a public school teacher.

Her husband, a native of Natchez, Mississippi, holds engineering degrees from Mississippi State and North Carolina State and a PhD from Harvard awarded in 1967. He joined the faculty of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1968 where he is now Professor of Environmental Planning and Engineering and Associate Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. He is an Elder in University Presbyterian and served as Chairman of the Orange Water and Sewer Authority. Through his work in water and air resource management he has served extended periods with the

United States Environmental Protection Agency and several international organizations.

— Grace N. Page

DR. VALENTINE JACKSON PALMER

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Valentine Jackson Palmer, 1829-1916, married Mary Donoho Bedford, 1830-1895. He was the son of Loammi Charles and Kate Rowell Palmer. She was the daughter of Joseph and Nancy Elliott Bedford.

His parents lived on a farm near Marion, South Carolina, and had six children: Susan Catherine, born 1823, William born 1825, James born 1827, Valentine Jackson born 1829, Benjamin Hazard born 1831, and Caroline Elizabeth born 1833 and died an infant. Kate Rowell Palmer died in 1836 and was buried at Tabernacle Church near Marion, South Carolina.

After his wife's death, Loammi Charles Palmer decided to take his four small sons — ages 5, 7, 9 and 11, and go west to Texas. A cousin, seventeen-year old Pinkney Avery Avent, went with them, and also a few slaves. They loaded a wagon and some ox carts for the journey. They arrived at Mobile, Alabama, after three weeks travel. Loammi (the father) fell from the wagon and received internal injuries. He took a cold and pneumonia and died. Cousin Avent and the slaves dug a grave beside the road and buried him in 1836.

The slaves and the Indians quarreled. The Indians tried to steal the Palmer boys, but Cousin Avent made peace with them. One night the oxen got loose and ran away. Cousin Avent paid the Indians fifty cents to catch the oxen and bring them back. Then he, the Palmer boys, and the slaves went back to Marion, South Carolina. The children went to live with their Uncle, William Rowell and his family. They lived with their uncle until they were almost grown.

Valentine Jackson was six years old when his mother died, and seven when his father died. He had malaria fever and measles in the teens, and came to North Carolina, Rutherford County, for his health when he was 17 years old. He stayed with Cousin Pinkney Avery Avent, who was a young minister. Here he met and fell in love with Mary Donoho Bedford. Then he decided to study medicine, and went to Lincolnton, North Carolina, where he read and studied medicine under Dr. Butt and Dr. Brown.

In 1852, when he was 23 years old, he and Mary Donoho Bedford were married. He wanted to go to college, so he borrowed some money from three good farmers and friends who trusted and admired him, and thought he was a very worthy young man. He went to Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and graduated on October 2, 1856. In March, 1858, he located on a farm near Duncans Creek in Rutherford County. He came to Cleveland County December, 1862 and located just north of Polkville.

In 1862, Dr. Palmer and Major H.F. Schenck organized the last volunteer company

in Cleveland County in the Civil War. He could have been a surgeon in the army, but preferred fighting in the front lines with his comrades. He became a First Lieutenant in the Infantry and fought in many battles: Chickamauga Creek 1863, Fort Steadman, Plymouth, Five Forks, Drury's Bluff, Petersburg, April 2, 1865, and Williamsburg. At Plymouth he was badly wounded in the left thigh — a shell cut the flesh out to the bone. After five months he was able to go back to the Infantry. In April 1865, he was captured at Williamsburg, Virginia, and was imprisoned at Johnsons Island, Ohio, but he and many other soldiers were released June 29, 1865. Dr. Palmer came home and practiced medicine for many, many years.

Dr. Palmer and his wife, Mary had eleven children. Dr. Palmer was thrifty, honest, a hard worker, and never cursed nor swore. He was very religious and a good neighbor. He often supplied for pastors and conducted many funerals. He rode horseback many years

to visit the sick. He was the first in the county to buy a gig, and then a buggy pulled by his faithful brown horse named "Bay." He bought the first reaper in the county. He was a doctor, but believed in "early to bed and early to rise."

Mary, Dr. Palmer's wife, died in 1895 and is buried in the Elliott Cemetery which was the garden of the home of her grandparents, John Crenshaw and Mary Donoho Elliott.

Dr. Palmer was married the second time to Mrs. Margaret Groce Williamson — no children. Dr. Palmer died in 1915 and is buried by his wife Mary in the Elliott Cemetery. The second Mrs. Palmer died in 1919 and is buried at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church near Forest City, North Carolina.

Children of Dr. V.J. Palmer and Mary Donoho Bedford:

Nancy Catherine, 1853-1927, married William Leander Toms. Children: Mamie, Bob, Will, Everette, John, Olen, Pearl, Am, Hugh and Katie Mai.

Margaret Bedford Palmer, 1855-1939, mar-

ried William Milton Gold. Children: Joseph, Will, Katie Belle, Lucy and Tom.

William Butt Palmer, 1856-1912, married: 1. Susan Magness — Children: Oscar Oliver, Valentine Jackson and Elijah. 2. Josephine Ledbetter — no children. 3. Sallie Cline — no children.

Joseph Bedford Palmer, married Victoria Rollins. Children: Zennie, Ethel and Kate.

Thomas Rowell Palmer, 1860-1887.

Valentine Jackson Palmer, Jr., 1862-1877.

Jonas James Palmer, 1864-1934, married Bessie Reichard. Children: Mary Ann, John and James Clyde.

John Daniel Palmer, 1866-1877.

Mary Susan Palmer, 1869-1900, married Frank Jones, no children.

Dr. Benjamin Hazard Palmer, 1861-1924, married Emma Cline. Children: Mary Eva, Lela, Ben, Sarah and Ralph Ray.

Loammi Charles Palmer, 1874-1938, married Catherine Cline Hoyle. Children: Mary D., Thomas V., Hewitt H., Dr. Yates S. and L. Charles.

Sources: family records, obituary notices, and an old family Bible.

— Jack Palmer, Jr.

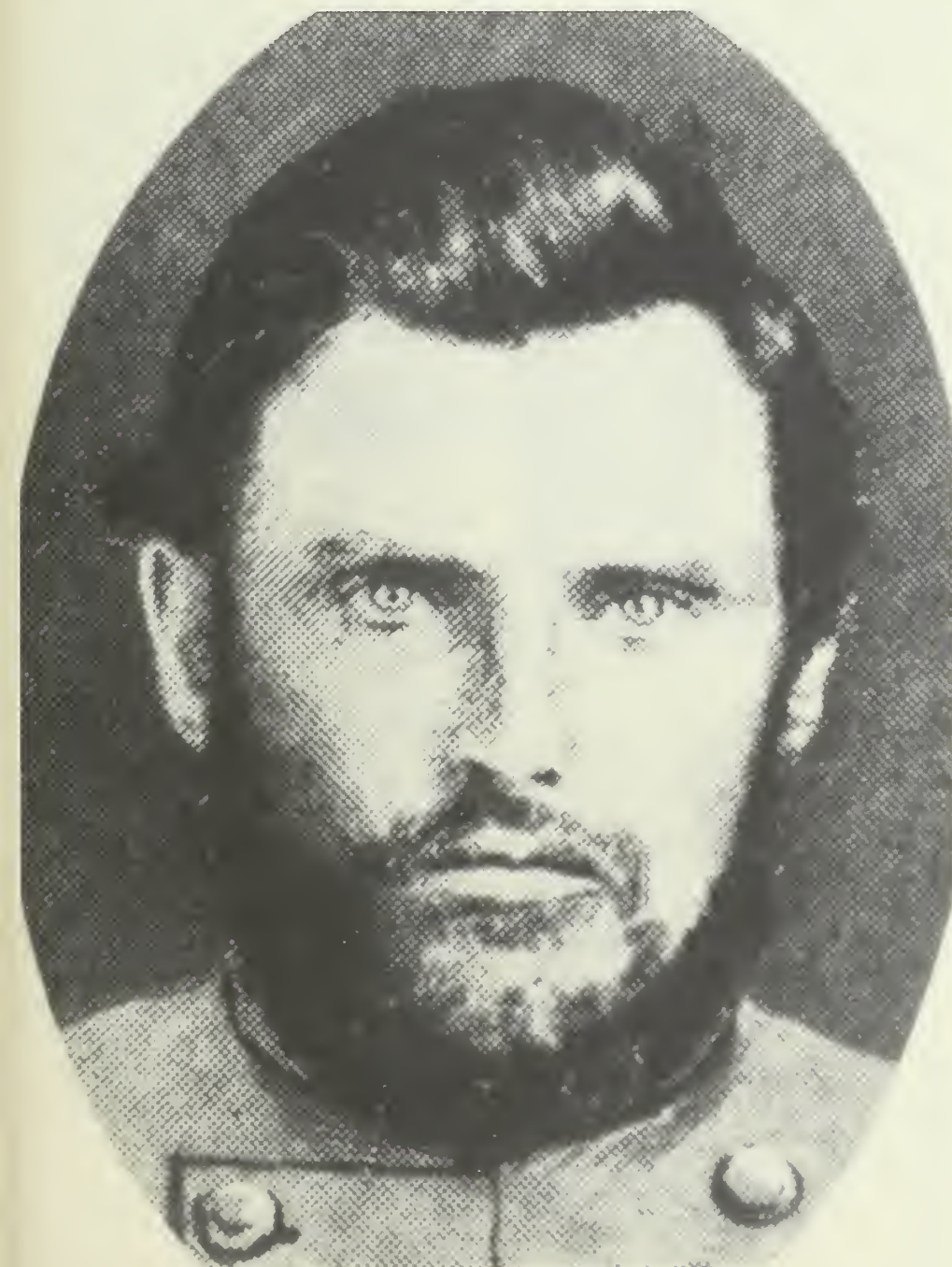
DR. V.J. PALMER #2

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Dr. V.J. Palmer, physician of the soul as well as the body, soldier of the Confederacy, pioneer and builder of a splendid county and community, father and gentleman, crossed over the river Monday evening June 23, 1915 at 6:05 to rest in the shadow of the trees with his comrades forever.

In Dr. Palmer's passing, Cleveland County lost one of its most valued citizens. For fifty long years he was a practicing physician, attending thousands of suffering men and rendering to them, his best medical skill. He belonged to the "saddle bag and pill box" variety of physicians, practicing in a territory and in an age when physicians were scarce, hospitals were unknown, drug stores had never been introduced and modes of travel and communications were slow. For years he rode his horse because buggies were not made. Later he bought a gig and when buggies came into use, he introduced a more modern method of travel. Whenever he was called to visit a patient, he never denied his services even though the patient may have been indebted to him. His life work was that of relieving suffering humanity, and in this he stands a peer of any man of his day. Often times he traveled 35 miles and went steadfastly about his duty when he would be feeling worse than the patient he was going to see.

Dr. Palmer was born in Marion County, South Carolina, February 9, 1829, and came to Cleveland County in January 1850 and remained a short time. He studied medicine with Britt and Brown in Lincolnton and graduated from Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia, in March 1858 and first located in Rutherford County at Duncan's Creek and came to Cleveland County in December 1862, located at Polkville where he was an honored and useful citizen until his death. For a number of years he



Dr. Valentine Jackson Palmer

was president of the county medical society and was highly esteemed by his professional brethren. In 1852 Dr. Palmer was married to Miss Mary Bedford by whom he had eleven children, thirty-one grand-children and seventeen great-grand children in 1915.

After the death of his first wife, he married Mrs. Martha Ann Williamson with whom he lived happily and contentedly until they were separated by death. Mrs. Palmer is a noble Christian woman who is greatly loved and honored by all who know her. She was ever faithful and dutiful to Dr. Palmer and ministered unto him during his spells of illness in his advanced years.

Dr. Palmer was truly a good man. He had a kind heart, respect for his fellow man, a sound mind and gave sober advice to his host of friends when they called upon him for such. If he had an enemy in the whole world, he has not yet been discovered. Dr. Palmer was a friend to everybody, and was never known to make an uncomplimentary remark about his fellow y. He lived a life of doing unto others as he would have them do unto him and this golden rule elevated the souls of men with whom he came in contact in his broad travels. In the absence of ministers in those early days, he conducted many funerals, reading passages of Scripture and offering public prayers as ably and well as any layman could do.

Dr. Palmer was first lieutenant in Company F. 56th North Carolina Regiment, one of the last volunteer companies to be organized in Cleveland County. He helped organize it with Mayor J.F. Schenck in 1863. The doctor could have passed the examination and become a surgeon in the Confederate Army, but he preferred to serve with his men at the front and his record was one of heroism and devotion. He was in the following battles: Chicahominy, Fort Steadman, Plymouth, Five Forks, Drury's Bluff, Petersburg, Turnpike between Richmond and Petersburg, Williamson in Halifax County, North Carolina, and Reem's Station. In the battle of Plymouth he was wounded severely when a shell struck his left thigh and cut the flesh to the bone in April 1864. He came home to recuperate and went back in the fall, lying in the ditches around Petersburg. A great portion of the time he was in command of his company and never ordered a man to go where he would not dare go himself. His men had the greatest respect for him and his constant order to his men was "Cut the Belt, Men" knowing that this was the vital spot of man.

At the battle of Five Forks his company had dwindled to a mere handful of men because of wounds, capture and illness. He stood upon the breastworks at Five Forks and fired at the enemy while his men reloaded the rifles in the pit. He kept firing until the gun barrels became so hot he could not hold them and every time he fired he took aim as deliberately as he would at a squirrel. A few days before the surrender he was captured.

He came home to help build up a wrecked and devastated country; to resume his labors as a healer and a helper of men. Along with his professional work he maintained one of the best farms in the county. About 1915 he gave up his practice, rounding out a half century of

active work. His out door life gave him unusual vitality and is responsible for his having lived to be 84 years, 4 months and 12 days.

The funeral was conducted Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Elliott's church burying ground by Rev. J.P. Davis, assisted by Rev. I.D. Harrill. A great crowd was present and witnessed the solemn service under a large poplar where favorite old songs, which the Doctor loved, were sung.

Many gray-haired comrades were present and at the request of the family, were given a chance to express their feelings over the passing of their beloved friend. Mr. J.F. Lucas recalled how Dr. Palmer would visit him on picket duty and give him great cheer and comfort on the battle front. Mr. A.M. Lattimore, Mr. T.G. Philbeck and others told of his unbounded love for all, his inspiring life, his discreet words and his noble character. The beautiful black casket was borne to the grave by comrades T.J. Dixon, M.W. Crowder, J.C. Elliott, Alfred Whisnant, W.F. Gold, A.M. Lattimore, Joe Walker and J.F. Lucas. Each threw a shovel full of dirt in the grave and the younger men finished the interment.

Sources: Newspaper article

— Mary Gordon Elliott



Beulah Herndon and James L. Parker on their Wedding Day, October 1909.

THE JAMES L. PARKER FAMILY

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Beulan Herndon (1881-1966) married James Lindsey Parker (1877-1929) on Oct. 20, 1909. Beulah grew up in the Grover area and Jim grew up just across the state line in the Antioch and Mt. Paran section — near Gaffney and Blacksburg, S.C. Beulah attended the Asheville Normal and became a teacher. Jim worked with the railroad in the mail service. When they married they moved to Atlanta, Ga. taking with them Jim's two children by a previous marriage, Edna (1905-1940) and Eugene "Gene" (1903-1967). Later the family moved to Grover and the children attended school there.

Gene graduated at Clemson College and married Elizabeth Evans of Cheraw, S.C. They

lived most of their married life in Washington, D.C. where Gene was with the Internal Revenue Service. They had one daughter, Salley.

Edna graduated from Limestone College and served as a teacher in the Shelby City Schools. She married Paxton Elliott and they had one daughter, Sara Elizabeth. While Edna and Eugene were in college the Parkers moved to Shelby where Jim opened up a grocery store on N. Washington Street near the Seaboard Railway Station.

In 1927 their daughter Jacqueline "Jackie" Elaine was born. Jackie attended the Shelby Schools and graduated at Furman University. She became a home economics teacher and later served as School Food Service Director with the Cleveland County Schools. Jackie married (1950) Russell S. Davis (b. 1920). Russell Davis grew up in the Mooresboro community, served 6½ yrs. in army during World War II. He worked with Duke Power Co. for 30 years and later with Sears and Williams Electric Co. Jackie and Russell had two sons:

Russell Jr. (b. 1952) and Robert G. (b. 1958) Russell, Jr. received a B.A. degree in journalism at U.N.C., Chapel Hill, NC and a M.A. degree in Political Science & History at U.N.C., Charlotte, NC. He served in the U.S. Army for three years. At the present time he resides in Charlotte and is employed at Biggers Brothers in Charlotte.

Robert attended Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte and studied Computer Science. He is employed by Southern Bell in Atlanta where he presently resides.

— Mrs. Jacqueline Parker Davis

ARTHUR PATTERSON, SR.

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The Pattersons (son of Patrick) originated in Scotland, moved to Northern Ireland in the 17th century, and emigrated to the Colonies in the 18th. century. Three Patterson brothers, James, Arthur and John, landed at Philadelphia in 1748 and moved to the western frontier of Pennsylvania in Franklin County. They farmed, married, and reared families there during the French and Indian Wars. Arthur left Pennsylvania at the height of "Pontiac's War" in 1763 and joined his brothers near Salisbury, N.C. Arthur lived in Charlotte and then bought property on King's Creek (near Kings Mountain) in 1778, two years before the crucial battle of Kings Mountain which took place adjacent to his home.

Arthur had six children: a daughter Sarah (Mrs. Gordon), and five sons; Thomas (1755-1805), William (1758-1793), Arthur Jr. (1764-1856), James (1770-1840), and Robert (1774-1854). Lyman C. Draper's history (*King's Mountain and Its Heroes*) has it that Arthur Sr. was killed in the battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780 while trying to rescue three of his sons who had been captured by the British.

On the morning of October 7, 1780, prior to the battle, a party of Ferguson's British foragers arrested Arthur's sons William, Thomas, Arthur Jr., and a neighbor boy, James Lindsey. The boys were on King's Creek hunting



Rufus Urbane Patterson, 1816-1905. Grandson of Arthur Patterson, Sr.

their father's cows when the foragers came upon them, and fearing that the boys might tell their location, arrested them and carried them to Ferguson's camp. When the boys failed to return home Arthur Sr. went searching for them. When he discovered that they had been arrested he went to the British camp to negotiate their release. He arrived just as the battle started, entered the fight with his own rifle, repeatedly fired and charged with the colonials until he was killed by the British muskets.

The Patterson boys had been tied to trees, but during the battle they managed to free themselves. Thomas, who was 25, ran for the American lines but managed to snatch up a rifle that had fallen from a wounded soldier's hands and began firing at his captors. William, 20, also joined the battle and the N.C. Historical Society has placed a tombstone at his grave. Arthur Jr., bound tighter than the others eventually managed to get loose from the tree and, with hands and feet still tied, rolled down the mountainside and got into the American lines. The tradition is that Arthur Sr.'s body was buried on the western slope of the mountain and a small stone marked the grave. The stone marker was destroyed before a better one could be erected and now the burial place is

unknown. However, family records indicate that Arthur Sr. survived the battle and continued to live on his large farm on Kings Creek in robust health until his death in 1803.

A few days after the battle the Patterson boys and several friends were walking over the battlefield when they came upon a wounded soldier from Ferguson's army. They tried to capture him but he fired at them with his gun. They grabbed him, hung him to a tree and left him to die. The body remained there until it decayed and fell to the ground. For years the rope could be seen still dangling in the tree. The battlefield was visited for weeks afterwards by those who lived nearby, and many souvenirs were recovered. Arthur Jr. picked up a string of beads taken from a woman in Ferguson's camp. One of the first to be killed, the woman was thrown under a brush pile and the young Patterson found her body with the beads on her neck. The beads were handed down in the E.A. Patterson family and were used in the display during the Celebration of 1880.

Arthur Sr.'s sons continued to live near him on property of their own. Arthur Jr. married Ellender Price (1770-1842) and they had ten children: Isabella (b. 1795); Sarah (1797-

1863) who married Robert Dickson (1773-1856); Milton (1799-1828); Thomas (1801-1827); Asenath (1803-c. 1900) who married Francis R. James and moved to Jefferson County, Tennessee on Arthur Jr.'s Revolutionary War Land Grant; Eli Armstrong (1806-1882) married Mary Patterson (1802-1898); John M. (b. 1808) married Rachael Goforth; Emily (b. 1810) married W.W. Dickson; Arthur H. (1813-1844) married Sarah Hambright (1821-1844); and Rufus Urbane (1816-1905) married Sarah Hardin (1821-1903).

A number of the young Patterson soldiers died in the Civil War by 1865. Rufus Urbane's surviving son was Ira Hardin Patterson (1853-1934) who married Angelina Whitesides (1854-1941). Ira and Angelina had twelve children and many of their families still live in Kings Mountain. Ira gave the property for the Patterson Grove Baptist Church (near Kings Mountain), founded in 1884. Arthur Sr.'s descendants are numerous; hundreds continue to live in Cleveland and nearby counties; many others moved to southern states before the Civil War and their children to southwestern and western states after 1865.

— Dr. Bob E. Patterson

EDWIN A. PATTERSON

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Edwin Albert Patterson, third child of George Barto and Hattie Hardin Patterson, was born January 15th 1920. He attended Patterson Springs elementary school and graduated from Number Three High School.

A Veteran of World War II, he was a soldier, served 31 months in the Army Air Corps as a Radio Operator and Communications Specialist, graduating from the Army Air Forces Technical Training Command School of Communication in Madison, Wisconsin.

In 1942 he married Emily H. Buice, daughter of Charles and Corrie Allen Buice of Shelby, N.C. To this union was born two children, Anita Louise and Edwin Albert Jr.

In 1946 he was employed as Chief Engineer of the newly formed Radio Station W.O.H.S. This was the first radio station on the air between Gastonia and Asheville. He helped build and operate this facility for 28 years. He also owned a wholesale radio supply in Shelby, and maintained the communications equipment for the City of Shelby for a number of years. He spent six and a half years in maintenance at Cleveland Memorial Hospital where he retired in 1982.

A life long member of Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church, where over this period of years he has filled almost every office. He is a charter member and past president of Number Three Ruitan Club, the Shelby Radio Club, a charter member of VFW, past president of Patterson Springs and Number Three PTA's, and has served seven years on Number Three School committee. He is a mason, member 202 Shelby, member York Rite bodies, Gastonia, a shiner, member Oasis Temple Charlotte. He is also a charter member of Piedmont Shrine Club, a charter member of Piedmont Pistons, and local Shrine Parade Unit. Also, he

served as the first mayor of Patterson Springs, and is now filling out an unexpired term of a former Commissioner and has been re-elected as mayor.

Sources: personal interview.

— Edwin Patterson

FENDAL S. and NANCY SUSANES HUGHES PATTERSON

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Fendal S. Patterson was born in Cleveland County, August 3, 1842, to John Thomas and Barbara Whitworth Patterson, in a house that once stood where the old water works is located on Grover Street near Broad River. He was a brother to Samuel, Thomas, Mary, Masina, John Maryan, and William.

As a young boy, Fendal and his older brothers helped their daddy operate a furniture factory below the house closer to the river. They made all types of furniture including cord beds. People would come from everywhere to buy their furniture.

Around 1850 Fendal's daddy purchased and moved on to four hundred acres of land around the area of what is now Pleasant Hill Baptist Church. John Thomas Patterson donated the land for the first church and cemetery in 1850.

In 1861, at nineteen years of age, Fendal

joined the Confederate Army in the United States Civil War along with his four brothers. His brothers did not survive the war, and returning home in 1865, Fendal helped his parents raise his brother's children.

On January 12, 1871, he married Nancy Susanes Hughes, born October 25, 1847, to Stantin and Nancy Hughes. Along with his brothers children they raised eight of their own: Thomas H., Lemuel, Juluis, Mary Jeamsanna, Emily Jane, Dovie, William and John Patterson (see the John Patterson History).

Fendal was a neat, proud man, who was said to have had the best looking beard in Cleveland County. It was every bit of five inches long and would cover a tie so he never wore one. His hair and beard were always clean and trimmed to perfection. He carried a comb in his pocket and pulled it out often to comb his hair and beard. What a pity he would not allow his picture to be taken to show off his handsome beard!

Susanes was a pretty little woman who always wore a "rat" in her hair, a long brown roll that she wrapped her hair around to ball it up in back.

Along with all the women in her day she wore two and three petticoats under her long dresses. As she walked along she held the right side of her skirt up to make moving easier.

Near 1912, Fendal and Susanes bought the lease for a hundred acre farm, for twenty-five

dollars a year, located off Highway 74 where the freezer locker now stands. There was a house and barn on the land. Eventually they built another house and barn nearer the road and moved there.

Here they farmed and lived off the land. They only bought what they could not raise such as coffee, sugar, black pepper, salt and soda, swapping chickens or eggs for these.

They would make sausage and put it in lard buckets with grease on top to seal it. These buckets were hung across the back porch. When they wanted sausage they would get one of the buckets, pry the grease off, and fry some of that delicious sausage.

When they planted their vegetable garden, they would plant flowers along each side of the garden paths. This created a thing of beauty as well as a source of food.

They would bed their sweet potatoes down in a "tater hill" to preserve them through the winter. Fendal was a jolly person and when his granddaughters would come to visit he would say, "let me show you something that will make you smart, so you will wash dishes and help your mama churn." The he would raise up a plank over the "tater hill" and there would be a big "hoppy toad". "But," he said, "if you see a lizard first you will be lazy."

When they were no longer able to farm they moved into the lower house and let their daughter, Jennie, and her husband, Tommy Camp, move into the upper one. They continued to plant gardens, raise chickens and turkeys and keep bees.

Fendal developed heart dropsy and when the "flu" epidemic came he could not fight it off. He died December 8, 1918. Two years later on March 24, 1920, Susanes died. They are buried side by side in the Pleasant Hill Church Cemetery.

Sources: Family, Bible grave stones, and interviews with family members.

— Betty Patterson McIntyre

GEORGE BARTO PATTERSON SR.

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George Barto Patterson Sr. was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina, the fifth child of William George and Rebecca Hogue Patterson early in the Civil War. He grew up helping with his fathers Summer Resort and also in a wide farming operation, which spread over much of his early years. Several years were spent assisting an Uncle near Columbus, Georgia in a farming operation which produced thousands of bales of cotton each season. He returned to take over the operation of Patterson Springs Hotel from his aged father in the latter part of the 19th century and ran it until 1899.

In 1896 he was married to Hattie Elizabeth Hardin, daughter of William Kim and Laura Roberts Hardin of the local Community. To this union was born three living children, Hattie Christine, George B. Jr. and Edwin A. Patterson. After operations of the Patterson Springs Hotel ceased in 1899 this property was sold to other interests and he continued



Nancy Susanes Hughes Patterson

his career in farming. He was successful in this endeavor, amassing several hundred acres of land, which he pushed to high production of cotton and other farm products. He was very interested in his community and never missed a chance to help and promote it in any way that he could. For many years served as a member of the Number Three Township Road Commissioners, helping to plan, build and maintain the road system. Many of these roads with modifications are still in use today.

He was a strong supporter of Education and served many years on the local school board. In 1923 while serving in this capacity, it was decided to incorporate several schools and build a modern school at Patterson Springs, teaching grades one through ten. A Bond issue was passed by the local people and one of the counties early brick schools began raising, but alas before it was completed, funds were depleted until another tax year passes. Rather than to wait, he and another Board Member Mr. J.B. Lowery signed personal notes at local banks, enabling the building to be completed and properly furnished with desks and other needed equipment and classes could begin without delay. In the early 1930's he and other progressive leaders in Number Three Township foresaw the need of a full service high school. This was during the depression years, money was scarce but the decision was reached to build this much needed facility, and a local bond issue was passed to do so. This school, Number Three High School was to serve all the people in Number Three Township and was the first consolidated high school in Cleveland County. The building was completed and classes were first taught in January 1932.

He was a strong believer in the Golden Rule, his honesty was a virtue. He was an avid baseball fan, loved his family and his community, enjoyed a good joke, loved people and was blessed with a wide friendship among all he came in contact with. Mr. Patterson was born November 17, 1861, died January 28, 1938. Mrs. Patterson was born November 11, 1879, died October 26, 1965. Both are buried in Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church Cemetery adjoining the former Patterson Springs Hotel Property.

Sources: Family Bible, Cemetery records.

— Edwin Patterson

THE JOHN PATTERSON FAMILY

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John Patterson (May 7, 1883 — October 25, 1918) was the youngest of eight children born in Cleveland County, North Carolina, to Fendal S. and Nancy Susanes Hughes Patterson. He married Fannie Wilson (July 16, 1886 — February 8, 1960), daughter of Tom and Maggie Kendrick Wilson.

Johnny and Fannie were blessed with six precious children: Janie (November 5, 1902 — died in infancy); Billy (December 9, 1904 — December 15, 1980), Fenley (April 5, 1907 — February 21, 1980), Ruth (June 7, 1908), John Lewis (September 10, 1911) and Mar-



John and Fannie Wilson Patterson

garet Francis (September 6, 1917 — October 15, 1918).

They started out their married life living with his parents on a farm called "the Wells Place" located on Hickory Creek off Earl Road.

Fendal, Johnny's father, had a wagon and a team of mules. Johnny and his brother, Lem, helped their father haul the bricks that were used to build the Lily Mill in 1903.

Johnny moved his family into their first home on Earl Road on the Hacket Blanton land which they farmed for him.

He kept mules to trade at that time, and once he traded a mule for a donkey. Not wanting his family to laugh at him, he tied the donkey on Hickory Creek until he could find a way to tell them what he had done. The donkey, with his loud, harsh braying, announced to everyone "Johnny's trade".

They moved into another house on Hacket Blanton land set back off South LaFayette Street. Here, Johnny farmed for twenty-five cents a day and Fannie for fifteen. She could pick over three hundred pounds of cotton on a good day while her small children played on a quilt in the cotton patch.

Johnny began to have epileptic seizures. Very little was known about this disease then, and a great deal of superstition was connected with it.

Around 1915, they moved to the Buffalo Mill village where Johnny worked until his illness forced him to quit. Then Fannie, working in the mill, became the sole supporter of the family.

Once, while she was at work, Johnny had a

seizure and fell unconscious in the floor with his feet in the fireplace. The children screamed for help. A neighbor, Jessie Tritt, heard them and sent her husband, Charles, to help. He pulled Johnny out of the fire. Miraculously he was not burned.

Johnny and his oldest son, Billy, would walk up the railroad track from the Buffalo Mill to Shelby seeking medical help. His seizures, however, were uncontrollable.

Tom Wilson persuaded his son-in-law to come back to Shelby where they moved into a house on LaFayette Street in front of the Belmont Mill.

Fannie went to work in the mill on the night shift and Billy started to work on the day shift.

One day Billy went home for lunch with a terrible headache. Johnny tried to get his son to stay home, but he returned to the mill to doff his last round of twisters.

When he finally came home, he was so ill he lay down in the floor, on a pallet, in front of the fireplace with his baby sister, Margaret Francis. He gave her a fifty cent piece to play with and she put it in her mouth. Billy called for his mother to get it out and that was the last thing he remembered. He passed out with the dreaded "flu" of 1918.

Once during his illness he remembered seeing his daddy, Johnny, standing over his bed offering him a banana. When Billy finally regained consciousness, Margaret Francis and Johnny had died with the "flu" and were buried in the Pleasant Hill Church Cemetery.

Fannie later married Charles Lee Tritt, who



John Patterson Children. L to R: Fenley, Ruth, Billy (not pictured John Lewis)

had also lost his wife in 1918. They had three children: Elizabeth (April 13, 1920), Charles Lee, Jr. (December 26, 1922), and Elsie Madelene (January 30, 1927).

John Patterson was only thirty-six years old when he died. Having been ill for so many years he was unable to accomplish a lot in this life. But, he left a legacy with his children of a kind, easy going, gentle man who always carried a smile on his face and who was filled with love for his family.

Sources: Family Bible and interviews with family members.

— Betty Patterson McIntyre

WILLIAM GEORGE PATTERSON 847

William George Patterson, son of Colonel Edward and Mildred Lewis Patterson of Spartanburg, South Carolina came to Cleveland County in 1848, and was married to Rebecca Hogue, daughter of David and Jane Hogue, residents of the Zoar Community, three miles south of Shelby. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army, was taken prisoner and retained during the war. There were six living children born to this union as follows: William Lewis, David Edward, Charles Jacob, Harriet Elizabeth, George Barto and Leonard Pinkney Hayne.

In 1849 he purchased the Hogue family farm, where he resided for six years. In 1855 he purchased a small summer resort, Epps

Mineral Springs near Swangs, five miles southeast of Shelby. Iron, Freestone and Sulphur Springs flowed freely within a two hundred yard area. After making extensive building additions, including long wide porches on both floors with outside stairs, also adding adjacent family living units, for those who chose to spend long periods. Recreation areas were also added with outdoor bowling alleys, swings, nature trails and picnic areas, he chose to change the name to Patterson Springs. People came from a three hundred mile area to drink and enjoy the health giving benefits of the mineral waters and partake of the fine foods prepared and served family style on spacious tables in a large dining room. Food was gathered daily from local gardens, purchased from neighbors and Shelby markets, with plenty of fresh fruits in season, dairy products, poultry, eggs, pork, beef and of course country ham by the platter-full. This establishment was a place of great resort during the summer season for invalids and voltaries of pleasure, with many guests remaining the winter season also. During the winter season many people from Shelby and surrounding areas enjoyed the frequent gatherings and dances, with live bands, held in the large dining room.

Mr. Patterson was a strong supporter of local churches. He gave land to expand Zoar Baptist Church Cemetery and lumber from his estate to build the first Sulphur Springs M.E. Church. He became a large land owner in

Number Three Township where he was held in high regard by his neighbors and friends who stretched over three states.

He was honored when Southern Railway Petitioned the Post office Department to change the name of near-by Swangs to Patterson Springs in the late 1880's. Patterson Springs was incorporated in May 1973 with a population of 630 people, the 1980 census shows a population of 733, a growing and prosperous community. Mr. Patterson's Grandson Edwin A. Patterson was named the first Mayor of the Community. Mr. Patterson was born February 18, 1823, died July 3, 1899, Mrs. Patterson was born August 4, 1827, died October 3, 1892, both are buried in Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church Cemetery adjoining the original Patterson Springs Hotel property. After his death the property was sold to other interests, who were never able to restore it to its former grandeur. After several attempts, by different parties, the buildings and ground were left unkept and mostly vacant until it burned in 1936.

Sources: Family Bible and geneological study.

— Edwin Patterson

WILLIE PLONK PATTERSON 848

Willie Lucille Plonk, the first daughter of Clarence Sloan Plonk and Ellen Patterson Plonk, was born August 10, 1909 in Cleveland County six miles north of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. She was christened in St. Lukes Lutheran Church November 7, 1909.

Willie received her early education in the Cleveland County Schools and graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1926. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Lenoir Rhyne College in 1930 and did graduate work at the University of North Carolina, Winthrop College and Appalachian State University. She also studied at Plonk School of Creative Arts, Asheville, North Carolina.

Willie married Jay Hart Patterson of Fayetteville, North Carolina on November 8, 1933 in St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain.

Their first son, Jay Hart Patterson, Junior, born October 26, 1935 married Carolyn Geneva Bell January 12, 1957. Their only child is a daughter, Gina Lee Patterson born July 10, 1960.

Their twin sons, William Sloan Patterson and Joseph George Patterson, were born July 16, 1947. William Sloan married Rhonda Lynn Hefner December 28, 1969. Their children are Laura Sloan Patterson born June 28, 1974 and Sarah Hefner Patterson born September 9, 1980.

Willie taught in the Cumberland County Schools, Cleveland County Schools, Fayetteville City Schools, and the Kings Mountain District Schools before her retirement in 1974.

Sources: Family documents, newspaper records, and the book *Our Kin* by Hoffman.

— Willie P. Patterson



ISABEL YOUNG HOEY PAUL

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Isabel Young Hoey Paul, the third child and only daughter of Clyde Roark Hoey and Bess Gardner Hoey, was born in Shelby, N.C. on January 26, 1907. She attended Woman's College in Greensboro and received her A.B. degree from Duke University. For a year or two thereafter she taught school in an elementary school in South Shelby. She went to Simmons College in Boston for training in personnel work, and following the completion of that course became Personnel Director for Ivey's in Charlotte.

During the years 1937-1941 she lived in the Governor's mansion in Raleigh while her father was Governor. She assisted her mother by assuming the responsibility for directing the housekeeper regarding arrangements for the entertaining which was a necessary part of living in the mansion. In 1940 she had the honor of christening the battleship, U.S.S. North Carolina.

Following her return to Shelby after her

Isabel probably should have lived in New York, for she dearly loved the theater. She enjoyed wearing fashionable clothes and dared to wear outlandish hats. She was an avid reader of fiction, with a particular interest in mysteries. Often she would read late into the night, completing six or seven books a week. She had a vibrant personality, liked to entertain, and was well loved by old and young alike, although she seemed to relate particularly well to youth. She was a handsome and attractive woman. Her personality and zest for life attracted many friends. She had a charisma that added a bit of glamour to everyday life.

Those whose lives were touched by Isabel find that she lives on in their hearts and minds. Her final gift was the donation of sight by corneal transplant to a patient at Duke Hospital, who otherwise would be blind.

The following are excerpts from a memorial resolution adopted by the North Carolina General Assembly February 23, 1961:

"On January 31, 1961, Isabel Hoey Paul departed this life. In her death the state has sustained a great loss keenly felt by her legion of friends and many others who appreciated and understood her selfless and useful virtues.

"A person of charm, poise, wit, warmth, and understanding, who received her greatest satisfaction in serving others, Isabel Hoey Paul neither requested nor needs eulogy, for her life was her eulogy. 'To know her was to love her.'"

— Dan M. Paul
and Charlotte Hoey Mansfield

CHARLES LORENZO PEELER FAMILY

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Charles Lorenzo Peeler, born September 3, 1933 was the fifth and youngest son of Randolph Theodore and Elva Elmina Peeler of Belwood. Peeler is a German name. He married Alvin Joan Propst, born October 21, 1933 and she was the only child of the late J. Alvin Propst and Mrs. Fred Panther. Propst is also a German name.

Charles was educated at Belwood High School, later graduating from Cleveland Technical Institute with a Criminal Justice degree. He was raised on a 200-acre farm where he

enjoyed the outdoors and especially driving the tractor where the family raised crops of cotton and grain. At Belwood, he played basketball and baseball and was in the Future Farmers of America Club. While in the 4-H Club he won many honors for showing cows and in 1951 he won a trip to the American Royal Show held in Kansas City, Missouri. He took extension courses at North Carolina State University in cattle artificial insemination.

Joan was born and raised in Shelby. As a child, she won honors in dancing and acrobatics. She had seven years of piano. She graduated from Shelby High School in 1952 where she was a cheerleader and attended Gardner-Webb College where she was a cheerleader and a business major.

Both were twenty years old when married on April 25, 1954 at Webb Chapel, First Baptist Church in Shelby by Rev. John Lawrence. Charles carried on the farm work for his mother for two years until he was drafted into the Army. His wife worked at Union Trust Company Bank as a bookkeeper.

In 1956 when drafted into the Army he was based out of Fort Dix, New Jersey, at a Nike Missile Base in Livingston, New Jersey. His job was to guard New York City by a radar detector. The following year was spent in Portsmouth, Virginia, where he attained the rank of sergeant. One month before his duty was over they had a daughter, Paula Joy, born September 6, 1958 weighing 7 lbs. 12 ozs. at Shelby Hospital. She had so much dark hair the nurses tied a ribbon in it at the hospital. Four years later they had a son, Charles Franklin, nicknamed "Chuck" on September 23, 1962, weighing 8 lbs. 2 ozs.

Both were charter members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church. Charles did office work with Shelby Supply Company for three years then joined Carolina Freight Carriers in Cherryville as a long-line driver. They bought a house at 709 Branton Drive in Shelby in 1959 and later in 1964 they moved up a block to a larger house at 1315 Wesson Road.

Mrs. Peeler is a substitute teacher in the Shelby System. She is a member of Elks Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, Democratic Women of Cleveland County, and an antique judge for the Cleveland County Fair.

Charles is a member of Cleveland Masonic Lodge 202, a 32nd degree Mason of the Scottish Rites, a Shriner and member of Oasis Temple of Charlotte, also the Piedmont Shrine Club of Shelby, Shelby American Legion Post 82, Disabled Veterans, The American Veterans and Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks. He was selected by the American Biographical Institute and its Editorial Board to appear in the 1978-79 Tenth edition of Personalities of the South."

Both Peelers are Democrats. Charles has run for Sheriff in the past against Haywood Allen, running a real close race against the 30-year incumbent but was unsuccessful. He is running again this year, 1982, for sheriff.

Paula, their daughter is twenty-three. She is a graduate of Clemson University where she majored in early childhood education. She was a majorette there all four years; having performed in two Gator Bowls and one Peach



Isabel Young Hoey Paul

father's term of office, she wrote a column, "Dear Public", for the newly-founded newspaper, The Cleveland Times. She was a member of the Contemporary Book Club, the Junior Charity League, and the Shelby Business & Professional Women's Club. In 1947 she was selected as the Woman of the Year, being the first recipient of that honor bestowed by the Shelby Business and Professional Women's Club. She was active in directing the Shelby Little Theater, and was responsible for the creation of the debutante ball in Shelby.

On November 1, 1942 Isabel married Daniel Murray Paul of Raleigh and Pantego, N.C. They lived in Shelby for a short while, but then moved to Raleigh, where Isabel served as President of the Sir Walter Cabinet. She was the mother of two sons: Lewis Whitford Paul II and Daniel Murray Paul, Jr. Isabel died on January 31, 1961 and was buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, N.C. She was a member of the Central Methodist Church in Shelby until after her marriage when she joined her husband in membership in the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer.



Charles L. Peeler



Joan Propst Peeler

Bowl. From 1971-75 she competed in baton on the national level winning 183 trophies and 98 medals. She is now a certified baton teacher, judge, and school teacher.

Chuck is a sophomore at Western Carolina University where he is active in Lamda Chi Alpha Fraternity. He will appear in the 12th edition of "Personalities of the South". He has had a great history of playing baseball having been a 3-time winner of the "Best Hitter" trophy, once at Clemson Camp, Shelby High School, and American Legion Post 82 in Shelby. He received a certificate of merit in Spanish. In 1976 he was selected to serve as a Page in the House Representatives in Raleigh.

Sources: Personal Records

— Mrs. Charles Peeler

CLARENCE STOUGH PEELER

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Clarence Stough Peeler is the eldest son of Randolph and Elva Peeler, born in Belwood, North Carolina, April 28, 1914.

He finished his high school year at Belwood High School in Cleveland County and graduated from Boiling Springs Junior College, Boiling Springs, NC. He spent one year at Wake Forest College and then joined the U.S. Navy. He served in the medical corp at the U.S. Naval Hospital for several years in Norfolk, Virginia. He later had several tours of sea duty as a medic on hospital ships. He was serving aboard the U.S.S. Somers 381 when Pearl Harbor was bombed by the Japanese on Dec. 7, 1941.

Stough married Grace Epps of Surry, Virginia, in 1939 and they have one son, Gerald Wayne Peeler, born November 19, 1946. Jerry is a graduate of Newberry College in Newberry, South Carolina. He served in the American Theater of War during the Vietnam war. He is married to Nancy Godley Peeler of Islandton, South Carolina. They live in Summerville, South Carolina, with their son, Jason who is five years old. Both Jerry and Nancy work with the Social Security office in Walterboro, South Carolina. He has held this position for eleven years.

Stough retired from the Navy after twenty-three years of service with the rank of 1st Class Petty Officer. He remained in the Naval reserve for ten years and worked at the Naval Base in North Charleston for ten more years before his final retirement.

He and his wife, Grace, live in North Charleston, South Carolina, and are members of the Cooper River Baptist Church there.

Sources: Personal Knowledge

— Mrs. Robert Peeler

FRANKLIN HUGH PEELER

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Franklin Hugh Peeler was born November 28, 1922 to Randolph and Elva Peeler at Belwood, North Carolina in Cleveland County.

He was very athletic in high school and enjoyed all sports but excelled in basketball. He graduated from Belwood High School in 1939 and had a perfect attendance record for his eleven years of school.

After his school years he joined the National Guard Co. K in Shelby in 1940. He left when they were called to duty by the president and served at Fort Benning, Georgia, and Huntington, West Virginia. He went overseas with the Rainbow Division in 1944.

Franklin Hugh was killed in action in Alsace, France, January 18, 1945 and was buried in the American cemetery there.

Sources: Family Bible, Personal knowledge.

— Mrs. Robert Peeler

JOHN HENRY PEELER

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John Henry Peeler, son of David Peeler and Elizabeth London, was born January 19, 1828. John H. died December 29, 1894 in Cleveland County and is buried at Palm Tree Methodist Church, Lawndale.

About 1849 John Henry Peeler married Cassay Louisa Hastings.

He enlisted into Company B, Fifth North Carolina Infantry, C.S.A.

Children of John H. and Cassay L. Peeler were as follows: Joseph, born March 27, 1850, married Cordova Crowder; John Coon Peeler, born December 18, 1851, married Fannie Elizabeth Crowder; William Franklin Peeler, born November 19, 1854, married a Miss Beam; Columbus S., born April 22, 1857, married Sarah Rebecca Gardner; Andrew S., born December 11, 1859, married Delia Wilson; Mary C., born January 1, 1861, no information; and Elizabeth L., born Novem-



Children of Mr. & Mrs. Charles L. Peeler. L to R: Chuck F. and Paula Joy.

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sidered a college at that time.

He went to Whiteville, North Carolina, in 1910 to go into the saw mill business. In 1912 he returned to Belwood to help his father, Peter, on the farm and operate a cotton gin.

He was married to Elva Elmina Parker born March 7, 1896 on February 9, 1913. She was the daughter of Dennis Parker and Ollie Dellinger Parker. Elva's grandfather, Enoch Parker lived to be 102 years old.

In 1928, Randolph bought a new Model A Ford truck without a cab or windshield and went to Florida. He brought back 50 bushels of oranges. Neighbors from all around came to see the fresh oranges from Florida. He continued to haul produce through 1940. He had opened a produce stand in the old Lyric Theater Building which is now Hudson's Department Store. He rented this building from First National Bank for \$20 a month.



Randolph T. Peeler, Cleveland County Deputy Sheriff, late 1930's-early 1940's.

He owned and operated a saw mill and thrashed wheat for the public. The engine he used was a Frick Steam Traction engine which was fired with wood. Besides his farming he operated a fertilizer business.

Randolph was elected Constable in the early 1930's and later served as Deputy under Cleveland County sheriff, D.D. Wilkins, Raymond Cline and H.A. Logan.

His wife Elva, a christian wife and mother, kept the homefires burning at her home. She enjoyed sewing for her family and seeing to the needs of her five sons. She liked to work in her garden to have fresh vegetables during summer and to can for their needs in winter. She also liked growing flowers in her yard.

She quilted during winter months for she wanted to have enough for herself and all her sons. No matter how busy she was, she always had time to read her Bible and before she died she had read it through three times.

Randolph and Elva had five children, all boys: Clarence Stough, Robert Earl, Franklin Hugh, Walter Harrel and Charles Lorenzo. Franklin was killed in action in Alsace, France,

during World War II.

Randolph died June 18, 1955 at the age of 64, and Elva died June 5, 1978 and was 82 years old.

Source: Family knowledge

— Mrs. Charles Peeler

ROBERT EARL PEELER

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Robert, son of Randolph Theodore and Elva Elmina Parker Peeler, was born July 24, 1918 at Belwood, North Carolina in Cleveland County. He attended Belwood High School and graduated there in 1935.

He was married September 2, 1938 to Audrey K. Crawford born October 5, 1917 at Chesterfield, South Carolina. She was a nurse at Shelby Hospital in Shelby, which is now known as Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

Robert was a member of the Shelby Police force for three years. In September 1941, he went with Duke Power Company at the Steam Station in Cliffside, North Carolina.

In 1943, he was inducted into the U.S. Navy and served for three years in The American Theater of War. He attained the rank of 1st Class Petty Officer. He then went back to work with Duke Power at Cliffside.

Audrey and Robert are parents of two children: Rebecca Suzanne born October 1, 1944 and Robert Earl Peeler, Jr. born June 1, 1947. Suzanne was a graduate of Chase High School in Rutherford County and later majored in Business Administration at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee, North Carolina. She is married to Barry Long of Gastonia, North Carolina and has one son, Robert Marion born June 11, 1969. He is twelve years old and they reside in Gastonia, North Carolina.

Their son Bobby graduated from Bandy's High School in Sherrills Ford, North Carolina. He served in the Navy Sea Bees for three and one-half years having taken training in Great Lakes, Illinois. He spent one year in Guam; then took Marine training at Camp LeJune, North Carolina, and from there he served in Vietnam. After his return to the states he was employed by Duke Power Company in Sherrills Ford, North Carolina, for three years. He is now self-employed in the Dry-Well and Building Business in Catawba County.

He is married to Dorthy Cashion Peller of Newport, Tennessee, and they have two daughters: Angela Michelle born July 4, 1977 and is five years old: Jennifer Leigh born February 7, 1981. She is a year old. They live in Denver, North Carolina.

Robert, Sr. retired August 1, 1980 from Duke Power Company at Cliffside Steam Station as Superintendent of Operations. He had worked there for 39 years.

Audrey and Robert live at Riverbend in Shelby and are members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church.

Sources: Personal knowledge

— Mrs. Robert Peeler



RANDOLPH THEODORE PEELER

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Randolph, son of Peter Lorenzo Peeler and Rebecca McClurd Peeler, the oldest of twelve children was born January 9, 1891 at Casar, North Carolina. He attended grade school at Moriah school in Casar, and later attended Piedmont School in Lawndale, which was con-

ber 1, 1863, no information.

His wife, Cassay, died sometime after the birth of the last child.

The second marriage of John Henry Peeler was to Eliza Crowder on May 13, 1868. Eliza, born May 18, 1847, was a daughter of Bartlett Crowder and Mary Brown. Eliza died December 23, 1932.

Children of John H. Peeler and Eliza Crowder were as follows: Uless Sidney, born February 20, 1869, married Jane Rudisill on December 23, 1888; Miles W., born March 31, 1871, married Etta Brown on September 28, 1890; Amanda A., born September 5, 1873, married J. Ambrose Queen on December 4, 1890; Sophia Etta, born January 17, 1875, married U.E. Freeman on June 10, 1891; Lula M., born July 5, 1877; Lilla E., born July 17, 1880, married M.N. Pruet on February 11, 1894; and, George M., born September 1, 1884, married Cora L. Eaels.

Children of Uless S. Peeler and Jane Rudisill were Arfie Chester, Vester Cledaus, Osto Tate, Zollie Chivas, Dewey Lee, Ocie Ann, Augustus Vernon, and Madge Mae Peeler who married George Lee Young, a son J. Frank Young and Belzora Hudson. J. Frank Young was a son of Peter Young and Mary Carpenter who settled in Catawba County in 1854. For more information on the Youngs, one should see John Young (1775-1841).

Children George Young and Madge Peeler are Ralph, Forest, Guy, Marie, Preston, and George Young, Jr.

Other children of David Peeler and brothers and sisters of John Henry Peeler were Crockett, Elizabeth, Mary, Susan, Andrew, Frances G., Fanny, Peter Hoke, Plato, Dock, and James Peeler. David Peeler, born about 1807, married Elizabeth Ledford after 1850. At least two of the latter children above were of the second marriage. David Peeler died after 1880 in Cleveland County.

— Terry R. Young

SUMMY ALFRED PEELER FAMILY

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The Summy Alfred Peeler family of Cleveland County trace their ancestry to Johannes Von Buhler of Stuttgart, Germany, who landed in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in the year 1717. He sailed from Hamburg on the German vessel MOLLIE commanded by Captain Michael Weir.

Johannes reared a family of three sons in his new home. The first child was named Michael after his beloved captain. David and Jacob remained in Pennsylvania while Michael, with other settlers, immigrated to North Carolina in the spring of 1748 and settled in what is now Rowan County.

Peter Peeler, one of Michael's seven children, moved with his wife, Elizabeth, to Rutherford County (which is now Cleveland County) and settled near the headwaters of Knob Creek on land presently owned by the Gaston Spurling family. They lived in what was known as "the red house"

There is no concrete evidence when the name was changed from Von Buhler to Buhler to Peeler but apparently it was during Michael Sr.'s lifetime as records show Peter as being a Peeler.

Peter died in 1813. He had reared four sons and one daughter. One son, Barnabus (born in 1790) married Sarah Hoyle of Gaston County. Of their nine children, Alfred Graves is the family link to the Summy Peeler family.

Alfred Graves married Elizabeth Cline and raised eight children in the same "red house" in which he was born and reared. He was considered one of the most prominent and wealthy citizens of Upper Cleveland County, owning several hundred acres of land. His son John Ambrose Peeler married Rosa Boggs and to this union were born nine children: Docia Genelia, Clayton Plato, Margaret Elizabeth, Summy Alfred, John Boggs, William Robert, Barney Paris, Sallie Emmaline and Mary Eva.

Summy Alfred Peeler (Born July 22, 1889) married Mattie Dixon Stamey (born December 3, 1891) December 29, 1910 and settled in the Belwood Community of Upper Cleveland County. He was a prosperous farmer who also owned and operated a saw mill and a cotton gin. Because of his integrity and moral character, Summy Peeler was highly respected in the community. He was an elected member of the Belwood School Board and also the Official Board of Kadash Methodist Church.

Mattie Peeler was equally loved and respected by her family and the community. She was known for her acts of kindness and love for others. Her title was a "professional mother", bestowed on her by one of her in-laws, fitted her perfectly. Love for their seven children and devotion to their care and training was the main goal of this extraordinary, christian couple.

All but the oldest (who was born in Lincoln County) of their children were born in the Belwood Community. In order of birth they are:

Rosemary Isadore, whose husband Carroll E. Beam is deceased, has four children: Donald Everette, Thomas Carlyle, Mitchell Paul, and Julia Carole (Mrs. Johnny Carl



Summy Alfred Peeler, 1889-1965



Mattie Dixon Stamey Peeler, 1891-1961

Hoyle). She has ten grandchildren: Sharon Beam Rogers, Donald E. Beam, Jr., Sandra Beam Clark and Amy Leigh Beam; Thomas C., Jr. and Jennifer Ann Beam; Michael Eugene and Martin Alfred Beam; Gregory Todd and Matthew Wade Hoyle.

Dorothy Gaynelle (Mrs. Edward Branton) died August 5, 1979. Her children are Theda Gaynelle (Mrs. Robert Grimes), Robert Edward, Carolyn Sue (Mrs. James C. Spangler), and Thomas Alfred Branton. Her nine grandchildren are: Thomas Branton and Marcus Llewellyn Grimes; Myra Sue, Robbie Lynn and Ann Lee Branton; Gregory James and Grant Carson Spangler; Krista Gaye and Brian Edward Branton.

Thomas Alfred is married to the former Eliza Hunt. Their only child, Eliza Diane, is married to John B. Sherman. They have one grandchild, Eliza Beth Sherman.

Harry Ambrose is married to the former Blanche Brackett. They have an only child, Phyllis Jo (Mrs. Thomas S. Hill) and two granddaughters — Kelly Anne and Elizabeth Elaine Hill.

Blanche Elizabeth (Mrs. Robert D. Warlick) has three daughters: Sheila Lynn (Mrs. Nelson London), Roberta Anne (Mrs. Ralph W. Dixon, Jr.), and Susan Elizabeth (Mrs. Mark Jolley). Their grandchildren are Seth Warlick and Robert Nelson London; Christopher Paul and Heather Michelle Dixon.

Forrest Edward is married to the former Mozelle Sigmon. They have a daughter, Carol Lee (Mrs. John dePerczel) and a son, Michael Forrest Peeler. They have one grandchild, John Forrest dePerczel.

William Stamey is married to the former Margaret Southerland. They have three children: William Stamey Peeler, Jr., Ann Clark Peeler and Ellen Southerland (Mrs. Kirk Adams).

Summy and Mattie celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in December 1960 before she died August 11, 1961. Summy Peeler died March 19, 1965. They are interred in the mausoleum at Cleveland Memorial Park.

Sources: Books *History of Peeler Family*, *Peter Hoyle Family*

— Tom Peeler

WALTER HAROLD PEELER

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Walter H. Peeler, son of Randolph Theodore and Elva Elmina Parker Peeler was born October 23, 1927 at Belwood, North Carolina. He grew up on the family's 200 acre farm and was educated at Belwood School.

He married Dessie Walker of Upper Cleveland County, born December 19, 1925. They have two daughters: Doris Linda born February 10, 1945 and Donna Jean born March 23, 1951.

Walter served as a Shelby City Policeman from December 1950 until February 1956. Then he entered school to train for a Highway Patrolman, after graduation his first assignment took him and his family to Fairmont, North Carolina, in the eastern part of the state; from there they went to Waynesville, North Carolina. The family enjoyed this location living in the mountains. This is where their oldest daughter met and married her husband, Michael Norman of Waynesville. They have two children: Michael Todd born November 3, 1966. He has had an outstanding year as a tackle with his football team which went undefeated. Their daughter is Thelissa Tonya born August 20, 1968 and she has won many awards for dancing competition.

Walter was promoted to sergeant while at Waynesville and was sent to Salisbury, North Carolina, where he remained until retirement. He and his wife and daughter Jean returned to Waynesville to make their home where he was employed by the N.C. School Bus maintenance for Haywood County.

Dessie enjoys being a homemaker and working with her flowers; while Walter enjoys all sports, especially football which he attends many of the college games. He likes to travel, having been in all fifty states and in 1979 he traveled in Europe, having visited England, Switzerland, Austria, West Germany, Holland, Belgium and France. While in France he visited his brother Franklin Peeler's grave site where he was killed during World War II. He has a slide collection of his tour.

Their younger daughter Jean is a Depart-

ment Manager at Sky-City in Waynesville, North Carolina.

Dessie and Walter are members of Grandview Baptist Church in Waynesville where he is a Sunday School teacher of the Men's Adult Class.

Sources: Personal interviews

— Mrs. Charles Peeler

WILLIAM BROUGHTON PETTY
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William Broughton Petty's family (1893-1969) began with Absolum Petty (1750-1802) and Mary Clayton, his wife, from Bedford County, Virginia before the Revolutionary War. Absolum moved to Union County, South Carolina between Linky Creek and Thickety Creek. The family was very active in the Revolutionary War. Moses F. Petty was wounded in the Battle at Ox Hill and Gettysburg, September 17, 1881. Jefferson G. Petty was killed May 3, 1868, at Chanceville. The records show that Private James C. Petty served in the Second Battalion, Company M, of the Confederate States Army from February 1864 until the 9th of April, 1865 and he was honorably discharged from service at the Columbia Hospital on the 20th day of May 1865. During the times of his service, he served under the command of Captain W.T. Wilkins.

The entire family has always been active in the church and community when a cause was worth fighting for.

William Broughton Petty was the son of James Judson (September 4, 1855 — March 23, 1900) and Phoebe Ann Harrill Petty (August 31, 1861 — October 1, 1943) (buried at Big Springs Church). He married Sara Lucinda Grigg Petty and lived in the Shanghai Community on the site of Crest High School. During the depression the farm was sold to pay off the mortgage. He was a dedicated family man that believed in establishing and supporting the local Baptist Church. He and his family attended Poplar Springs Baptist Church, and a clock still hangs in the church sanctuary that he and his family donated to the church. After moving to New House he was a dedicated tither and supporter of Sandy Plains Baptist Church. According to his family and neighbors, he sometimes was known for giving too much to the church when things seemed to be needed at home for the support of his wife and eight children.

Many times when neighbors and friends visited the family, Broughton would find a very diplomatic way of inquiring if they were attending church. According to his oldest son, Judson, he often felt that he should have been a preacher, but times were very difficult to support a family and prepare for the ministry at the same time. Church members and friends that have been in his presence while he was praying never forgot his sincere dedication for the welfare of his fellowman. On the farm at New House, a rock is buried (place of prayer — W.B. Petty) on the spot where Broughton prayed each day.

There were some of the Pettys that Grandpa (Broughton) did not like to talk about. In 1958 after finishing Clemson University, James



William Broughton Petty, 1893-1969

Broughton Petty moved to Casar and met Charlie Page, who was 96 years old and lived on Pheasant Creek. Charlie knew Pink Petty from North Wilkesboro. Pink seemed to be the traveling fox hunter who supplied the people on the South Mountains with corn made in liquid form. William Broughton Petty was a farmer and was not interested in telling about how Pink would store his liquid corn in caves along the mountains. Charlie Page told about the honor system in trading gold nuggets for the liquid corn. Pink would keep the caves supplied with the liquid corn and the customers would leave the gold in the caves. Pink would retrieve his gold on his return trip home. Pink did such a good job with his fox hunting, he was honored by Governor Broughton with a gold plated fox horn.

Much of the family history is recorded in Gaffney, South Carolina. The family cemetery is located west of the Kings Mountain Battleground where the names of relatives such as Addie Austell (1866-1906), Martha Elizabeth Barber (1872-1896), Jonas G. Blanton (1849-1925), Donald Wayne Camp (1934-1934), Berryman Hicks Clary (1821-1884), Larry

Bruce Cudd (1948-1948), Ethel Petty Goforth (died in childbirth), Martha Humphres (1824-1853), Dudley Lemmons (1874-1950), Hugh Moore (1823-1904), Robert E. Nance (1840-1890), Sam A. Stacy (1843-1908), Levina Petty Turner (1810-1894), Violet M. Wilkins (1847-1898), and many others are buried and give some idea of relatives that continue to be a vital part of the Piedmont of North and South Carolina. There are also 31 other graves that bear the Petty name in the cemetery near Gaffney, South Carolina.

Sources: Family records.

— Dr. James B. Petty

**THE ANCESTORS AND
DESCENDENTS OF MAJOR
PHILBECK**

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The Philbeck's who came to this country were from the Southwestern part of Germany and spelled their name "Felbach".

During the latter part of the first half of the

eighteenth century, the family of Wilhelm Ernst Felbach moved to Scotland. Wilhelm's wife, Maria Elizabeth, was of Scottish ancestry. Wilhelm's oldest son, Johan, came to America in the company of a family named Goss. They arrived on the British ship the "Good Intent" at the port of Philadelphia on October 23, 1754. Johan, or John as he was now called, went to the colony of South Carolina and was presented a "Land Grant" by Governor William Bull. Wilhelm, Maria, and their four remaining sons did not come to America until 1771. These four sons were George, Peter, William, and Phillip.

In 1790 John Philbeck contracted to build a hotel and way station on the route of the Rutherford-Lincoln stagecoach line which lay between what is now Hollis and New House. John Philbeck liked the hilly Rutherford County countryside and persuaded the family to move there some years later. John remained a bachelor until his death in 1796.

George and Phillip Philbeck were the first family members to actually take up residence in North Carolina. Before the move, Wilhelm had died in 1801.

The line of the Philbeck family that Major Philbeck descended from was through Phillip Philbeck who, in 1806, settled in the area that was later to become Bostic, N.C. He married Elizabeth Davis in 1809. It is our belief that Richard Philbeck was one of the sons of Phillip Philbeck although there is some disagreement on this in various parts of the family. At any rate, Richard had a son born in 1852, Daniel Johnson Philbeck, who was the grandfather of Major Philbeck.

Family legend has it that Richard Philbeck could broad jump as far as any of his sons when he was 70 years old. In the later years of his life, Richard, after visiting any of his sons would say as he left — "Y'all take notice." As far as can be determined, no one knew exactly what he meant.

Richard and Daniel Johnson Philbeck finally settled in the New House section of Cleveland County near where John Philbeck had built the stagecoach hotel in 1790. Daniel Johnson Philbeck, who lived from 1852 until 1916,

married Frances MaryAnn Wright. One of the sons born of this union was Hoyle Philbeck who was born in 1880 and lived until 1947. He was married to Georgia Lookadoo and their son, Major, was born on February 7, 1910. They lived in various places until about 1928 when they moved to an old house which, if still standing, would now be about a mile south of Crest Jr. High School. Living no more than a quarter mile away, as the crow flies, was the family of M.M. Steep which had several pretty girls among its number. One of these was Margie Kathryn.

Major and Margie met at what was commonly referred to as a "Bresh" Arbor Meeting. Major asked Margie if he could sit on the bench with her because there was not enough room for his feet back where he was sitting. Margie recognized the line for what it was but later on in the evening warmed up enough to allow to Major as how she had heard that he was one boy who really knew how to show a girl a good time. So, the courtship was off and running.

On November 5, 1932 they were married in Gaffney, S.C. and after the ceremony spent their honeymoon picking cotton on Hoyle Philbeck's farm.

Major and Margie's first four children were Carolyn, Mary Frances, Donnis, and Joyce. But finally on November 7, 1942 they got what they wanted when a boy, Charles Larry, was born.

Carolyn, Mary, and Donnis all attended Shanghai School and had to walk a dirt road about a half mile to catch the school bus. Less than halfway between the house and where they caught the bus was a creek. It is said that on many school days the three girls would stop at the creek, eat the lunch that Margie had prepared for them, and then go back home and declare they had missed the school bus.

In 1964 Major and Margie won first the Cleveland County and then the North Carolina Farm Family of the Year Award. So many accolades were being given them that it worried Major. He remembered that somewhere in the Bible it said that "woe be unto the man when all men speak well of him". However, his mind was relieved a little later on when one of his neighbors mildly critized him.

Carolyn married Don Wesson and their children are Wanda, Donnie, Jeff, Major Todd, and Katie. Mary Frances married Bob Boyles and their children are Kelly and Scott. Donnis married Ghazi Sakran and their children are Tammie and Paul. Joyce married Jerry McKinney and their children are Mark, Jason, and Marge. Charles Larry married Eunice Faries and their children are Alex, Rocky, and Jennifer.

Major often expressed the desire to live to the Biblically promised "three score and ten". When he died on August 27, 1980 he was 70 years, six months, and twenty days old.

Sources: Oral family history from Major and Margie Philbeck and from the book by Maynard Philbeck *Lineage and Biography of Wilhem Ernst Felbach and North Carolina Descendents*.

— Charles L. Philbeck

SPURGIN HOLLIFIELD PHILBECK

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The Philbeck family loved farming and life on the farm. They came to this country in 1754, and following, in order to live peaceful lives tilling the good earth. This life continued and the first three brothers to come into Rutherford County (now part Cleveland) multiplied until there are now many descendants. The first to live in this area were William, Jr., George, Sr., and Phillip Philbeck.

It was not uncommon for cousins to marry among the pioneer families, so Spurgin Hollifield Philbeck (1887-1960, commonly called "Holl") has double ties with a sixth generation offspring of the German immigrant William Ernest Philbeck (William Ernest Felbach) and Scottish, Maria Elizabeth Philbeck, (who settled in Union County, South Carolina), through, George Sr.; George Jr.; William H. He is a fifth generation through Phillip, John, and Mary. Mary and William H. married and were the parents of Robert Dupont who married Lucinda Davis (daughter of Nathaniel and Minerva Davis).

The German name Felbach means Phillip by the brook or stream. William Ernest Felbach came from a section of Germany by the same name. Somehow through the years Robert Dupont left his birthplace in upper Cleveland County and took up other occupations. For awhile he ran a grist mill and made furniture. From there he moved to Caroleen and began working in the Cotton Mill. Holl went to work in the mill for ten cents a day — seventy-two hours a week as a "spool boy". The employees worked thirteen hours a day until Saturday noon. His father and older sisters were working in the mill also, so they saw that Holl kept his boxes full of spools.

That schedule did not leave much time for an education. Later the family moved to Bessemer City, still in textile work. While at Bessemer City, Holl went to night school. There he met Dora Swofford (1888-1965) daughter of Joseph Martin and Dowie Beemgardner Swofford. They were married at Cliffside Methodist Church (1911). Holl had been a member of the Methodist Church for several years, however his family was strong Baptist. He was named Spurgin Hollifield the namesake of two famous Baptist preachers.

Holl and his family were long time members of Polkville United Methodist Church at the time of their death. Things seem to equalize. All three of their daughters married Baptist men and went with them to the Baptist.

Holl and Dora lived in Gaston County and did textile work. After their second child was born they decided tilling the soil providing a healthier life for rearing a family, so back to the farm in Cleveland County. They farmed until retirement age, then they moved to Mooresboro (1945), to run the Queene City Bus Terminal and a country grocery store until 1960. Holl took influenza and pneumonia from which he could not recover. Then Dora lived with daughter, Beulah Noblitt until 1965.

To this couple were born four children: Robert (1912), Beulah (1914), Florence (1917), and Mae (1920). Robert served in the



Richard Philbeck, 1811-1894



HAROLD EDWIN PLASTER, SENIOR FAMILY

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Harold Edwin Plaster, Sr. was the last of nine children born to Louis Arthur and Lillie Seaford Plaster in Winston-Salem, N.C. on Feb. 14, 1917. He graduated magna cum laude from the University of Maryland School of Dentistry in 1939, and after a year of oral surgery residency at Johns Hopkins Hospital, established his practice with his older brother, Hubert S. Plaster, in 1940.

Coming with Harold to Shelby was his new bride, Helen Spaugb Plaster, whom he had married on July 5, 1940. Helen was the elder daughter of William and Estelle Binkley Spaugb and was born in Tupelo, Miss. on June 27, 1918 and attended Mississippi State College for Women at Columbus, Miss.

Helen and Harold lived on South Washington Street before moving to East Warren, and then to 608 Forest Hill Drive. Harold had a farm on Double Shoals Road and is remembered driving his dilapidated jeep around town and to the golf course.

One of the chief gathering spots in Shelby from the 30s to the early 70s, was Smith's Drug Store on the Square. Harold had his dental office over Smith's from 1954 to 1970 and was often seen taking his coffee break at Smith's.

In 1970, Harold Edwin Plaster, Junior, who had finished Wofford College and the Medical College of Virginia's School of Dentistry came to town to practice with his father. There was not enough room for both over Smith's so the two moved their office to Grover Street.

Harold, Jr., was born Jan. 2, 1943, had met

Martha Brown Rogers of Pikeville, Ky. in Richmond, Va. where he was in dental school and she was teaching French in high school. "Brownie", daughter of Lon Brown and Mary Walton Rogers, finished at Salem College and has a M.A. in French from the University of Kentucky. Brownie and Harold, Jr. were married June 8, 1968.

Margaret Helen Plaster, Helen and Harold's other child was born Oct. 15, 1957, and graduated from Converse College in 1979. "Meg" married Charles Laverne Stovall, Jr. on Nov. 7, 1981. Chuck is a graduate of Erskine College, and is a native of Greenville, S.C. They are presently living in Inman, S.C.

Grandchildren of Harold, Sr. are William Rogers Plaster, born May 26, 1971 and James Walton Plaster, born July 15, 1975.

Harold, Sr. and Helen, and Harold, Jr. and Brownie are all active members of Central Methodist Church and have served the church in various capacities. They have, over the years, all had an active interest in the community affairs of Shelby and Cleveland County.

Sources: Personal knowledge.

— Martha Plaster

DR. HUBERT S. PLASTER

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Hubert Seaford Plaster was born Oct. 12, 1904 in Winston-Salem, N.C. He was the second of nine children born to Lillie Seaford Plaster and Louis Arthur Plaster.

He attended public schools in Winston-Salem and Salem College, and after graduating with honors from the School of Dentistry of the University of Maryland in 1926, he declined a professorship at that school and came to Shelby that year to practice dentistry where he remained until his death.

On Oct. 14, 1927, he married Ruth Howie (born March 24, 1900) in Monroe, N.C. (see Ruth Howie Plaster).

Having over twenty years of active service to the city of Shelby, Plaster served as mayor for four terms. He was first elected mayor in 1963, served as city councilman for eight years from 1951-59, and was mayor pro tem from 1957-59.

One of Plaster's most important characteristics was his unselfish giving of his total time to various aspects of civic work including the Boy Scouts, the American Red Cross and of course, his church to which he was very dedicated.

He was president of Electricities of North Carolina from 1972-74 and founder of the organization.

During Plaster's tenure as mayor, some of the city's accomplishments included the following: reducing the city tax rate three times; increasing the city water plant from six million to 10 million gallons per day; creating five neighborhood playgrounds; creating seven off-street parking lots, including three that are city-owned; continuing urban renewal; five annexations to the city; upgrading Holly Oak Park; giving \$75,000 each to a new county library and a new civic auditorium; construction of low income apartments and housing

navy during World War II. First, he married Virginia McCluney (daughter of Talmadge and Lilly Sisk McCluney). Two children were born to this union; Bob, of Burbank, California, and Rose (Mrs. Hubert Green) of Spindale, N.C. Secondly, Robert married Evelyn Frith of Burbank, California. In 1979, Robert and Evelyn came to N.C. to visit. Robert became ill, entered the hospital, and had surgery for a brain tumor. After three months in the hospital, he died and is buried in Polkville United Methodist Church beside his parents.

The oldest daughter, Beulah, married William Arthur Noblitt (son of Leonard and Nettie Vassey Noblitt). Two children were born of this union. William Thomas Noblitt (1945) of Palmdale, California, and Ann Wright (1948). Secondly Beulah married Robert Lee Ridings, (son of Fred and Lucy Hutchins Ridings). They reside at Route 4, Shelby, N.C.

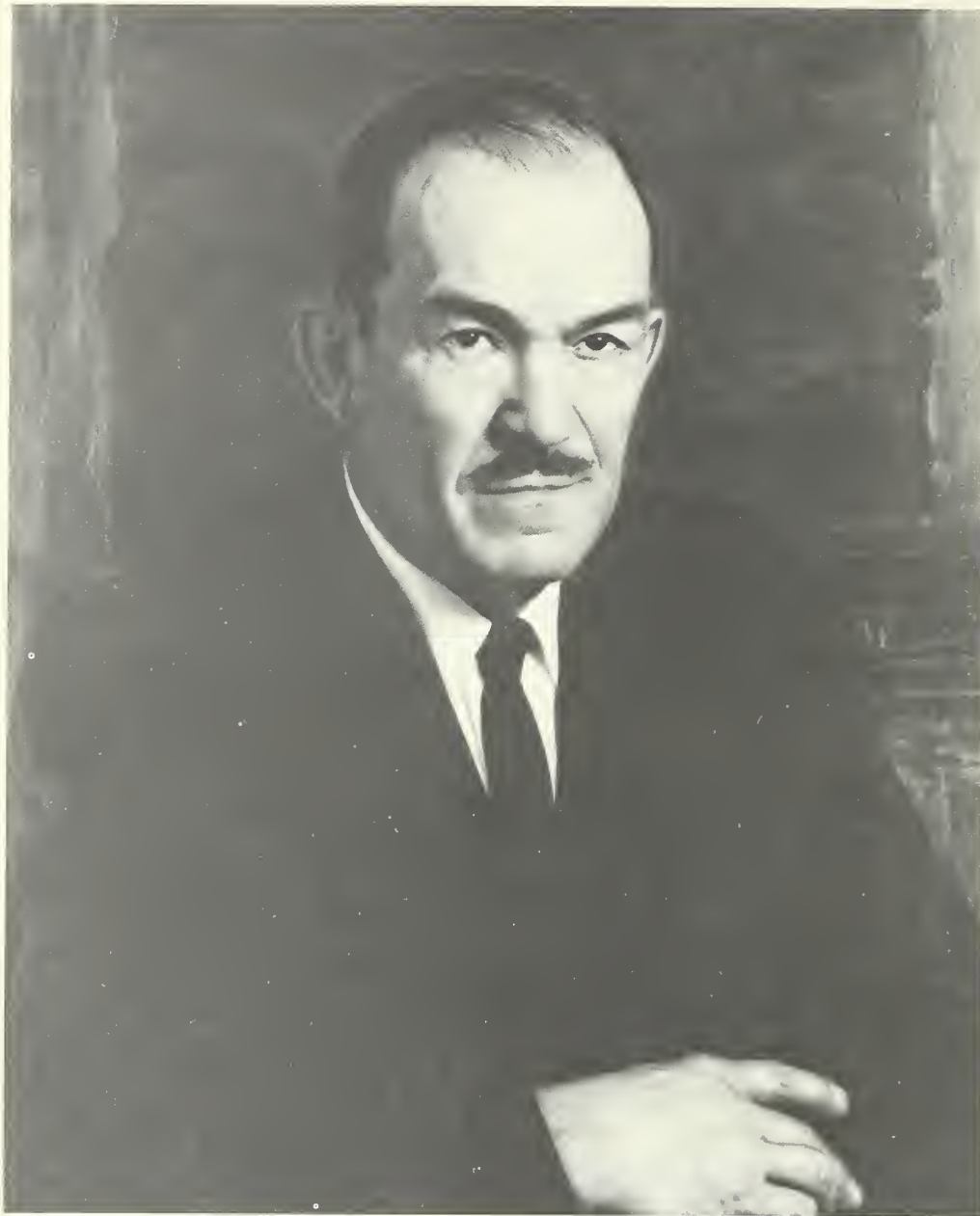
Florence married Colin Ray Bridges (son of R.H. and Laura Lee Bridges). They have three children: Robert H. (1936) Washington, N.C.; Barbara Jean Murray (1946) Nashville, Tenn.; and Colin Ray Bridges Jr., Rutherfordton, N.C.

First, Mae married Joe Freeman Sailors (son of Walker and Mae Sailors). Two children were born: Patricia and Gerald, both of Atlanta, Georgia. Secondly, Mae married James Natheny. They live near Kings Mountain, N.C.

— Beulah Philbeck Ridings



Front row L to R: Robert D. Philbeck holding Frank Johnson, Lucinda, Thomas. 2nd row L to R: Minnie Philbeck Taylor, Lee Taylor, Robert F., Romeo, Ida Philbeck Johnson, Lillie Denton, Agathie Philbeck Denton, Bunyon. 3rd row L to R: Dollie Texie Payne, Millie, Fannie Philbeck Hawkins, Spurgin Hollifield.



Dr. Hubert S. Plaster

projects; obtaining federal grants amounting to three million dollars for parks and recreation, water and sewer systems, public housing, law enforcement and city planning.

He played a leading role in Shelby's becoming an "All American City" in 1971 and headed the delegation to Portland, Ore. for the presentation.

He was a member of the N.C. Dental Association and a former trustee of Gardner-Webb College, president of Shelby Industries, Inc., member of the Rotary Club and Shelby Chamber of Commerce. He received the Lions Club Citizen of the Year award in 1953 and was a Mason, a member of Cleveland Lodge 202, and a York Rite Shriner and a member of the Oasis Temple.

An active member of the First Baptist Church, Plaster had served as deacon and Sunday School teacher and was a member of the choir.

Dr. Plaster and his wife Ruth had one child — Victoria Plaster Whitelock, M.D., born Dec. 5, 1935 in Shelby, married Aug. 20, 1960 Leland David Whitelock, Jr., M.D. He also had three grandchildren — Elizabeth Howie, born

March 29, 1962; Lillianne Plaster Aug. 29, 1964; Susan Ruth, born Sep. 13, 1967. His daughter and family currently live in Norfolk, Virginia.

Dr. Hubert Plaster died of a heart attack Jan. 24, 1976 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby.

Sources: *Shelby Daily Star*.

— Dr. Vickie Whitelock

RUTH HOWIE PLASTER

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Ruth Howie Plaster was born to Cora Dry Howie and Torrence Victor Howie March 24, 1900 in Monroe, N.C. Reared and educated in the public schools of Abbeville, S.C., she completed her secondary education at Corey High School near Raleigh under the tutelage of her uncle, Marcus Dry, later founder of Wingate College.

She graduated from Brenau College in Gainesville, Ga. in 1920 with a degree in organ. When she explained that she had completed the degree requirements for both organ

and piano, the college would issue only one, and they gave her the choice of the two instruments. She claimed she was the first sophomore inducted into the music honorary fraternity. Until that time only upper classmen had been selected.

Following graduate study at the University of Wisconsin, she taught elementary school and private piano classes briefly in Abbeville, S.C. She came to Shelby in 1925 at the invitation of school superintendent, Mr. O.C. Griffin.

Following the interview, Mr. Griffin invited Mrs. Plaster and other job applicants to his home for lunch. His home later became her home (and my home) — 525 S. Washington St. She loved to tell how on her first day in Shelby she ate lunch in the house that would be her home for over fifty years now.

As a teacher in Shelby, Mrs. Plaster taught in the Morgan (South Shelby) and LaFayette schools. Also, almost simultaneously she became organist at the First Baptist Church, and was able to celebrate her golden anniversary there in May 1975.

She, also, was professor of organ at Gardner Webb College in the 1950's.

Once she said she had played for her first church service at age 14. She retired from the organ in Jan. 1976, adding up to sixty-two years of service as a church musician.

— Dr. Victoria Plaster Whitelock

CLARENCE SAMUEL PLONK

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Clarence Samuel Plonk, the sixth son of Clarence Sloan Plonk and Ellen Patterson Plonk, was born July 26, 1921, in Cleveland County five miles north of Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

He received his early education in Kings Mountain Public Schools, and graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1940. He attended the University of North Carolina one year. He was drafted into the armed services where he served two years with an overseas assignment in Italy.

Clarence Plonk married Mary Julia Pollock August 28, 1942 in Cape May, New Jersey.

Their first son, Clarence Thomas Plonk born April 2, 1947, married Rebecca Josephine Marvin August 31, 1968. Their children are Julia Ann Plonk born February 20, 1975, Joseph Clarence Plonk November 1, 1977, Thomas Joshua Plonk September 26, 1979, and James Marvin Plonk August 28, 1981.

Their second son, James Kenneth Plonk born July 11, 1948, married Sandra Gail Ledbetter September 4, 1970 (divorced).

Their twin sons, Michael Stanley and Gary Steven Plonk, were born April 3, 1954. Michael Stanley married Sharon Harris Timms June 16, 1978. Their son is Michael Zachary Plonk born May 8, 1981.

Steven married Karen Lynn Sparks August 7, 1976. Their children are Stephanie Lynn Plonk born August 8, 1977 and Samuel Robert Benjamin Plonk born July 8, 1980.

The fifth son, Richard Sloan Plonk, was



Ruth Howie Plaster (Mrs. Hubert S. Plaster)

born January 18, 1960.

Their only daughter, Judith Lee Plonk born May 5, 1957, married Steven Forest Davis August 11, 1979.

Clarence has engaged in dairy farming, truck farming and meat sales.

Sources: Family, newspapers, cemetery, *Our Kin* — Hoffman

— Willie P. Patterson

CLARENCE SLOAN PLONK

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Clarence Sloan Plonk, son of William LaFayette Plonk and Martha Regina Ware Plonk, was born July 2, 1883 in Cleveland County six miles north of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. His forebears were of Dutch origin, the immigrant ancestor of the line John Jacob Plonk coming from Holland in 1747.

Clarence Plonk was christened in St. Marks Lutheran Church, Gaston County. As a boy he traveled by horseback in order to worship in this church.

He was educated in the local school and Lenoir College (now Lenoir-Rhyne). He became a man of keen perception, exceptional energy, and had executive ability. He was a God fearing man with a high moral code and the ability to read and understand people.

He was an outstanding farmer with various other business interests. For many years he was a leading mule-dealer throughout the area. He also dealt in real estate and other products — any thing that might be bought and sold interested him.

On April 20, 1905 he was married to Ellen Fuller Patterson born June 23, 1886, daughter of Ira Hardin Patterson and Margaret Angeline Whitesides.

Their children were Fred Wendell Plonk born June 6, 1906; Zeb Oates born January 15, 1908, Willie Lucile born August 10, 1909; Hal Sloan born April 16, 1911, Margaret Regina born September 17, 1913; Wray Augustus born August 24, 1915, George Webb born March 17, 1919; Clarence Samuel born July 26, 1921, Clara Elizabeth born January 24, 1924 and John Butler born September 19, 1928.

Ellen Plonk was a devoted wife and business partner throughout their sixty-one years of marriage. She kept all books and records. Through her keen interest in her husband's business she contributed much to his success. In spite of her many duties she always had time for her children and saw that their needs were met. She is now ninety-five years old and lives in her home.

Clarence died September 24, 1966 and was buried in St. Lukes Lutheran Church Cemetery

near his birthplace.

Sources: Family members, Newspapers, Cemetery data and the book *Our Kin* by Hoffman.

— Willie P. Patterson

FRED WENDELL PLONK

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Fred Wendell Plonk, the first son of Clarence Sloan Plonk and Ellen Patterson Plonk, was born June 6, 1906 in Cleveland County six miles north of Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Fred received his early education in Cleveland County and Kings Mountain Schools. He graduated from Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Georgia in 1926. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1930 from State College (now North Carolina State University). He married Susan Fergerson Rhodes of Bessemer City, North Carolina June 3, 1933.

Their first son, Fred Wendell Plonk, Junior, was born December 17, 1935 and died November 24, 1938.

The second son, David Torrence Plonk born December 30, 1940, married Betty Ruth Huntley May 17, 1964. Their children are Teresa Ruth Plonk born December 29, 1964, David Steven Plonk born November 10, 1966 and twins Chadwick Huntley and Christopher Sloan Plonk born November 27, 1971.

The third son, James Wendell Plonk born March 9, 1942, married Barbara Crossman, August 25, 1972. Their children are Timothy Matthew Plonk born September 18, 1974, and Heather Ann Plonk born March 6, 1979.

The fourth son, Robert Rhodes Plonk born, August 15, 1945, married Diana Louise Cleveland February 28, 1978. They have one daughter Audrey Lynn Plonk born March 22, 1980.

Susan Fergerson the only daughter born October 26, 1947 married Tony Harrison Key October 18, 1975.

For three years after graduation Fred was employed by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company and Brown Williamson Tobacco Company in Louisville, Kentucky. He returned to Kings Mountain in 1936 where he has been active in automobile, oil, and real estate businesses for the past forty-five years.

Fred, like his grandfather, has also expressed a keen interest in education. He was a member of the Kings Mountain Board of Education for twelve years. He served as chairman seven years.

Sources: Family records, newspapers clippings, cemetery records, and the book *Our Kin* by Hoffman.

— Willie P. Patterson

GEORGE WEBB PLONK

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George Webb Plonk, the fifth son of Clarence Sloan Plonk and Ellen Patterson Plonk, was born March 17, 1919 in Cleveland County five miles north of Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

He received his early education in Kings Mountain City Schools and graduated from



Clarence Sloan and Ellen Patterson Plonk.

Kings Mountain High School in 1936. After his graduation from the University of North Carolina in 1940 he studied in the North Carolina School of Medicine (1940-1942). George graduated from Jefferson Medical School in 1945 and served an internship at Lankeau Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

He entered the armed services as a First Lieutenant and served two years with an overseas assignment in Italy. After his release from the army, he practiced general medicine in Murphy, North Carolina for eighteen months. He then studied at the University of Pennsylvania for one year after which he returned to Lankeau Hospital for a three year residency in general surgery. He is certified by the American College of Surgery and is a member of the board of American College of Surgeons.

George Webb Plonk married Margaret Julietta Cooper June 26, 1941 in St. Matthews Lutheran Church, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Their first daughter, Carole Elizabeth Plonk was born December 24, 1942 and married William Mitchell Fenimore June 26, 1965. Their children are William Mitchell Fenimore, born April 18, 1972, and Scott Collins Fenimore, born May 17, 1976.

The second daughter, Margaret Julitta Plonk, born October 31, 1945, married Kenneth Joseph Pollack August 7, 1971. Their children are Matthew Ryan Pollack, born December 15, 1978, and Adam Cooper Pollack born October 27, 1980.

The only son, George Webb Plonk, Junior, born October 18, 1947, married Judy Morris August 16, 1969. Their children are Palmer Ellen Plonk, born October 23, 1973; Erin Margaret, born February 27, 1975; Sara Adell Plonk, born January 19, 1977; Drew Patterson Plonk, born June 12, 1979; and Ann Rollins Plonk, born March 28, 1981.

The third daughter, Barbara Ann Plonk, born July 24, 1949, married William Douglas Bridges June 11, 1971. Their children are William Douglas Bridges, Junior, born January 25, 1975; Sidney Sloan Bridges born February 14, 1977; Wesley Hudson Bridges born March 20, 1979; and Matthew Bradley Bridges born November 9, 1981.

Their fourth daughter, Susan Rebecca Plonk, born August 24, 1953, married Major William Loftin on May 23, 1975.

George Webb Plonk practiced general surgery in Raleigh, North Carolina five years before returning to Kings Mountain where he

has practiced general surgery for twenty-five years.

Sources: Family records; newspapers clippings; cemetery records, and the book *Our Kin* by Hoffman.

— Willie P. Patterson

HAL SLOAN PLONK

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Hal Sloan Plonk, third son of Clarence Sloan Plonk and Ellen Patterson Plonk, was born April 16, 1911 in Cleveland County six miles north of Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

He received his early education in Cleveland and Gaston County Schools, and graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1930. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in Textile Manufacturing from State College (now North Carolina State University) in 1934.

Hal was married to Jennie Ruth Umberger August 6, 1938. Their first daughter, Joyce Elenor Plonk born May 25, 1943, married James Sherwood Forrest July 31, 1965. Their children are Michael Bradley Forrest, born July 16, 1972, and Gregory Sloan Forrest, born June 19, 1975.

Their second daughter, Marion Ruth Plonk, born September 15, 1944, married Don Eldon Clagett on August 3, 1968. Their only child, Adrienne Ruth Clagett, was born July 15, 1971.

Their third daughter, Kathryn Gail Plonk, born April 27, 1950, married Thomas Frank Goforth August 8, 1970. Their children are Thomas Frank Goforth, Junior, born January 7, 1975, and Warren Sloan Goforth, born July 18, 1978.

Their fourth daughter, Sharon Virginia Plonk, born August 4, 1955, and married William Dreull Evans November 21, 1981.

Hal Sloan Plonk was employed by Cannon Mills Kannapolis, North Carolina for seven years. He served in the United States Air Force for five years and retired from the United States Air Force Reserves as a Lieutenant Colonel. He has been associated with the Plonk family in real estate business for a number of years.

Sources: Family information, newspapers clippings, and the book *Our Kin* by Hoffman.

— Willie P. Patterson

THE JACOB PLONK FAMILY

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John Jacob Plonk emigrated to America from Holland in 1747. He settled first in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and later moved to North Carolina.

His two sons, Jacob Plonk, Junior (1747-1840) and Peter Plonk, are pioneers of the Plonk clan in this section. They came to North Carolina and settled in Lincoln County to live on property granted to Jacob Plonk by King George III of England. This land lies on Indian Creek one mile from Crouse and four miles from Lincolnton, North Carolina. Three houses were built on the same site and seven generations drank from the same spring.

Jacob Plonk, Junior supported the Crown. He left the first house unfinished in order to fight in the Revolutionary War.

Jacob Plonk was drafted twice to fight three month periods against the Cherokee Indians. He was allowed government pensions for these services. He is thought to have died in 1840 since that was the last year he received government pension. He is buried on the old Plonk Plantation on Indian Creek.

Jacob Plonk (1747-1840) married Christina Kiser. Their children were Jacob Plonk III, John Joseph Plonk (1788-1888), Susie Plonk, and Sallie Plonk.

John Joseph Plonk born May 1, 1788 married Barbara Rudsill September 28, 1816 Their children were Jacob Plonk, John Jonas Plonk (1823-1908), David Plonk, Philip Plonk, Michael Plonk, Sallie Plonk, Katie Plonk and Betsy Plonk. He died July 1, 1888 and was buried in the family graveyard beside his wife Barbara Rudsill Plonk.

John Jonas Plonk, born March 18, 1823, married Ann Ellen Oates August 17, 1847. Their children were Joseph Calvin Plonk born December 9, 1852, William LaFayette Plonk born February 6, 1855, John David Plonk born March 14, 1857, Michael Plonk born May 3, 1859, Rufus Plonk born June 12, 1866, Thomas Plonk born November 14, 1869, Margaret Plonk born March 7, 1876, Martha Plonk born July 2, 1863. Five children, who died in infancy, are buried in Long Creek Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Gaston County. Each of these graves has a marker.

John Jonas Plonk was a dominant figure in the county's history. He was known for his uprightness of character and sturdy manhood. He contributed much to the upbuilding and growth of the section that he loved. He died December 7, 1908, and was buried in Long Creek Church Cemetery, Gaston County with his five children who died in infancy.

William LaFayette Plonk (1855-1924) married Martha Regina Ware February 6, 1878. Their children were Minnie Ida Plonk (1878-1907), John Oates Plonk (1880-1951), Clarence Sloan Plonk (1883-1966), Annie Eunice Plonk (1885-1973), Rufus Lawrence Plonk (1887-1971), Laura Emma Plonk (1890-1966), Lillian Lenora Plonk (1894-1979), Carl Alexander Plonk (1897-1961), William Luther Plonk (1892-), and Mary Ellen Plonk (1902-1975).

William Plonk was the promoter of many commercial enterprises in his community. He is probably best remembered for his interest in education. For twenty years he served as chairman of the Cleveland County Board of Education, and eighteen years as chairman of the Board of Kings Mountain Schools.

A plaque hangs in Central School, Kings Mountain, North Carolina which reads

William LaFayette Plonk 1906-1924.

He Loved Little Children. He was also a member of the Board of Trustees of Lenoir College (now Lenoir-Rhyne).

William Plonk died May 1, 1924, and is buried in St. Lukes Lutheran Church Cemetery near the old Plonk homesite.

Sources: Family papers, Cemetery records, and the book *Our Kin* by Hoffman.

— Willie P. Patterson

JOHN BUTLER PLONK

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John Butler Plonk, the seventh son of Clarence Sloan Plonk and Ellen Patterson Plonk, was born September 19, 1928 in Cleveland County five miles north of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. He received his early education in the Kings Mountain City Schools, and graduated from Kings Mountain High School

John married Dorcas Aileen Carpenter November 26, 1949 in Central Methodist Church, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Their first daughter, Deborah Ann Plonk, born January 11, 1951, married Timothy Norris Webster June 15, 1972. Their second daughter Joan Carpenter Plonk (1952-1952) died at birth. The third daughter, Beverly Dorcas Plonk born December 23, 1953, married Harry Ray Hughes June 20, 1981.

Their only son, John Butler Plonk, Junior was born December 18, 1955.

John is engaged in farming.

Sources: Family in formation, Newspapers, and the book *Our Kin* by Hoffman.

— Willie P. Patterson

THE JOHN O. and ELVIRA FOUST PLONK FAMILY

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John Oates Plonk, Sr. was born on November 23, 1880 in the Saint Luke's Church Community of Cleveland County to William Lafayette and Regina Ware Plonk. The ancestry was German and Dutch. He was the oldest son in a family of ten children, namely: Ida, John Oates, Clarence, Eunice, Rufus, Laura, Lillian, William, Carl and Mary. He attended the community schools, and early in his life he assumed a responsible place in his family for helping to provide for younger members of the family.

At the age of nineteen, he was employed by Kiser Department Store in Kings Mountain. Later he, along with other members of his family, bought an interest in the business. Shortly thereafter the Kiser interest was purchased and the store became Plonk Brothers and Company. John Plonk's principal business interest was this store which he operated until his death. He was one of the founders and officers of the Commercial Bank and Trust Company, a leading establishment among private banks of its day. He was a civic leader of the area, a city commissioner, a many years member of the St. Matthews Lutheran Church Council. He was a Mason and a Shriner.

He early recognized the wisdom and value in acquiring large tracts of land, both farm and timberlands. His far sighted ecological considerations, in regard to these holdings, were well known and respected. He especially appreciated and loved the mountain land. Its beauty and the joy it provided became a part of his nature.

On July 3, 1912, he married Elvira Worth Foust, who was born in Mount Vernon Springs, North Carolina in Chatham County on June 15, 1887.

Elvira Foust was educated in the schools of

the area, going on to graduate from the North Carolina Industrial and Normal School (now U.N.C.G.) in Greensboro, North Carolina in 1908. She graduated with honors and received the coveted award for proficiency in writing. She was a first grade teacher in Kings Mountain and Shelby schools before her marriage.

She loved little children and delighted in their company. She was an accomplished "teller of stories" and in her later life she wrote her childhood memories in a book *Stories About Elvira* for her grandchildren. Mrs. Plonk was an early member of Providence Methodist Church in Chatham County; however she attended the Presbyterian Church in Mount Vernon Springs because of its easier accessibility to her home. After her marriage, she joined the Central Methodist Church in Kings Mountain where she was a devoted and caring member until her death on January 30, 1970.

Mr. Plonk died on October 14, 1951. Both John and Elvira Plonk are buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain.

Six children were born to them. The oldest son died in infancy and five children survive to this day.

— Douglas Plonk McElwee

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN O. and ELVIRA FOUST PLONK

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Six children were born to John O. and Elvira Foust Plonk. The oldest son who died in infancy is buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery in Kings Mountain, North Carolina. Five children survive to this day. Their names, spouses and children are listed:

Mary Foust Plonk, born November 18, 1914, married William Rhodes Weaver. Their two children are Monette Weaver, born March 2, 1945, married Dr. Roger Wood. They have three children: Alyssa Anne, Laura Wrenn and Ryan Austin Wood. Reagan Hale Weaver, born August 29, 1951, married Ardith Goldstein.

Douglas Regina Plonk, born March 17, 1917, married William Henry McElwee. Their five children are: Douglas Marian McElwee, born January 1, 1944, died May 28, 1961. William Henry McElwee III, born March 31, 1945, married Catherine Parks. They have two children: William Henry McElwee IV, and Mary Catherine McElwee. Elizabeth Elvira McElwee, born June 10, 1947, married Bedford Eugene Cannon. Their two children are: Ashley Elizabeth and Jean McElwee Cannon. Dorothy Plonk McElwee, born August 25, 1949, married Gary Dale Shartzter. They have two children, Douglas Truman and Samuel Bryan Shartzter. John Plonk McElwee, born February 20, 1954, is unmarried.

Dorothy Plonk, born April 12, 1919, married Dr. Robert Edward Lewis (died May 7, 1978). Their four children are: Mary Suzanne Lewis, born June 5, 1945, married Dr. Ernest Tonski and they have one son, Jacob Edward Tonski. Patricia Foust Lewis, born August 13, 1946, married Richard Blaine Johnston, Jr. Their three children are: Andrew Lewis, Mary Lewis and Blaine Patrick Johnston. Robert Edward Lewis III, born October 25, 1950 is un-

married. Margaret Elvira Lewis, born November 1, 1952, married Charles Douglas Turner. They have one son, Robert Charles Turner.

Maude Plonk, born January 16, 1922, married Thomas Wilson Harper. They have four children: Susan Carolyn Harper, born December 16, 1947, married Gerard John Roche. Their four children are Ryan Harper, Melissa Coleman, Katherine Foust and Charles Harper Roche. Mary Louise Harper, born December 21, 1950, married James Barry Ware. Their one son is Allen Harper Ware. Thomas Charles Harper, born August 5, 1953, is unmarried. Barbara Jean Harper, born August 6, 1957 married Timothy Bruce Thornton. They have no children.

John Oates Plonk, Jr. born March 27, 1930, married Patricia Anne Neisler. Their five children are: Anne Hunter Plonk, born October 15, 1953, married William Thomas Boone, Jr. Their children are Sarah Katherine and William Thomas Boone, III. Laura Foust Plonk, born May 17, 1955 married Gary Ronald Ball. They have one son, John Garrett Ball. Elizabeth Ashley Plonk, born July 25, 1958, married Robert Strachan. John Oates Plonk III, born June 29, 1959 is unmarried. Carl Neisler Plonk, born December 18, 1962 is unmarried.

— Douglas Plonk McElwee

THE JOHN OATES PLONK, JR., FAMILY

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Born in Kings Mountain on March 27, 1929, he is the fifth child and only son of John and Elvira Foust Plonk. He attended the University of North Carolina and served in the United States Army.

On October 11, 1952, he married Patricia Neisler in Kings Mountain. Mrs. Plonk attended Mary Baldwin College. She served as co-chairman of the Kings Mountain Bicentennial Celebration with Howard B. Jackson in 1976.

Mr. Plonk is a manufacturer's representative and president of Foust Textiles; he owns with his family Plonk Brothers, Incorporated. He is active in the Central United Methodist Church in all phases of church life, and has contributed generously to the civic progress of Kings Mountain.

The Plonk children are: Anne Hunter (Mrs. William Thomas Boone, Jr.), born October 15, 1953 (children: Sarah Katherine, born November 12, 1979, and William Thomas, III born May 16, 1981); Laura Foust (Mrs. Gary Ball), born May 17, 1955 (son, John Garrett, born March 3, 1980); Elizabeth Ashley (Mrs. Robert Strachan) born July 25, 1958; John Oates Plonk, III, born June 29, 1959; Carl Neisler, born December 18, 1962.

— Mrs. John O. Plonk

RUFUS LAWRENCE and MARY KATHLEENE MCGILL PLONK

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Rufus Lawrence Plonk, the fifth child of William LaFayette Plonk and Martha Regina

Ware Plonk, was born on October 18, 1887 on a farm in No. 5 Township Cleveland County, North Carolina. He attended local school and graduated from Lenoir College (now Lenoir-Rhyne College) in 1910. On January 4, 1918, he married Mary Kathleene McGill, the fourth child of Issac Alexander and Mary Amanda Fulton McGill. She was born on September 16, 1896. The McGill and Plonk farms joined. She attended local schools and graduated from Boiling Springs High School, a boarding high school in upper Cleveland County in 1916. In the summer of 1916 she attended summer school at what is now Appalachian State University.

After college, Rufus Plonk became a farmer. He purchased land from his father for his farm. During the early years, he diversified his farming with cotton as the principal crop. In the 1940's he switched to dairying. He was an innovator in the community in trying new crops and farm methods. He was a man who lived by the principles he held. He served on the Cleveland County School Board and the Farm Security Administration Advisory Committee.

Before and for a period after marriage, Kathleene Plonk taught at Plonk School, a one-teacher, seven-grade school one mile from her home. After teaching she became a full-time farmer's wife and, upon having children, a good mother.

The Plonks reared five children. Their names and birth dates follow: Martha Amanda (September 1, 1919); Virginia Catherine (March 8, 1921); Nancy Jane (March 27, 1927); William Lawrence (November 19, 1932); and Mary Rachel (September 12, 1934). Nancy Jane graduated from Bethware High School and the other four graduated from Kings Mountain High School.

Martha Plonk completed her bachelor's degree from Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in 1940. She worked in North Carolina until she joined the U.S. Naval Reserve as a WAVE in 1944. After military service she completed a master's degree at Ohio State University in 1949 and a doctoral degree from Michigan State University in 1964. Most of her working life was spent in university teaching, first at West Virginia University and later at Oregon State University.

Virginia Catherine graduated from Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in 1941. She was an elementary teacher and taught in North Carolina, Texas, Georgia and Tennessee and in the army dependent schools in Japan and Turkey. She took time in 1944-45 to work with the American Red Cross in Brussels, Belgium and Marburg, Germany. On June 15, 1952 she married Lovell Jason Morris, Junior, U.S. Army. The Morrisses have two children: Erma Kathleen, born February 14, 1957, and Lovell Jason Morris, III, born June 4, 1958. The Morrisses live in Signal Mountain, Tennessee.

Nancy Jane Plonk attended Gardner-Webb College, graduated from The Plonk School of Creative Arts in Asheville, North Carolina in 1951 and received her bachelor's and her master's degrees from the Staley College of the Spoken Word in Boston, Massachusetts. She

worked for the Buncombe County Schools as a speech therapist and in the summer, she was on the staff of the Plonk School of Creative Arts. On January 26, 1963 she married John Thomas Sutton of La Grange, North Carolina. Since 1965 she has been employed by Lenoir County Schools as a speech therapist. La Grange, North Carolina is the home of the Suttons.

William Lawrence Plonk (Bill) graduated from the North Carolina State University in Raleigh in 1954 in dairy husbandry. He returned to the family farm and is a dairy farmer on the land that has been in the Plonk family for over a century. On July 14, 1956, Bill Plonk married Marguerite Thomason, a Greenville, South Carolina native. They have four daughters. Their names and birth dates follow: Bertha Johnson (Jodie) (August 13, 1958); Janice Anne (February 27, 1961); Jill Lawrence (January 5, 1966), and Jacqueline Thomason (July 14, 1971). Jodie graduated from Newberry College in 1980. Janice is currently studying at Furman University. The two younger children attend public schools in Kings Mountain.

Mary Rachel Plonk graduated from Lenoir-Rhyne College in 1956. She taught in Charlotte public schools and at present teaches in the Kings Mountain public schools. On August 12, 1956 she married Timothy Gerald Gladden, a Kings Mountain native. They have one son, Timothy Gerald, Junior, born December 15, 1965. Currently they live in Kings Mountain.

The Plonks were members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church and moved their membership to St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in the 1940s. Rufus Plonk died on November 4, 1971. He continued to work on the farm as his strength permitted until his death. He was buried in St. Luke's Lutheran Cemetery across the road from his farm.

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— Martha A. Plonk

WRAY AUGUSTUS PLONK

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Wray Augustus Plonk, the fourth son of Clarence Sloan Plonk and Ellen Patterson Plonk, was born August 24, 1915 in Cleveland County six miles north of Kings Mountain, North Carolina. He received his early education in the Cleveland County Schools. After his graduation from Kings Mountain High School he attended State College (now North Carolina State University). Wray married Alma Jane Putnam May 8, 1938. Their first child, Betty Jeanne Plonk born May 4, 1939, married David Carlyle Beam August 27, 1960. Their children are Shannon Aurinda Beam born March 7, 1965 and David Marion Beam born June 2, 1969. Their only son, Wray Augustus

Plonk, Junior, was born July 30, 1941. He married Mary Frances Bridges March 24, 1962. Their children are Timothy Wray Plonk born June 13, 1965 and Kelley Lee Plonk born November 28, 1966.

The second daughter, Sandra Jane Plonk born November 7, 1943 married Garnis Kieth Bumgardner August 18, 1962. Their children are Theresa Jane Bumgardner born July 29, 1963 and Russell Edward Bumgardner born June 17, 1969. The third daughter, Linda Ellen Plonk born July 12, 1948, married Carl Edgar Jester August 2, 1975.

Wray has engaged in farming and the sale of textiles.

Sources: Family, Newspapers, Cemetery, *Our Kin* — Hoffman

— Willie P. Patterson

ZEB OATES PLONK

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Zeb Oates Plonk, second son of Clarence Sloan Plonk and Ellen Patterson Plonk was born January 15, 1908 in Cleveland County six miles North of Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Zeb attended the Cleveland County Schools and graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1926. He received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from State College (now North Carolina State University) in 1930. He also studied Advanced Management at Harvard Graduate School of Business Administration.

Zeb married Rachael Gale Walraven December 20, 1933 in Baltimore, Maryland. Their first son, Donald Clarence Plonk born March 14, 1935, married Melba Daniel May 31, 1957. Their children are Daniel Warren Plonk born August 31, 1961, Donald Clarence Plonk, Junior born March 20, 1964 and Kristin Claire Plonk born July 1, 1971.

Their second son, Glenn Warren Plonk, born April 7, 1937 married Ann Morrison January 12, 1963. Their children are Wendy Gale Plonk born August 21, 1963, Steven Glenn Plonk born September 10, 1965 and Susan Elizabeth Plonk born March 8, 1968.

The only daughter, Jane Suellen Plonk born April 1, 1939 married James Robert Sims August 20, 1962. Their children are Jeffery Thomas Sims born February 9, 1963, Jonathan Wade Sims born July 27, 1965 and Jennifer Leigh Sims born August 13, 1970.

Zeb Plonk was employed by Liberty Mutual Insurance Company for forty-three years. When he retired in 1973 he held the position of Vice-President with this company. He worked in Boston, Baltimore, New York and Atlanta. After his retirement he returned to Kings Mountain to make his home.

Sources: Family, Newspapers, Cemetery, *Our Kin* — Hoffman

— Willie P. Patterson

CLARA PLONK POLITIS

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Clara Elizabeth Plonk, the third daughter of Clarence Sloan Plonk and Ellen Patterson

Plonk, was born in Cleveland County five miles North of Kings Mountain, North Carolina January 24, 1924.

Clara received her early education in the Kings Mountain City Schools, and graduated from Kings Mountain High School in 1940. She holds degrees from Lenoir Rhyne College and from The School of Creative Arts, Asheville, North Carolina. Her special interests were voice and drama. She also holds two Master degrees in the field of education from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Clara was married December 27, 1955 to Demitros Politis (divorced).

Their children are Theodore Politis born November 21, 1956, George Politis born August 7, 1958, and Ellen Politis born November 17, 1963.

Clara teaches in Ann Arbor, Michigan where she has taught for a number of years.

— Willie P. Patterson

DANIEL PINKNEY POSTON and FAMILY

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Daniel Pinkney Poston, descendant of John Poston I who came to America from England in 1703, was born October 26, 1859 in Cleveland County. He was one of the eight children born to James Poston (1820-1879) and Sarah Wilson (1823-1899), whose mother, Elizabeth Love Wilson, gave the land for Elizabeth Baptist Church east of Shelby. Pinkney's brothers and sisters were Elizabeth (b. 1851), who married Pete Mabry; Martha Jane (b. 1853), who married Henderson Herndon; Dovie (b. 1865), who married Dr. Lee White and moved to Georgia and then to Miami, Florida; Samuel McBride (b. 1849), a Bachelor; John Thomas (b. 1855), who married Sophie Herndon; James Osburn (b. 1857), who married Ellen Kerr and William Gaston (b. 1867) who married Fannie Hamrick.

Pinkney, as most of the earlier settlers in the county, was a farmer. Upon the death of his father, Pinkney, who was a young boy at that time, helped his mother, Sarah Wilson Poston, operate the well known Wilson Springs Hotel (later called Cleveland Springs) which they owned.

He married Eugenia Hogue, daughter of Jacob and Jane Borders Hogue, on November 24, 1885 at Zoar Baptist Church. Eugenia was born September 19, 1867 in Cleveland County and died January 27, 1949.

Four sons and two daughters were born to Pinkney and Eugenia as follows:

Edna Azelia, born December 5, 1886 and died May 4, 1888.

Clyde Graham Poston, born December 2, 1888 and died August 25, 1964, whose first wife was Thornton Weathers (1886-1922) and second wife, Ruth Leonard, born October 26, 1907. Children of Clyde and Thornton were Clyde G. Poston, Jr., born January 28, 1916; Annie Eugenia, born June 20, 1917; Edna Frances, born March 15, 1919 and Claude Arey Poston, born November 10, 1920. Children of Clyde and Ruth Leonard were Daniel Cleveland, born November 20, 1933; David

Jack, born August 7, 1935; Jerry Shepherd, born April 3, 1937; Barbara Kay, born May 14, 1939; Glenn Albert, born July 17, 1941; Donald Lee Poston, born February 15, 1944 and Ronald Douglas, born February 20, 1946.

Samuel McBride Poston, the third child of Pinkney and Eugenia, was born August 7, 1890 and died April 9, 1969. His first wife was Isabell Wilson (1899-1921). They had one child, Evelyn, born October 3, 1921 and died January 29, 1923. McBride, known as "Mack", married Mattie Lee Cline the second time and they had two children, Martha Jean, born July 25, 1925 and Samuel McBride Poston, Jr., born October 1, 1928.

Paul Grady Poston, born April 17, 1892, died January 26, 1977. He married Margaret Lee ("Maggie") Hord, born July 17, 1896. They had ten children: Curtis McBride, born February 24, 1918 and died November 10, 1970; Pinkney Gardner Poston, born January 30, 1920; Jack Dale, born September 25, 1921 and died March 31, 1925; John Hord Poston, born May 4, 1924; Everett Conrad, born October 27, 1925 and died November 12, 1925; Paul David, born September 25, 1926; Elizabeth Dolores ("Dolly"), born February 8, 1929; Bonnie June, born April 30, 1930; Dorothy Faye, born June 16, 1932 and Henry Lee, born February 23, 1935 and died February 25, 1935.

Magel Cleona, the fifth child of Pinkney and Eugenia, was born July 21, 1894. She married Julius S. Mull, born August 31, 1892 and died December 7, 1960, and they had the following children: Bryan Hogue, born February 8, 1916 and died October 24, 1981; Paul Fred, born August 7, 1920; Julius Franklin, born March 18, 1922 and they adopted a daughter, Thelma, born May 3, 1922.

Pinkney Bryan Poston was born September 2, 1896 and died July 15, 1981. He married Flora K. Allen, born March 25, 1897, who died October 5, 1968, and their children are Sara Katherine (b. 1921); David Pinkney (b. 1922 — died in infancy); Wilma Ruth (b. 1927); Pansy Neva (b. 1934) and Bryan Allen (b. 1924). His second Marriage was to Tula McCurry Allen.

The Poston homeplace was a large two story frame home located on Post Road at the intersection of what is now NC 180 and Kings Road East of Shelby at the site of what is now Wickes Company.

Pinkney died October 16, 1897, not quite reaching his thirty eighth birthday. He is buried in Elizabeth Baptist Church Cemetery. Upon Pinkney's death, Eugenia was left at the age of thirty four with five children, all under the age of nine years to support. Shortly thereafter, she and the children moved to Boiling Springs where she worked as Matron at the school and where the children attended school, but it was necessary due to her poor health that they return to the Poston homeplace and the farm. Eugenia had an abounding love for people and for her family and was known for her immense faith and goodness. In later years of her life, she operated a small general store at her home on Post Road.

Pinkney and Eugenia's sons, Clyde, Paul and Bryan built homes on parcels of the Post

Estate on which their families still live. Their daughter, Magel, who married Julius Mull, lives just about one mile from the old homeplace and McBride lived on East Marion Street, only some two miles or so away, so one can reason from this they were a very close-knit and home loving family.

Eugenia was a faithful member of Elizabeth Baptist Church and is also buried in the church cemetery beside her husband, Pinkney.

Sources: family records.

— Mrs. Ambrose B. Cline



Samuel McBride Poston

JOHN and DANIEL POSTON

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John Poston (1797-1862), son of Samuel and Rachel King Poston, was born in Rutherford, now Cleveland County. He grew up at the old Poston home near Shelby and as executor of his father's estate assisted his mother with business relating to the settlement. John continued to make purchases of adjoining land, increasing the acreage he had inherited from his father.

He married Mabel Patterson (1796-1884), daughter of Robert and Mabel Patterson, who migrated to McMinn County, Tennessee. John and Mabel are buried in the family cemetery near their home on Highway 226 north of Shelby. Theirs are the oldest marked graves in the plot.

Personal records show that John Poston was a meticulous bookkeeper, leaving records of guardian accounts, personal business, tax and other receipts. He was a businessman who often made trips to Columbia, South Carolina, returning with sugar, salt, molasses, and cloth to fill requests signed by neighbors. After his death, his widow, with the help of her children, managed the farm and even attended to business matters dealing with the Union Army occupation officers.

John and Mabel Patterson Poston were the parents of nine children:

Samuel married (1) Barbara Wilson (2) Ann Jane Smith;

Nancy died in childhood;

James married Sarah Wilson whose parents

owned the Old Cleveland Springs, and the Postons operated the old hotel until shortly after 1887;

Robert (Robin) a minister, married Julia London and one of their sons, Furman, became a minister;

Abel married Selina Cabaniss;

Daniel married Margaret Ann Weathers;

Sarah married Henry London;

Rachel married C. Monroe Weathers;

William married (1) Margaret Wilson (2) Elizabeth Ann Stroud, and they migrated to Texas.

Among former Cleveland County residents descended from John and Mabel Patterson Poston are James Pressley, Associate Director of Arts and Crafts at North Carolina State University, through the line of James; Eugene Poston, D.D., past president of Gardner-Webb College, and Albert Propst, minister and naval chaplain, both through Samuel's line; and Troy McKinney, retired Comptroller in the U.S. Department of Defense, grandson of Daniel.

Daniel Poston (1822-1895), son of John and Mabel Patterson Poston, was born in the Poston log house north of Shelby. He remained a bachelor and helped care for his widowed mother until at age forty-eight. Then he married Margaret Ann Weathers, aged eighteen, and daughter of Jenkins Devaney and Unicey Ann Bailey Weathers. Margaret Ann's brother, Monroe, had earlier married Daniel's sister, Rachel. Monroe and Rachel later became owners of the Poston homeplace.

Daniel was a millwright, mechanic, and farmer and at one time owned a cotton gin. Although he suffered great loss through investment in Confederate bonds, he was able to leave his young wife a comfortable estate. In his will he instructed his wife to "school the children as best she could" and contrary to most testators, he left provision for her to inherit one-fourth of his estate even if she remarried.

Margaret Ann did not remarry, and her obituary in *The Cleveland Star* 11 June 1924 stated:

"She was a hard worker and a good business woman of exceptional ability, so the estate was kept intact and produced well."

She is buried in Zion Church cemetery, and her husband, who died twenty-nine years earlier, is buried in the Poston family cemetery.

The children of Daniel and Margaret Ann Weathers Poston are: Samuel Lester Ann married Jordan Putnam; John Devaney married Emma Pearson; Lillie married George Magness; Sarah Rachel, married Sankey Mauney; Ada married Augustus L. Anthony; Mamie Alice married E. Festus McKinney; James Monroe married Pauline Allen; Mabel married Harry Gallimore.

Zion Baptist Church records list John Poston and his sons, Robert, Samuel, and Daniel on building committees for early church houses, Daniel as deacon and treasurer, and Robert, called Robin, as pastor for fifteen years. Robin's son, Furman, also became a minister, and his granddaughter, Lyda Poston, wrote and illustrated "A History of Zion Church, 1816-1955." Rachel Poston Weath-

ers, a Sunday School teacher, known for her ministry to the sick, was the first member to leave a bequest to the church.

A brush arbor meeting led by Robin Poston in the Ross Grove area in 1879 resulted in the beginning of a Sunday School which later developed into Ross Grove Church. Daniel Poston, who lived nearby, helped build the Sunday School house. His family attended there, and Robin was pastor of the church from 1881-1883 and 1886-1889.

Poston descendants continue to worship and serve as faithful members of Zion and Ross Grove and many return for memorial services held in the churches of their ancestors.

Sources: Original Poston papers and documents; Deed, Probate, Census, and Marriage Records of Rutherford and Cleveland Counties; *History of Zion Church 1816-1855* by Lyda Poston; and *History of Ross Grove Baptist Church 1881-1957* by Harold House.

— Mildred (Mrs. Felix O.) Gee



Mattie Lee Cline Poston

JONATHAN and SAMUEL POSTON SR.

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Poston immigrants came to America from Shropshire, England, some as early as 1703, into Maryland and Pennsylvania. Samuel Poston and his descendants are believed to be descended from the Maryland group who migrated to Virginia and later to North Carolina, first to Anson County, then to Rowan, Lincoln, and finally to Rutherford in the area that became Cleveland. North Carolina Land Grant #1420 was issued to John Poston 5 December 1760 in Anson which at that time encompassed much of central and western North Carolina.

Poston family papers and documents now in the possession of a descendant, Mrs. James Harris of Shelby, North Carolina, identify Jonathan and Mary, surname unknown, Poston as the parents of Samuel Poston. An early receipt signed by Samuel Farmer, 3 July 1762, was comprehensive: "Then Recd of Jonathan Poston all debts, dews, and damans from the beginning of the world to this day of pay." Another original receipt shows Jonathan's payment of "his publick county tax

for ye year of 1763, rec'd. Wm. Masery." Masery was sheriff and tax collector of Rowan County in 1763, the same year Jonathan Poston had paid twelve pounds for one hundred acres on Brushy Creek fork of Abbotts Creek, (Rowan Deed Book 5, pages 389-391). In 1769 Jonathan and Mary, his wife, signed a deed selling the land for thirty-nine pounds, ten shillings, proclamation money, (Rowan Deed Book 7, pages 63-64).

The names Jonathan, Samuel, William, Thomas, and Daniel are repeated throughout generations of Postons, with Jonathan or John in almost every one from the earliest on a passenger list in Charles County, Maryland in 1703. The Jonathan in Rowan from 1763-1769 or longer was likely the grandson of the immigrant from England 1703. An old record found with original Poston papers lists the birth dates of the children of Jonathan and Mary Poston: Ann, 2 March 1759; John, 23 March 1761; child, name illegible, 1763; Samuel, 8 October 1765; Rachel; date illegible; Daniel, 1769.

The family may have lived in Lincoln County as marriage bonds for Daniel, Samuel and John were issued there. However, no will or estate settlement for Jonathan has yet been found, and little else is known about him.

Samuel Poston, son of Jonathan and Mary, born 8 October 1765, probably in Rowan County, married Rachel King 17 January 1790. Also in 1790 the state of North Carolina issued licenses and receipts to Samuel in Rutherford County, where he lived until his death in 1819. Beginning with a grant for two hundred eighty-five acres on Hickory Creek, he and his descendants became extensive land owners in the section, now Cleveland County, adjoining Weathers, Horn, Cabaniss, Ross, McEntire, Cornwell and Wellmon.

Samuel, likely too young for the Revolutionary War (no military record), was commissioned captain in the North Carolina militia in 1805. His September muster at Duncan's Old Fields included the names of Patterson, Downey, Ross, Erles, Hardin, Wilson, Plummer, Collins, Fouch, McEntire, Smith, Adams, Farmer, Bradley, Moore, Ledbetter, Francis and Morris.

The children of Samuel and Rachel King Poston were: Rilly (McEntire); Mary (Green); Rachel (Putnam); Nancy (Nowlin); Betty; William; John, husband of Mabel Patterson. The log house which served as their home is still standing on Highway 226 north of Shelby. It has remained in the Poston family and has been renovated by the present owner, Mrs. James Harris, who inherited it from her mother, Mrs. Rachel Poston Mauney (Mrs. Sankey Mauney). Mrs. Harris has hosted family reunions here.

Samuel Poston died in 1819 and his will, recorded in Will Book C, page 121, Rutherford, left his land to his sons, John and William, and the remainder of his estate to his wife. He further stated that he wished his daughters to have a home while they remained single. Rachel outlived her husband by thirty-four years. She was listed as blind in the 1850 Cleveland census and a granddaughter, Rachel Putnam, was living with her. At her

death in 1853, her will named her daughters, Rilly McEntire and Mary Green, her two sons, John and William, and seven grandchildren (children of her deceased daughters, Rachel Putnam and Nancy Nowlin): Susannah Nowlin, Rachel Nowlin, Anderson Nowlin, Lucinda Nowlin, Devaney Putnam, Samuel Putnam, and Rachel Putnam. By the time her son John, Executor, and guardian for minor heirs, made final payments to the grandchildren, Rachel Nowlin had married M.L. Williamson and Susannah had married James B. Grigg.

Sources: Original Poston papers and documents, Deed, Probate, Census, and Marriage Records of Anson, Rowan, Lincoln, Rutherford and Cleveland Counties, Poston research by James Pressley *John Hamill Poston* by Colin James *A South Carolina Poston Family* by Emma P. Landers

— Mildred McKinney (Mrs. Felix) Gee

SAMUEL McBRIDE POSTON

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Samuel McBride Poston, more familiarly known as "Mack", was a descendant of John Poston I who came to America from England in 1703.

Mack was born August 7, 1890 on the Wilson Farm, which was his Grandmother's and which is now known as Cleveland Springs, East of Shelby.

His parents were Daniel Pinkney Poston (1859-1897) and Eugenia Hogue (1867-1949). His brothers and sisters were Edna, who died in infancy; Clyde Graham; Paul Grady; Magel Cleona; and Bryan Pinkney.

Mack died April 9, 1969 and is buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church of which he was a member since early childhood.

His early years were spent on the farm, however, upon the death of his father when he was only seven years old, the family moved to Boiling Springs where he attended school, while his mother worked as matron. The family later moved back to the Poston Farm in 1909 and during his youth Mack worked at McMurray's General Store in Shelby. Young Mack rose his bicycle from the homeplace, which was East of Shelby on NC 180 (on which Wickes Co. is now located) and worked to help support the family. On one of his trips to work, he was bitten by a dog with rabies, which was quite a traumatic experience back then, making it necessary for him to travel to Raleigh to stay for three weeks in order to take twenty-one treatments.

At the outset of World War I, Mack volunteered for the U.S. Army, receiving his training at Greenville, South Carolina. He served in active duty in France and was a member of the 30th Infantry Division. He was shell-shocked and in August of 1918 was severely wounded. He remained in a hospital in France for quite a long time before returning home, unannounced one day in May of 1919.

Mack's career was in law enforcement work to which he was greatly dedicated. In his early years, he worked with the Fire Department in Kings Mountain and in Shelby, and later entered the Police Department in Kings Mountain, before returning to Shelby in 1925 with the Police Department. He was appointed Chief of Police in 1930 in the City of Shelby and

served as Chief until 1934 when he resigned as Chief of Police due to his being appointed United States Deputy Marshal for the Western District of North Carolina. He served in this capacity from July 1934 until his retirement in 1956.

One of the interesting highlights in his twenty-two years of service with the Justice Department was his assignment to travel in a motorcade which guarded President Franklin D. Roosevelt on his tour through Western North Carolina. They travelled in large, open touring cars on US 74 through Cleveland County. This was a big event for which everyone turned out, causing schools to be closed and crowds to gather along the highway just for a close look at the President.

Mack was married in 1920 to Isabell Wilson, who was born June 7, 1899, and who died at the birth of their first child, Evelyn, on October 3, 1921. Evelyn, their small daughter, died January 29, 1923.

His second marriage in 1924 was to Mattie Lee Cline, of Lawndale, daughter of David Anderson Cline and Martha Jane DePriest. Mattie Lee was born February 22, 1900. To this union two children were born:

Martha Jean, born July 25, 1925, who married Ambrose Borders Cline, born July 16, 1924. They were married December 30, 1945 and had one son who died at birth on October 7, 1946 and one daughter, Amy Jean Cline, born September 30, 1959.

Samuel McBride Poston, Jr., second child of Mack and Mattie Lee, was born October 1, 1928 and married Emily Jane Nolan, born August 24, 1935, on July 3, 1957. They have one son, Samuel McBride Poston, III, who was born June 20, 1971.

In 1928, Mack built a home for his family on East Marion Street (across from Hickory Creek Shopping Center) at the East Shelby City Limits and which, incidently, is just a short distance from his place of birth in Cleveland Springs.

Sources: family records.

— Mrs. Ambrose B. Cline

AUDIE AYCOCK POWELL and FAMILY

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He began life at Lawndale, North Carolina, one of the seven children of Lola Champion and William Jackson Powell. He learned his love of the land of God from his father, while he acquired his wit with word and cheerful nature, from his mother. Later, he would love to tell stories of his youth in turn of the century Cleveland County, remembering the days of the one room school house (where someone put bullets in the old wood stove) and times when he and a friend double-dated in a horse and buggy, or when the travelling preacher came or when he hid in the barn to hear his father pray.

Like many farm-trained boys, he was agile, loved sports and became an "ace" baseball pitcher and once played for a semi-pro team. More than sports, he loved to learn and after finishing at Boiling Springs boarding school,



Audie Aycock Powell



Mary Elizabeth Pratt Powell, wife of Audie Aycock Powell

the fore-runner to Gardner-Webb College, he acquired teaching credentials and a degree in Law, a Magna Cum Laude graduate from Wake Forest University.

His career as attorney-at-law began in Shelby in 1933 as an associate of the Gardner-Morrison (Washington, D.C. firm). Soon he left practice for seven years to become a Recorder's Court Judge. A noted municipal law expert, he was the City Attorney for Shelby until his death at age seventy. He was also attorney too the cities of Kings Mountain and Boiling Springs. His talent as an orator was well-known and exemplified when arguing before the Supreme Court to acquire natural gas for Shelby, he moved the entire Court when he spoke with tears streaming down his cheeks about the people of the community and their needs.

During the 1930's and 40's, before mass television, a major form of entertainment for the people of the county was to attend trials at Court, certain attorneys always "drew a crowd". Powell and his lifetime friend, the noted attorney Mr. C.C. Horn, provided showmanship in court trials that is remembered and talked about even today.

He was a champion on the down-trodden and those in genuine need. He was the first attorney to challenge the constitutionality of a municipal law that practice of not allowing blacks on the jury for the trial of a black-man — a case which he won in the Supreme Court in 1947. Later he would be instrumental in forming the Human Relations Board of Shelby. His greatest concern was that all people live in justice and peace.

During World War II he was commended by President F.D. Roosevelt for his legal work for the Selective Service. He was always politically active in the Democratic Party and served as Party Chairman.

A large man, 6 feet 2 inches tall, his trademarks were hats, big cigars and booming voice often heard in laughter. He had extraordinary musical talent, playing both piano and guitar

"by ear", and his tenor voice was heard for thirty years in the choir of the First Baptist Church where he also served as Deacon.

His love of music led him to work to bring the arts to the people, and he was the first president of the original Community Concerts of Shelby in 1940's and 50's. Active in the community, he was a Mason, a president of the Lion's, on the Shelby City School Board, and once raised \$500,000.00 as Alumni president for Gardner-Webb College. A true "city father", he worked to achieve an "All American City" award for Shelby and proudly learned of the award just before he died. He was a charter member of the Cleveland County Historical Association.

While a school principal at Caroleen, North Carolina he met and married a young teacher, Mary Elizabeth Pratt, on December 23, 1931. His bride had come to Caroleen after completing her college studies at the age of sixteen, an honors graduate at Lander College, Greenwood, South Carolina. Greenwood was also her birthplace on October 26, 1907. She was

the first of eight children born to Lilla O'Dell and Hal Moseley Pratt.

Accomplished in music, art and language, she used her talent as a teacher in Shelby, as a young bride, and after their only child, Mary Ann, was born on October 8, 1941, she became active in community affairs. Her love of history and deep sense of patriotism led her to becoming active in the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution. She has held both local and State offices and is currently a District Director for Western North Carolina. With her husband, she is a charter member of the Cleveland County Historical Association. Mrs. Powell resides in Shelby and today still is a noted civic leader.

One of seven children, his brothers, were Vester Albert (died September 30, 1971), Clyde Ezell (died December 22, 1971), Curtis Benjamin (died December 8, 1977), and Walter Foster Powell currently of Lawndale. His sisters were Lillian P. Greene (Mrs. Cletus, died December 1, 1979) and Della P. Elmore (Mrs. Ira), currently of Belwood, North Carolina.

The Judge "was loved by many, feared by some. He was advisor and friend to those in need, yet could be a formidable opponent. Generous with his time, talent and money, he anonymously arranged funding for many students who could not afford and desired to have a college education. He derived joy from helping the youth of the community.

He believed there was "no disgrace in failure, only in low aim" and once wrote for a speech he was to deliver, "All men who deserve to live, desire to survive their funerals, and to live afterward in the good that they have done mankind. The true (one) labors for the benefit of those who are to come after him . . . To sow that others might reap, . . . to bless with the glorious gifts of Truth, and Light and Liberty those who will neither know the name of the giver, nor care in what grave his unregarded ashes repose, is the proudest destiny of man."

Many years before, in his first campaign for public office (1936), he said "I will render decisions and judgements without fear or favor . . . and serve the people of the entire



William Jackson Powell sons and sons-in-law. Front row L to R: Celtus Green, Vester, Ira Elmore, Clyde, William Jackson. Back row, L to R: Audie, Curtis, V.A., Foster

county . . . free to act upon my best sense of justice . . . ”

At the end of his life he was eulogized as a man of indomitable courage, for he never wavered in his belief of God, mankind, and country, even in his painful, final illness. He had fulfilled his own proud destiny and kept his campaign promise.

Sources: family Bible, Union Church Cemetery records, Letters, speech draft, interviews.

— Ann Powell Whitmire

JOHN PREWITT and SON SPENCER PREWITT

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One of the earliest Prewitt ancestors was The Reverend John Prewitt, born about 1750 in Bedford County Virginia, now known as Pittsylvania County. In January 1778 he married Eady — (last name unknown). She was born in Virginia, and died September 2, 1839 in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

John was a private in the Revolutionary War. He saw action in the Continental Line of Virginia, under the command of General De Marcos, and fought in the Battle of Guilford Courthouse just over the State Line in North Carolina. Nothing more is known of his military service.

He moved into Burke County, later Rutherford County, and present day Cleveland County after the War. He died April 30, 1837. This information was given in an Application made in 1851 by John's son Spencer for a Revolutionary War pension. No. R-8455-R. was refused because entirely too much time had elapsed. The records show that John and Eady had seven children including one who died in infancy. The remaining six were: Nancy Prewitt married Thomas Jefferson Stockton; Elizabeth Prewitt married Smith; Burgas Prewitt married ?; Spencer Prewitt married Sarah Stockton; Davis; and Frances.

The National Archives proves that Spencer was John's son when he filed Pension papers in 1850. Spencer married Sarah Stockton and owned a large plantation in NO. 11 Township of Cleveland County. Spencer and Sarah had eight children: John Prewitt married Sarah (Sussanah) ?; Eady Prewitt married John Hoyle Swofford; David Prewitt married Sady ; William Prewitt married Nancy Cook; Susannah Prewitt married Joseph W. Swofford; Jemimah Prewitt married Reverend John Bumgardner; Newberry Prewitt married Delilah Chapman; Peter Prewitt married Malinda Patton. When a group of seventeen people met together July 4, 1840 to form Pisgah Baptist Church of Casar, North Carolina. Spencer and wife, and his two sons John and William and their wives, and daughter Eady Swofford and her husband were in the group.

Sarah Stockton Prewitt was the first original charter member of this Church when it was organized in 1841. Spencer was also one of the first charter members.

It is presumed, on authority of other well established Pruett's that John and Eady Prewitt are buried in unmarked graves, along with Spencer and Sarah Prewitt with tombstones in

the Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetery of Casar, North Carolina.

— By Amos E. Pruett



Dr. Daniel Price, 1827-1910

DR. DANIEL GUINN PRICE

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Dr. Daniel Guinn Price, my great-grandfather on both parents side, was born January 28, 1827, in Chester Co., S.C. It is unknown when he went to Cleveland Co., N.C. but, on April 1, 1851, he married Margaret Stevens, born 23 January 1836. They had eleven children of which ten (four sons and six daughters) were born in Cleveland Co., N.C. prior to moving his family to Winston Co., Miss. where one more daughter was born.

While living in Cleveland Co., N.C. my grandfather volunteered and served in the War between the States from December 9, 1861 to August 19, 1862 in Co C-Fifteenth Regiment-Infantry, where he learned the medical profession and became a doctor. He did some practice in Cleveland Co., N.C. but felt he could do better in Miss.; therefore, he moved his family



to Winston County where he continued his practice all over the county (some for charity) and always made his visits by horse and buggy. In 1901, he returned to N.C. to care for his daughter, Mary E. Price Ellis during her illness. Grandma Price died November 23, 1900 and Grandpa Price died June 18, 1910. The following epitaph is found on Grandpa's tombstone in the cemetery where he is buried: "A truer, nobler heart never beat within a human breast".

When my grandparents moved to Mississippi, one daughter, Mary Elizabeth Price, born November 6, 1856, remained in Cleveland Co. She married John Wallace Ellis of Cleveland Co. Another daughter, Margrette Ann Price, born May 1, 1865, was married to Thomas Jefferson Glass, born March 19, 1861 in Winston Co., Miss. on April 6, 1881.

These two marriages made great aunts and grandmothers to the twelve children of Felix Guinn and Mary Octava Glass Ellis.

This is known facts by Jessie Ellis Farish, age 81, the eldest grand-daughter on both sides of the family.

Source: Family records and personal knowledge

— Jessie Ellis Farish
and Margarette Ellis Johnson

SOLON GIDEON PRICE

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Solon Gideon Price was born in Rutherford County October 17, 1867, and died September 17, 1949. He was the only son of Oliver Dixon (1844-1930), and Hannah Caroline Mode Price (1829-1920).

At age 17 Gideon was a clerk in New House General Store owned by Tom Depriest. In 1889, he and his father started a store in Lattimore, North Carolina.

Gideon worked hard to get the first depot for Lattimore, even offering to serve as depot agent free. He was successful, and was paid \$5.00 the first month the Flag Shop was in operation, and \$15.00 per month afterwards.

He was Lattimore's rural mail carrier for 29 years, using a horse and buggy for delivery



Mary Elizabeth Price and John Wallace Ellis

part of that time. He retired in the 1930's and really began the happiest career of his life — gardening. Here he could be found from daylight to dark, weather permitting, with his floral beauties for which he was widely known, and which was seen by thousands visiting the gardens.

In 1889, he married Doris Covington (1870-1894), daughter of Tom Covington. His only son, Edgar R. Price born 1891, died in England in October 1918 during World War I, as a private in 322 Infantry, USA. Willie Gaynelle (1893-1899), was the youngest daughter, she died shortly after the death of her mother. Daisy O. Price (1889-) the oldest child, married Julian Lamer DeBerry (1888-1941). She has carried on her father's contributions to the Lattimore Community. She gave the land for the Lattimore Baptist Church parsonage, and Community Club House. Both Gideon and Daisy are known for their witicism and anecdotes.

Sources: *The Cleveland Star* and tombstones.

— Mrs. John S. Blanton Jr.

September 13, 1910 married John G. Kester b. April 8, 1905d, d. February 26, 1977. Sue b. February 3, 1915 married Charles H. Wells, Jr., b. April 16, 1915.

Source: *Family Bible*

— Mrs. Sue P. Wells

J. ALVIN PROPST FAMILY

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Julius Alvin Propst was born May 29, 1908 in Casar of Upper Cleveland County and was the son of Thomas Clyde Propst and Bessie Ellen Ledford Propst. He married Henry Pauline Dixon born March 23, 1909, daughter of Henry Pickney Dixon and Alice Jane Skinner Dixon of the Kadash Church Community of Belwood. They were wed in Shelby at the Edgar W. Dixon home, brother of the bride, on Grover Street December 23, 1929. Propst is a German name.

Alvin Propst was educated at Piedmont Boarding School in Lawndale, attended Appalachian State University in Boone. He majored in education and taught at Belwood school and later taught and was principal of Dover school. Mrs. Propst did substitute work at the schools.

A lot of his early years were spent living with his grandparents, Julius Macklin (Mack) Ledford and Mary Jane Spurling Ledford at their home near Carpenters Knob in Upper Cleveland. Alvin and Pauline spent their first year of marriage living with them.

He achieved the rank of Eagle in Boy Scouts, and his enthusiastic interest in scouting lead him to serve as a leader and also serve as Scout Master in Shelby.

They moved to Shelby and were living in Belvedere when their daughter, Alvin Joan was born October 21, 1933. She was their only child.

Propst later in 1937 became associated with government work and was North Carolina District Fieldman for the department of Agriculture. He would be gone as long as a week sometime and his wife and daughter would sometimes accompany him. In 1942 they built a colonial home at 110 Brookhill Road.

They were members of First Baptist Church where Alvin was Sunday School teacher for the men's Newton Bible class and Pauline was a Sunday School teacher in the Primary Department for twenty-six years. She was a member of the Music and Art Club of Shelby. Both were active democrats.

Their home was filled with antique victorian furniture, lamps, and china which she collected. This was a hobby and her favorite color pink radiated the house in hand-painted china and satin glass. Her husband and daughter acclaimed her to be an immaculate housekeeper and the best cook!

Alvin had many hobbies among which was stamp collecting and his favorite was making home movies and slides. He had traveled in all states including the family taking a trip to Havana, Cuba, in 1937. His movie collection included different surgeries performed at Shelby Hospital by Doctors Schenck and Harbison; among these were two appendectomies (one

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being of Pauline) a leg amputation, a caesarean section, and surgery being performed on a cow by Dr. Story. Therefore concluding Alvin had nerves of steel. Their home contained a dark room built in the basement for him to develop and work with pictures.

He became an avid golfer in later years, playing almost everyday at Cleveland Country Club of which he was a member and director.

Joan, the daughter, won many awards for tap-dancing and acrobatics as a child, once winning a trip to Myrtle Beach to dance at the Pavilion. She had seven years of piano. She graduated from Shelby High School in 1952 where she was a cheerleader, a member of Future Homemakers Club, and Homeroom officer. She attended Gardner-Webb College where she was cheerleader both years and active in Christian activities on campus.

On the morning of October 1, 1953, Alvin had a massive heart attack and died at home at the age of forty-five. He was buried at Sunset Cemetery October 3, 1953. Pauline was left a widow at age forty-four. She began work at the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation in Shelby which was clerical work pertaining to the work her husband had been engaged in.

On April 25, 1954, Joan was married to Charles Lorenzo Peeler of Belwood in the Webb Chapel of First Baptist Church by Rev.



S. Gideon Price

ALBERT WINFIELD PROPST FAMILY

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Albert Winfield Propst b. April 24, 1851, d. November 26, 1918, married Mary Hudson b. February 4, 1853, d. November 15, 1934. They were married in Burke County by Pink Whitner, February 16, 1871. They bought a farm in Casar and raised a family of six children. They were Dora P. Lingerfelt, William, John, Thomas, Sam, & James.

James Osco Propst b. January 8, 1890, d. April 8, 1943, married Cary Bumgardner b. January 29, 1885, d. July 23, 1980. They were married in Casar November 24, 1907. There were three children: Boyd D. b. Sept. 20, 1908, d. Sept. 7, 1980, married Elsie Hicks b. April 22, 1907, d. March 1, 1982. Sedahlia b.



J. Alvin Propst



Pauline Dixon Propst

Methodist Church, Lawndale, North Carolina. She is a graduate of Polkville High School and Howards Business College.

Their children are: Jerry Thomas Propst, born January 20, 1967 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Shelby. Jill Renee Propst, born January 1, 1973 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital. She was the New Year's baby of Cleveland County that year. Danny James Propst, born July 22, 1978 at Cleveland County Memorial Hospital.

Judy Dixon Propst and Bobby Gene Hamrick were married July 10, 1965 at St. Peters United Methodist Church. His parents are Fred Monroe Hamrick and the late Kathleen Hoffman Hamrick of Fallston, North Carolina.

He is a graduate of Fallston High School. Their children are: Joel Brett Hamrick, born January 11, 1970 and Jason Corbett Hamrick, born October 15, 1973. Both of these were born at Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Shelby, North Carolina.

All members of our families are members of St. Peters United Methodist Church.

Source: Personal knowledge

— Rebecca Propst



John Lawrence and they lived with her mother for a year. On April 10, 1955, Pauline was remarried to Gred Morgan Panther of Shelby and they had nineteen wonderful years together until his death of cancer in 1975.

Twenty-six years after Alvin's death, July 1979, his remains were moved from Sunset Cemetery to Kadash United Methodist Church Graveyard where the entire family has bought plots to be buried together.

They have two grandchildren: Paula Joy Peeler, born September 6, 1958 and Charles Franklin Peeler (Chuck), born September 23, 1962. (See Charles L. Peeler for their family history.)

— Mrs. Charles Peeler

J.C. PROPST FAMILY

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James Clyde Propst was born February 20, 1915 in Lawndale, North Carolina, to Thomas Clyde and Bessie Ledford Propst. The family moved to Belwood, North Carolina, when he was three years old. He is a graduate of Belwood High School and was married to Rebecca Ruth Dixon, born April 2, 1920.

She is a graduate of Fallston High School. Her parents were Thomas Gold and Ruth Branton Dixon who resided on Lithia Springs Road, Shelby, North Carolina. They were married at Ross Grove Baptist Church parsonage by the Rev. Lawrance Roberts on December 24, 1940. Their home has always been Belwood.

They have two children: Thomas James (Jimmy) Propst, born May 18, 1942 at Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Shelby, North Carolina. He is a graduate of Belwood High School.

Judy Dixon Propst born October 12, 1946 at Dr. F.D. Edwards Clinic, Toluca, North Carolina. She is a graduate of Fallston High School and Gardner-Webb College. She is a nurse for Doctors Collins and Burrus at their clinic.

Thomas James Propst and Dorothy Sue White were married June 2, 1963 at Clover Hill

THOMAS CLYDE PROPST and DESCENDANTS

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Thomas Clyde Propst was born on November 3, 1881, in lower Burke County. His parents were Albert Propst and Mary Hudson Propst. The five brothers and sister of Thomas Propst were: Dora Propst Lingerfelt, John Propst, Bill Propst, Sam Propst and Jim Propst. Although the Propst family was reared in Burke County, Albert and Mary moved to Casar in Cleveland County around 1900. Albert died in 1918 and Mary in 1934. They are buried at Casar Baptist Church in Casar.

When Thomas Propst was a young man he went to Texas to "seek his fortune" in the lumber business. He spent several years working in Texas before returning to North Carolina.

On May 16, 1907, Tom married Bessie Ellen Ledford of the Knob Creek section of upper Cleveland. Bessie was the daughter of Julius Mack and Mary Jane Spurling Ledford. Mack owned a country store and ran a monazite mining business on Knob Creek. Bessie taught school at Ledford School.

Tom and Bessie's first home was in Casar where the first of eight children were born. A son, Julius Alvin was born on May 29, 1908. Soon afterward, they moved to Lawndale



Joan Propst — 1938. Dress made by mother, Pauline Dixon Propst

where Tom worked in the Lawndale Mills Company Store. A daughter, Mary Selma, was born on December 21, 1909, at Lawndale. Bessie had phlebitis and was in bed several weeks, while Tom was seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Bessie's parents took Alvin to care for him in their home. After the parents recovered, it was decided to let Alvin live with his grandparents permanently. Tom and Bessie had two other children born at Lawndale: Thomas Fred born October 21, 1912, and James Clyde born February 20, 1915.

In 1918, Tom and Bessie bought about 100 acres of land known as the Jim Willis farm near St. Peters Methodist Church in the Belwood community. He raised cotton, corn and wheat. It was on this farm that their last children were born. Cecil Everett was born November 9, 1921; Mildred Poneze on June 6, 1924; Annie Ruth on December 17, 1926; and Charles Gerald on December 9, 1930.

Poneze Propst was killed on July 29, 1930, as she got off the school bus the first day she ever went to school, hit by a passing car.

Cecil Propst was killed in Smithfield, North Carolina, on March 7, 1942, when an ammunition loaded truck exploded. He was a graduate of Boiling Springs College and working as Game Protector at Lake Mattamuskeet in New Holland, North Carolina.

Tom enjoyed bird hunting in the wintertime. He trained bird dogs for many people, from Morganton to Charlotte. He was an expert marksman, always hunted with a double-barrel shotgun and usually bagged two birds, one with each barrel. And Bessie's bird pie was a treat looked forward to, especially by kinfolk, at Christmas time.

Bessie enjoyed making quilts and sewing for her family. Her flower garden is still remembered by all who saw it. Tom was a member of Zion Hill Baptist Church in lower Burke County, while Bessie was a member at Carpenter Grove Baptist Church. They both enjoyed going to gospel singings that were held at various churches on fifth Sunday afternoons.

Tom Propst was instrumental in forming a co-op to get electricity for the Belwood community. They installed private lines and purchased power from Cleveland Mill and Power Company in Lawndale. This enterprise was later sold to Duke Power Company.

Tom Propst died November 26, 1953. Bessie Propst died April 12, 1960. They are buried at Carpenters Grove Baptist Church.

Sources: family Bible and personal knowledge.

— Mrs. Carl Carpenter

CHARLES GERALD and SARAH FRANCES COSTNER PROPST

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Charles Gerald Propst is the youngest of eight children born to Thomas Clyde and Bessie Ledford Propst. He was born on December 9, 1930, at the Propst farm in the Belwood community in northern Cleveland County.

He grew up working on the farm, attended Belwood School and graduated in 1948. In 1950, he enlisted in the Air Force. While in

service, he attended several service connected schools and was awarded a diploma for airplane and engine mechanic. His tour of duty included a stay in Okinawa where he was Crew Chief on a B-50 bomber during the Korean War. Upon his discharge from service he returned to the Propst farm.

On October 10, 1954, he and Sarah Frances Costner were married in a noon wedding at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church in the Beams Mill Community by the Reverend C.C. Crowe. They lived on the Propst farm until 1956, then moving into their present home which is also located in the Beams Mill Community.

Sarah Frances, the oldest child of James Ralston and Elizabeth Bridges Costner, was born March 23, 1935. She also grew up working on the farm, attended Fallston School and graduated in 1953. During high school she was selected to the Beta Club, played varsity basketball, was class secretary and member of the Drama Club. Upon graduation she began employment with the Hudson Hosiery plant until 1958 when her job career was changed to mother and homemaker. Later Frances attended Cleveland Tech for two years, working on a secretarial major. For the past ten years she has been employed part time at Alston Bridges Bar-b-que.

On January 6, 1955, Charles began employment with Lithium Corporation of America, a chemical processing plant located near Bessemer City, North Carolina. During his 27 years with this company he held several operator positions and in 1962 was promoted to payroll clerk. This led to two years of night school at Gardner-Webb College and a promotion to cost accounting. In 1967 he was given his present position of accounting supervisor.

On March 28, 1955, Charles became a member of Fallston Masonic Lodge and from 1957 to present date has held an office in the lodge. He was elected master for nine years as well as being chosen Outstanding Mason in 1968 and also 1980. He is a 32nd degree Scottish Rite mason, a member of Oasis Shrine Temple and a charter member of South Mountain Shrine Club.

Charles and Frances are active members of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He has served as deacon, Sunday School teacher, usher, trustee and on various other committees; while she has served as Sunday School teacher, Vacation Bible School director, G.A. leader, W.M.U. director, and recording secretary. They both had more than thirteen years perfect attendance at Sunday School.

This doesn't leave much time for hobbies but Charles still manages some serious spring and fall fishing as well as golf at every opportunity, while Frances spends her leisure time on ceramics, cross-stitch, needlepoint, reading and growing roses. The roses became a trademark of Frances' numerous visits to the hospital as well as decorations for church, weddings, office and friends. Her hobbies have won numerous blue ribbons at the Cleveland County fair.

Their only child, Susan Elizabeth, was born at Cleveland Memorial Hospital on August 13, 1958. She attended Fallston Elementary and Burns High School, graduating in 1976. Dur-

ing high school she was a member of the band, Quill and Scroll, and listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students.

Susan is a talented pianist and organist, having studied under Mrs. E.T. Bailey and Mrs. John Gold. Her playing was much in demand at weddings, funerals, talent shows and at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church where she was a member. She also had thirteen years perfect attendance at Sunday School.

Susan graduated from Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in social work. At Western she met her husband, Paul C. Johnson, Jr. of Newland, North Carolina. They were married at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church on June 7, 1980. They presently make their home at Banner Elk, North Carolina. Susan is employed as social worker at Crossnore School while Paul is an assistant football coach at Lees McRae College.

Sources: personal knowledge

— Charles G. Propst

THOMAS FRED PROPST

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Thomas Fred Propst, third child of Thomas Clyde and Bessie Ellen Ledford Propst, was born on October 21, 1912 in Lawndale, North Carolina. He graduated from Belwood High School in 1932. In 1933 he joined the Marine Corps, where he served until 1938.

He was married in 1940 to Geneva Keegan in Alexandria, Louisiana. A son, Thomas Fred Propst, Jr., was born to them on January 29, 1945. Mrs. Propst died in July, 1950; and in 1951 Fred and his son returned to North Carolina and lived in Belwood with Fred's parents.

He was employed by Bridges Auto Parts in Kings Mountain until 1959, when he and a partner opened City Auto & Truck Parts.

On June 11, 1960 he and Madeline Porter were married.

He is now semi-retired.

— Thomas Fred Propst

AMOS E. PRUETT FAMILY

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Amos Earl Pruett was born September 26, 1922 the son of Edgar and Stella Bumgardner Pruett. Amos graduated from Casar High School in 1942 and soon afterwards married Pauline Newton the daughter of Bryson and Evie Luckadoo Newton. He was drafted into the United States Army in January 1943. He took his training at Camp Hood, Texas in the field artillery, and was in the desert, near Yuma, Arizona on maneuvers when he injured his back and spent three months in Brun's General Hospital, New Mexico before being medically discharged. Amos and Pauline became the parents of four children, two girls and two boys. Edith Hazeleen, Ronald Earl, and Charles Edgar; one daughter Jeannie Paulette died at five months of age.

All three of the surviving children graduated from high school. Hazeleen graduated from Burns High School. She then entered the Womans College in Greensboro, North Carolina and received a one year Commercial Certifi-

EDGAR PRUETT FAMILY

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cate. After working for a while in Wachovia Bank in Charlotte, North Carolina, she married Howitt Smith of Fallston, the son of Hubert and Margaret Spurling Smith. Howitt graduated from North Carolina State with two years of pre-engineering, one year at R.C.A. Institute in New York, and Gaston Technical College in Electronics. He is now an Electronics Engineer for I.B.M. in Spartanburg, South Carolina, where they make their home, near Inman, South Carolina. Hazeleen and Howitt are the parents of two girls, Adriene and Lisa. Since her marriage Hazeleen has received brokers license, and graduated from the University of South Carolina, at Spartanburg, S.C. with a B.S. Degree in Business Administration. Their oldest daughter, Adriene will graduate from Boiling Springs High School in South Carolina in the spring of 1982 and will enter Clemson College in the fall. She was a member of the Beta Club and spent one summer for gifted children at Western Carolina University, Brevard, North Carolina.

Lisa Smith is a member of the Beta Club, president of the Science Club and cheerleader for ninth grade at Boiling Springs Jr. High School at South Carolina. She attended two years of summer school for gifted children at Western Carolina University, Brevard, North Carolina.

Ronald Pruett graduated from Burns High School Polkville, North Carolina, and took the Data Processing course at Gardner Webb College in Cleveland County. He graduated from Limestone College at Gaffney, South Carolina with a B.S. degree in Business Administration. Ronald married Beth White, daughter of Joe R. and Anna Maude Queen White. Beth graduated from Burns High School and Appalachian State University at Boone, North Carolina with a B.S. degree in English. Ronald and Beth have one son Gregory Pruett. Gregory is a student at Boiling Springs Elementary school in Boiling Springs, South Carolina. He was a second place certificate in the Fifth grade District #11 from the Lt. Governor's Awards for excellence in writing. Ronald and Beth live near Spartanburg, South Carolina, and are formerly from Cleveland County.

Charles Pruett graduated from Burns High School. He married Barbara Hull. Charles is presently employed in maintenance work of Shelby High School and part time radio announcer for W.O.H.S. Radio Station in Shelby, North Carolina. They have no children. Barbara is employed at Hewlitt Manufacturing of Cherryville, North Carolina.

Amos and Pauline started married life as farmers then later went into textile work. They own a small farm in the Casar Community where they have lived all their lives. They are Members of Old Zoar Baptist Church at Casar; and are members of the Historical Museum and the Broad River Genealogy Society of Cleveland County.

Sources: Family records

— Amos E. Pruett

Edgar Pruett was born August 25, 1892 the son of Julius and Ella Sain Pruett. He married Stella Bumgardner born October 25, 1890 the daughter of Lewis Holden and Delia Johnson Bumgardner. They were married by and at the Home of Miles N. Pruett, Justice of the Peace, on May 12, 1912. To this union were born Eleven Children, with two set's of Twins.

Their Children were: Pauline Pruett married Otto Deviney, Delia Faye Pruett married Delbert (Buck) Chapman, Julius Edison Pruett married Martha Loyal, Amos Earl Pruett married Pauline Newton, Lewis Doyle Pruett married Jewell Brown, Elouise Pruett married Theodore McNeilly, Dorothy Dean Pruett married C.B. Crotts Jr., the others died in infancy, including Annie Pearl the Twin sister of Amos Earl.

Stella Pruett taught school in what was called Black Mountain and the Old Pruett School in upper Cleveland County. She traveled by Mule and Buggy in all kinds of weather. These were small one room Building's, probably made of logs.

Edgar was a well known farmer and Carpenter, living in the Casar Community. Edgar and Stella were trying to raise a large family during the Depression Years. It was during some of these years due to the drop in the price of cotton, the main money crop, that Edgar was forced to leave his family and go to South Carolina to help build the Barracks at Camp Croft. He worked there as a carpenter until the Barracks were completed. He made the remark during this time, that he hoped neither of his boys would have to use them, but one later was inducted at Camp Croft during World War II.

Edgar and Stella were devoted church going people dedicated to the work of the Lord. They were some of the first members of Old Zoar Baptist Church and largely responsible for its success when it was Organized in 1937.

Two of Edgar and Stella's sons became dentists. They were Julius Edison and Lewis Doyle. Edison graduated from Gardner Webb College, The University of Wake Forest, and the University of Louisville Kentucky School of Dentistry. Doyle graduated from Appalachian State University, and The University of Louisville School of Dentistry, Louisville, Kentucky.

All three boys served in the Armed Forces of the United States. Julius Edison served as Lieutenant Jg. in the Navy during World War II, Amos Earl served as Private in the Field Artillery of the Army during World War II. Lewis Doyle served as Lieutenant in the Army Air Force after the war ended.

Three of their children; Pauline, Delia Faye and Amos Earl married and remain in the Casar Community of Cleveland County. The other four Julius Edison, Lewis Doyle, Elouise and Dorothy Dean married and moved out of Cleveland County.

After the death of Stella March 28, 1948, Edgar remarried a second time to Emma Upton daughter of Samuel and Lola Upton of Spindale, North Carolina. To this union were born

three children: Samuel Roy, Lola Mae and Mary Ella.

Samual Roy Pruett was inducted into the Army of the United States and served two years in the Occupation of Germany. After Roy's marriage to Susan Elliott he found work at Spindale, North Carolina and moved there. Lola Mae Pruett married Max Deviney. They have one child, and live in the Brire Creek section of Rutherford County, North Carolina. Mary Ella Pruett married J.C. Walker Jr. they have two daughters, Lola Mae and Mary Ella who remain in Casar Community along with their mother.

Edgar Pruett died June 10, 1961. He and Stella are buried in The Old Zoar Baptist Church Cemetary of Casar, North Carolina.

— Amos E. Pruitt

THE JOHN PRUETT FAMILY

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There are many ways of spelling Pruett, but all are pronounced the same. There are different ideas about where the Pruett's came from. It seems from research by many descendants that as early as the 1200's they were in England. There is speculation that they were in France before that time. It is said that there are tombstones in England in Gloucestershire with a motto which means "Loyal and Trustworthy".

John Pruett was the son of Thomas Pruett. Thomas was the first of this family in Cleveland County. Thomas who married Jane Hamrick, was the son of Revolutionary soldier William Prewitt. William's wife was Ellender Walker. William was the son of Thomas Prewitt. William enlisted in the American Revolution to relieve his father for six months.

John Pruett (1823-1892) married Susannah Holland (1822-1893), the daughter of William Isaac Holland and Permella Gold. William Isaac was the son of William Holland, a revolutionary soldier, and Margaret Hall. The Cleveland Star of May 22, 1901, Clyde Hoey Editor, and The Shelby Aurora of the same date tell of a Holland reunion on May 18th. This was said about Mrs. John Pruett (The only woman mentioned in the article and she had died in 1893) "Mrs. John Pruett was a sister of the Holland Brothers. She was the mother of the Rev. L.R. Pruett who has made quite a reputation as a pulpit orator, also the mother of J.L. Pruett, of Boiling Springs, who is noted for his honesty, sobriety and prosperity, also the grandmother of Mr. Clarence Hamrick who is one of the professors of the Cleveland Commerical College."

The children of Mr. and Mrs. John Pruett are Eugenia who married Elam Hamrick; Wm. Thomas who married Margaret Spurling; Greenberry who also married Margaret Spurling; his brother's widow; Gold Griffin who never married; Permella Jane married James Louis Lovelace; James Leroy married (1) Louisa Hamrick, (2) Ella Kirby; Perry Henderson married Hannah Susannah Lovelace; Leonard R. married Dora Shaw; Sarah never married; Doctor Melvin never married.

There was much happiness in the Pruett home, but also sorrow. Gold Griffin was deaf



The homeplace of John Pruett family, late 1800's

after the age of six. His deafness was caused by a case of scarlet fever. He attended the School for the Deaf in Raleigh for four of five years. Perry lost an arm in a cotton gin, owned by his father, and as a result he lost his life at age 33. John Pruett had operated the cotton gin, a corn mill and a saw mill, but after Perry's death he sold these businesses and only farmed.

Dr. Melvin had just graduated from medical school in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania when several members of his family became ill with influenza. He came home and also became ill. This resulted in his and several deaths in the family.

Greenberry lived in Ellenboro, North Carolina. He was active in politics and represented Rutherford County in the General Assembly in 1883. From 1903 to 1930 he served as clerk and moderator of the Sandy Run Baptist Association. He served as postmaster at Ellenboro for 24 years.

An editorial published at the time of Leonard's death said that his passing closed a record of activity that was notable and exceptional. Dr. Pruette had moved to Charlotte in 1894 to engage in Baptist Mission work. He was instrumental in founding a number of Baptist Churches in Charlotte, among them was Ninth Avenue Baptist Church, which he served as pastor for thirty years, until he retired from the active ministry. He served as trustee of Wake Forest and Wingate Colleges, and as vice-president of the Baptist State Convention and as a member of its mission board.

Thomas Pruett and John Pruett were among the first members of Boiling Springs Baptist Church which was organized on the 15th day of September 1847. Thomas was elected as one of the first deacons on "Friday before the first Lord's Day in December 1847." Leonard, their grandson and son served as pastor of the church beginning in 1908.

The Pruettes have contributed wherever they have lived. There have been preachers, doctors, lawyers and many have been outstanding in education.

Sources: The spelling of the name shown here is as it was found in the research material. Family Bible, Clarence Griffin Book

— Mrs. James L. Padgett

JULIUS PRUETT FAMILY

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Julius Pruett, the son of Reverend Newberry and Delilah Chapman Pruett born November 12, 1868, married Susan Ella Sain born May 24, 1871. She was the daughter of Winehart and Rosa White Sain. To Julius and Ella were born nine children, with seven surviving, they were: Edgar, Decator, Noah, Rosalee, Bryson, Lester, and Oscar. Vina Elminer died at age of six years, disease unknown. Chester Leore died at age ten months.

Edgar Pruett married Stella Bumgardner with eleven children, Decator Pruett married Ovedia Dedmon with two daughters, Noah Pruett married Mammie Hunt with four children, Rosalee Pruett married Bill Nitsche with two children, Bryson Pruett married Bessie Hoyle with seven children, Lester Pruett married Donna Newton with three children, Oscar Pruett married Zennie Hudson with one son.

Julius was a prominent farmer of his day. He was one of the excutors of his father's estate. He inherited some of the land from his father, and it was there he built a home for himself and his wife. They lived in the same general territory as the rest of the Pruett ancestors, this being in the upper part of No. 11 Township of Cleveland County. During Julius's years of farming he maintained a home, barn and numerous other out Buildings. He kept the team of mules at all times with which to plow the ground for planting, and to till the crop after it came up. He grew cotton, corn, wheat and hay. They planted lots of vegetables in the family garden, growing most of what they needed to eat. He had his own fruit orchard and kept hives of bees for honey. They made lots of apple cider to drink and to use as vinegar for preserving. In the fall when crops were gathered and the corn was

pulled and piled in long rows in the barn yard, they would invite their neighbors in for a corn shucking. Ella would serve a chicken pie supper to all who came. She would make this chicken pie in a large iron kettle in the back yard. After the corn was shucked, they would eat supper and then most everyone would play games and sometimes have music and dancing. This favor was repaid, by going back and helping their neighbors when they had a corn shucking.

Julius loved to go fox hunting in the surrounding mountains. He would ask his friends and family to go along. When they met together, Julius would get his old powder horn and give several loud blows to call the dogs in for the hunt. They would come running, because they knew the sound of the horn and what it meant. Many happy hours were spent hunting and enjoyed by everyone. Julius and Ella were members of Pisgah Baptist Church, where former members of the Pruetts had helped establish.

Two of their sons were conscripted into the First World War. They were Decator and Noah.

Later Lester served a time in the service of our country, Also Oscar was an M.P. (military police) during the Pacific Campaign of the Second World War. Rosalee became a registered Nurse, worked in Illinois, and later in Los Angeles, California where she and her husband Bill Nitsche moved.

Bryson is the only surviving member of his family. He lives on the land he inherited from his Father. Most of this family married and raised their families in Cleveland County.

Julius Pruett died May 10, 1947 at 78 years. Susan Ella Pruett died October 23, 1948 at 77 years. They are both buried in Pisgah Baptist Church Cemetary, of Casar, North Carolina.

Sources: Personal knowledge

— Amos E. Pruett

REVEREND NEWBERRY PRUETT FAMILY

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Newberry Pruett was the son of Spencer and Sarah Stockton Pruett, born December 8, 1827 in Rutherford County, North Carolina; that part is today Cleveland County. He married Delilah Chapman, born November 19, 1827. To this union were born twelve children: Albert Pruett married Anne Walker, Amos Pruett married Patience McNeilly, John Pruett married Sarah ----?, Spencer Pruett Jr. married (1) Sarah Hoyle (2) ---- Swink (3) Roxanna Cooke, Miles N. Pruett Married (1) Dovie Horton (2) Lillar A. Peeler, Azor Pruett married Vinnia Wright, Julius Pruett married Susan Ella Sain, William Pruett married Margaret Buff, Sarah Pruett married Peter (Big Pete) Buff, Ruth Pruett married ---- Hoyle?, Viny Pruett married Peter Wright, Rachael Pruett married Smith?.

Newberry became a Baptist Minister and preached for forty years. He served as pastor for a number of churches. These churches were generally in the upper part of Cleveland County and the lower part of Burke County, North Carolina.

According to his will dated January 30, 1895, Newberry owned a large territory of land in No. 11 Township of Cleveland County. He names at least seven hundred and fifty acres, plus some farms to which no acreage was given. Most of the Pruett's in No. 11 Township of Cleveland County are direct descendents of Reverend Newberry and Delilah Chapman Pruett.

This report from the Catawba Baptist Association 1896, supplied by Wake Forest University Baptist Historical Collection, report on obituaries of Reverend Newberry Pruett reads, "Elder Newberry Pruett was born in Rutherford County in the year 1827, and departed this life on May 16, 1895. Age about 68 years. He joined the church July 29, 1849, and entered the ministry about the year 1853. He served as pastor for a number of churches, Mt. Gilead, Pisgah, Pleasant Grove, Zion Hill and several others. He was beloved by all of them. He leaves a widow and twelve children, eight sons and four daughters. Brother Pruett was a humble, consecrated christian minister of the gospel. He was unassuming in his demeanor and naturally of a different turn of mind, never pressing himself to the front. When in the pulpit preaching the word, he entered heart and mind into the spirit of the gospel with that humility and sweetness of temper that at once impressed his hearers with the thought that he had been with the Lord. By industry and economy he had accumulated a good living and was noted for his hospitality. May the example of the departed father be a guide to his surviving children. Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord."

Signed — E.A. Poe, S. Deal, J.H. Cooke
Reverend Pruett left a legacy of family and property, much of which is owned by his family. Many members of his family still reside in the same Casar area and have contributed much to the up-building of Cleveland County.

— Amos E. Pruett

DR. JAMES JEFFERSON PURCELL

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Dr. James Jefferson Purcell was born October 1, 1829, in Forsyth County to Pleasant Purcell, of Irish and French ancestry, and to Mary Shultz of Dutch ancestry. Pleasant Purcell came from Virginia and settled in Clemmonsville, North Carolina. An orphan at the age of 15 years, James went to live with Rev. Jesse Rankin, a Presbyterian minister, and Mrs. Rankin, who educated him. James later married Mrs. Rankin's sister, Henrietta Louise Salmon. James and Henrietta taught school in Iredell County and then in Shelby before he received his medical training. The had four children: Douglas, Leland, Mary and Myra.

Henrietta died. He then married Harriett Melissa Baird on April 14, 1875. In a letter to his first wife's sister, he said, "I have a good, kind, affectionate wife who will be good to the children. It is not in her nature to be otherwise."

Harriett (Hattie) Melissa Baird was born August 6, 1853, in East Tennessee to James

Franklin Baird and Hannah Humphries. James Franklin Baird was the fifth son of William Baird, who sailed from Trent County, Ireland because of religious persecution. He hid his Bible in a false bottom of a tub. His young wife died at sea. He landed at Baltimore, Maryland. Later he married Anne Lewis from Maryland and then he came to North Carolina and bought a farm near Davidson College.

Harriett's maternal grandparents, John Humphries and Mary Taylor Humphries were from Tennessee. Harriett's grandmother was Mary Taylor. Two of Mary's brothers married two of James K. Polk's (11th President) sisters. Mary's cousins, brothers Bob and Nathaniel Taylor, were governors of Tennessee; one a Democrat, the other a Republican. Zachery Taylor, also, was a relative.

Her maternal grandfather was Johnny Humphries, Esquire. His family lived on a large farm in Washington County, Tennessee, within one mile of Washington College. He sent his sons to this college.

At the age of four, Harriett's family returned to North Carolina and lived within five miles of Davidson College, where her grandparents had lived. Her father was a cousin to Zebulon Baird Vance, Governor of North Carolina during the Civil War.

Harriett and the daughter of the President of Davidson College bought textbooks and were taught privately by the College professors. She claimed to be Davidson College's first co-ed. Later she attended a Female Institute in Salisbury. Then at the age of 20 years, she surprised many people by going to Florida to teach school. In 1873, this was unusual.

She returned to North Carolina and married Dr. Purcell. They moved from Kings Mountain to York County, and then to Mooresboro. They had four living children. Two babies died.

Alice Lillian Purcell was born February 17, 1877. She married John Batey Blanton on September 18, 1892. He was born March 21, 1857.

Lawrence Baird Purcell was born February 3, 1879. He married Leana Lane on May 14, 1902. She was born October 16, 1884.

Hattie Estell Purcell was born November 10, 1880. She married Joe Neil Casslos on February 7, 1900.

Leila Ada Purcell was born September 19, 1888. She married Albert G. Prichett on February 28, 1910. He was born January 18, 1883.

Dr. Purcell was the first doctor (known) in Mooresboro. He had a wide practice. He died of a heart attack on November 25, 1889, after helping remove furniture from a neighbor's burning house.

Hattie became a widow at 36 years of age. To support her children, she taught school in her home. After her children married, she made her home with her daughter Lillian (Mrs. J.B. Blanton) of Mooresboro. Hattie (Grandma Purcell) became an important part of the four generations who lived at the Blanton home-place. A strong Presbyterian, she taught the Presbyterian catechism to her Baptist grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She had learned to read at the age of 4 years and encouraged her family in good education, the use of proper English and good manners. She

was a small aristocratic lady who often wished for money to help other people with specific problems.

She died April 15, 1942, at the age of 86 years at the Cleveland Memorial Hospital after breaking her hip. She and Dr. Purcell are buried at Sandy Run Baptist Church Cemetery.

Sources: Harriett Purcell's letters and autobiography, *Family Bible* — Family record compiled by Hattie Smith October, 1944, Edna Hendricks' family papers, Other grandchildren.

— Constance C. Young (Mrs. Carlos)

THE ARTHUR BENTON and AUDREY WARE PUTNAM FAMILY

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Arthur Benton Putnam was the son of Lorenzo Dow Putnam who was born July 7, 1845 and died May 5, 1917. His mother was Clarissa Jane Kendrick Putnam born January 7, 1851 and died on December 26, 1930. Benton was born on January 8, 1888 deceased on April 21, 1962. He was born and reared in the Oak Grove Section of Cleveland County. He had three brothers, Hill, Dow and Crowder. They were born in a weathered wooden house near Oak Grove Baptist Church. The family farmed and raised sheep. Wool from the flock was processed in the home by their mother and used to make items of clothing. Another home was built later for their occupancy which had three porches, a front, side and back porch.

His early schooling was in a one room building with one teacher. Later Benton attended school in Kings Mountain. One of his favorite teachers, Eunice Plonk Harmon, noted his aptitude in math and encouraged him to further his education with this in mind. This he did, taking accounting in boarding school at Boiling Springs, now Gardner Webb College. On weekends he rode several miles on a bicycle to achieve this goal.

He was not eligible for military service but worked in a gun powder plant in Hopewell, Virginia during World War One.

On November 13, 1913 he was married to Audrey Leona Ware at the home of the bride's parents, William Preston and Swanora Ware, in the Patterson Grove Community of Cleveland County. The ceremony was performed by the Reverend John R. Miller in the presence of family and friends.

To this couple four daughters were born, one dying in infancy. The other daughters are: Zoe Putnam (Hill) born January 8, 1915, Alma Jane Putnam (Plonk) born September 13, 1916 and Nina Putnam Welsh (Nebel) born March 31, 1921 all in Cleveland County. Benton and Audrey also had ten grandchildren.

Benton served his church, Patterson Grove Baptist of Kings Mountain in many capacities over the years. He served as teacher for various ages, Department Superintendent, Youth Director, Treasurer and Chairman of the Building Committee. He had many years of perfect attendance. He and his wife also served as leaders of the Community 4-H Club.

After their marriage Benton and Audrey lived

on Gold Street in Kings Mountain for a short period of time. They later moved to their permanent residence on Waco Road near Kings Mountain where their three daughters were reared. Their home was made merry with music of their own making. Audrey, then church organist, at the organ and Benton on the fiddle or violin. The children, neighbors and friends often sang far into the night.

For some time Benton worked as a merchant. He was known as a builder of churches and homes. His desire was for permanency of these structures. He drew many of the plans used in his business, working on them at night. Some of the buildings under his supervision were Oak Grove Baptist Church, Temple Baptist Church, Mauney Rock Apartments, Carl Mauney rock home and the country home of the Wray Plonks; also Patterson Grove Church which has now been replaced with a new edifice.

Audrey Leona Ware was born in the Patterson Grove section of Cleveland County to William Preston Ware who was born Sept. 10, 1868 died April 7, 1941 and Swanora Beattie Ware who was born on August 11, 1875 and died on April 16, 1963. Audrey's birth date was October 24, 1891 and the deceased date was February 4, 1975. She was the eldest child and had four brothers and one sister. They were Frank, Otto, Hunter, Lawrence and Bessie.

Theirs was a farming family and they grew many fine trucking commodities. They also produced honey and hickory smoked hams. The fine cooking of this family was well known from the annual corn shucking at the family farm.

Audrey served the church, Patterson Grove Baptist, long and well. She was organist and director of music for many years. She taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, was a Department Superintendent and youth leader over the years. She was a Community 4-H Club leader. She was a member of the Home Demonstration Club for many years, and served on the fair booth committee as well as holding other offices in the club. She was a talented seamstress and homemaker.

It is noteworthy for future descendants that Audrey was a direct descendant of Preston Goforth of Revolutionary war fame. Her grandfather, James W. Ware (Weir) was married to Sarah R. Goforth. This information in D.A.R. records of Mollie Ware Campbell, aunt of Audrey Ware Putnam, NSDAR National #134200. It is also historically important that the archives in Washington, D.C. note that predecessors of Audrey and Benton were Confederate soldiers during the war between the states 1861-1865. These being Lorenzo Dow Putnam and James W. Ware (Weir).

Gravestones are in the Patterson Grove cemetery, of Audrey and Benton Putnam and also of all the afore mentioned deceased.

Sources: Presented for preservation and in loving memory of parents by Alma Putnam Plonk (Mrs. Wray Plonk) R #3 Box 175, Kings Mountain, N.C.

— Mrs. Wray Plonk



Arthur Benton and Audrey Leona Ware Putnam, Wedding Picture — November 13, 1913

AVERY JENNINGS PUTNAM

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My father, Avery Jennings Putnam, was born March 6, 1890 in Waco, North Carolina. He was one of fourteen children born to Thomas D. and Fannie Jenkins Putnam.

Daddy sent most of his life in Waco except for the time spent in the army during World War I. He enlisted September 18, 1917, was engaged in combat in France and was discharged July 27, 1919. According to the occupation given on his discharge, he was a farmer.

My mother, Kathryn, was born in Robeson County, North Carolina, August 19, 1890. She was the oldest of eleven children born to Joseph Z. and Sarah Britt Stone. After graduating from high school, she attended East Carolina Teachers College. She taught school in Robeson and Columbus Counties. In response to a newspaper ad she came to Waco to teach in July, 1925. She had become interested in teaching in the foothills or mountains when she attended summer school at Western Carolina Teachers College. Avery Putnam met the train that brought her to Waco. Just after he met her, he confided to his friends that this new teacher would be his wife. Their marriage took place April 20, 1926 in Shelby, at the home of the groom's pastor, Rev. John W. Suttle.

Soon after they married, Mother and Daddy remodeled the Putnam home, where Daddy was born, and made this their home for the rest of their lives. They purchased the Putnam farm, located just west of Waco. In addition to being a farmer, Daddy was a cotton broker. Mother taught school in Gaston and Lincoln

Counties. She could not teach in Waco because the local school board would not employ married women.

In 1938 Mother and Daddy purchased the Beam Brothers Store in Waco. Together they operated the store until Daddy's death in 1949. Mother sold the store a few years later.

Mother and Daddy were members of Waco Baptist Church. Daddy was a deacon and Mother taught in Sunday School.

Because Mother was known as Miss Stone when she came to Waco to teach, she was nicknamed "Stone" for the rest of her life. Daddy was called A.J.; a few older people called him Avery.

Daddy died June 23, 1949, and Mother died April 12, 1976. Both are buried in Capernaum Cemetery near Waco.

Their first child, Fanny Elizabeth (Beth), was born in 1932. Another daughter, Ann Avery, born in 1936, died in infancy and is buried in Capernaum Cemetery. In 1957 Beth married George Wilson Hamrick, son of Lester O. and Margaret Wilson Hamrick of Lattimore. They have two daughters, Elizabeth, born April 1, 1962 and Kathy, September 1, 1964.

Sources: Personal knowledge, memories and family records.

— Elizabeth Putnam Hamrick

THE BAXTER PUTNAM FAMILY

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Baxter Cleveland Putnam, b. March 1, 1885 in Cherokee County, S.C., d. February 14, 1955, Cleveland County, was the son of James Monroe Putnam, b. February 16, 1857, d. April 10, 1923 and Sara Louise Bostick, b.





Baxter Putnam — 1907



Ida Hamrick — 1907

these years, when Baxter was eight, he worked at Belmont Mill for thirty five cents a day. Monroe then sold the house and moved to Dravo Dam where "Lou" ran a boarding house and the rest of the family farmed. He later bought a farm in the Mt. Siani Community.

Baxter, b. June 28, 1883, d. February 14, 1956, had wanderlust and went west. He served as a blacksmith in the Army in 1910, and aboard the USS Iris in 1914 at San Diego, California. His collection of mounted deer heads and bear rugs expressed his love for hunting. He compensated for his third grade education by reading, memorizing the World Atlas, studying geography, went to the Philippines and had crossed the U.S. five times by 1927.

Not being able to forget the girl back home, with whom he corresponded, he came back to Shelby and on March 12, 1921, married Ida Hamrick, b. June 29, 1883, d. June 9, 1965. They left for California, a wild, beautiful and exciting state at that time — so wild that there were only Catholic churches and to Ida's amazement everyone worked on the sabbath.

Before her marriage to Baxter, Ida had a very hard life, her mother having died when she was eight and being the eldest she felt responsible for Belva and Darfer. They did stay with their grandparents for a while and attended the All Healing Boarding School and Asheville Normal. Her father remarried but then her step-mother, Pricilla, died after a very long illness during which time Ida had all the house keeping responsibilities plus attending three children, Joseph Turner Cabiness, Phocians Vinis Hamrick, Bernice Hamrick. She did not feel free to marry until the younger children went to college.

Baxter and Ida were the parents of only one child, Frances Rebekah, b. January 13, 1922, premature. For a year she was fed on goats milk and strained vegetable juice and received a blood transfusion each month. This was

done by injecting a large syringe in the groin.

In 1924, the Putnams' were returning to Shelby on a visit. Driving along the Pacific Ocean at Capistrano, their car skidded and flipped on its top. Ida and Rebekah finished the trip by train leaving Baxter to stay until the car was repaired. This frightening experience left Rebekah so afraid of cars, she would only travel by train or streetcar for quite sometime.

In 1927, the Putnams moved back to Shelby and opened a blacksmith shop, shoeing horses and repairing farm equipment.

Baxter suffered lasting effects from the flu during the 1918 epidemic. He had three nervous breakdowns and became an alcoholic. The doctors recommended he develop a hobby to help control the alcohol addiction. He became a well known collector of guns, antique furniture and millstones. History classes toured the Putnam home as well as many people throughout the state and surrounding states. Baxter Putnam is given credit to this day for opening eyes to the importance of collecting and refinishing guns. In 1947, he sold his collection to Remington Rand and some individual gun collectors. Thanks to his hobbies and a miracle, he did not drink during the last seventeen years of his life, and gave of his time trying to help other alcoholics.

Being an only child, Rebekah was a most precious possession of her parents. Her father would let her help him in his blacksmith shop, heating and reshaping iron. He built water wheels for her and took her hunting and fishing. Her parents supported her in all her activities.

Ida, being a great disciplinarian, was in command of every situation. Her greatest joy was seeing their farm hands become land owners. She progressed with the times and lived for the future.

Sources: Bible Records, Memories.

— Frances Rebekah Putnam Ellis



Baxter Putnam

December 29, 1859, Rutherford County, d. November 28, 1922, Cleveland County, who were married August 4, 1881. His paternal grandparents were Samuel Putnam, b. October 5, 1837, d. March 30, 1919, and Artie Hardin, b. October 5, 1835, d. October 30, 1921 and were married February 8, 1855. Artie was the daughter of George Hardin her grandfather was Thomas Hardin. Baxter's great grandparents were Elias Putnam II, b. December 2, 1800, d. November 26, 1859, married Rachel Poston, b. June 13, 1808, d. July 1841. Elias I, b. 1771, d. 1848 married Nancy Roberts, b. 1774, d. 1857.

His father Anderson Putnam migrated from Virginia. His maternal grandparents Samuel Evans Bostick, b. July 10, 1830, d. January 11, 1910 was married October 15, 1850 to Jane Price Suttle, b. January 21, 1835, d. October 35, 1921. Jane Price Suttle was the daughter of Sara Baxter and Benjamin F. Suttle. Sara Baxter was the daughter of William Baxter who came from Ireland about 1758. He married Sarah Berryhill. Samuel Evans Bostick's father was John Bostick, b. 1805, d. 1873, who was married to Cynthia Harrill, b. 1808, d. 1861.

Monroe's family of seven boys and two girls moved to South Shelby for a few years. During

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN PUTNAM

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Benjamin Franklin Putnam, born 4-12-1849, died 11-30-1925, was the son of Wallace and Mary Putnam, who came to Cleveland County around the 1830's and settled on a farm in Number Two Township. When Wallace died in 1850, Benjamin grew up helping his mother on the farm and raised corn, cotton, hogs, and sheep.

In 1869 he was married to Verdia R. Hughes, b. Apr. 2, 1851, d. Mar. 12, 1920. Verdia's parents were Sanford Hughes, b. Nov. 10, 1812, d. Jan. 3, 1893 and Veranda Hughes, b. 1816, d. 1878.

Benjamin, called "Doc" by his neighbors, was active in church as a deacon and singer. He carried all his children to church on a wagon. The following children were born to "Doc" and Verdia: Cansis, b. Aug. 15, 1874, d. Oct. 1, 1952; Carrie, b. May 15, 1876, d. Mar. 15, 1926; Leo Ramseur, b. May 23, 1878, d. Aug. 26, 1954; Cossie, born Nov. 11, 1879, died Feb. 7, 1959; Elisha, b. 1881, died, 1898, unmarried; Burton, b. May 12, 1882, d. Mar. 2, 1920; Ressie, b. May 15, 1885, d. Aug. 27, 1953; Duran, b. June 5, 1887, d. Nov. 11, 1969; Etta, b. Mar. 28, 1889, d. Dec. 10, 1947.

Cansis Putnam was married to Julius Spurling, b. Apr. 24, 1859, d. June 1, 1940 who, by a former marriage, fathered Gazzie Spurling b. Aug. 15, 1897, d. Aug. 15, 1970, and Cabot (dates unknown). Julius was one of the first veterinarians in Cleveland County. He and Cansis had no children.

Carrie Putnam married Richard Crowell Champion, b. Feb. 18, 1873, d. Mar. 12, 1950. "Dick" operated a grocery store in South Shelby. Their children were: Olney Phene, b. Jan. 17, 1902, d. Mar. 24, 1974; Norwood C., b. Sept. 25, 1897, d. Jan. 24, 1925 unmarried; Marion C., born Oct. 5, 1905, d. Oct. 31, 1955 unmarried; Benton, b. Dec. 6, 1907, d. June 7, 1977; Grady, b. Apr. 20, 1910, d. Jan. 29, 1933; Corene C., b. Mar. 5, 1912, d. Nov. 2, 1981; Margaret C., b. Jan. 6, 1914; Ben Palmer C., b. Dec. 30, 1919; Lawrence C., b. Sept. 8, 1899, d. Dec. 22, 1900.

Olney Phene C. married William S. McCurry, b. Apr. 1, 1899, d. Dec. 29, 1965. Their children were: Carrie Elizabeth McCurry b. Jan. 30, 1922 who married Joseph Howard Debrew, b. Apr. 4, 1920. To this union were born Joseph Ladd Debrew, b. Dec. 5, 1948 who married Martha Pharr and their child is Robert Howard Debrew born June 2, 1954. Olney's second child, William Smith McCurry, Jr., b. May 15, 1924, married Marcele Allen, b. Mar. 13, 1926 in Savannah, Ga. Their child was Mary Catherine, b. Aug. 25, 1949, who married Thomas Leon Steward in Birmingham and their children are Christopher Thomas Stewart, b. Nov. 29, 1976 and Leslie Anne, b. May 5, 1980.

Olney's third child, Pamela Jean McCurry b. May 11, 1952 married Kim Koutsky and they live in Chicago. Olney's fourth child, Cynthia Ann McCurry, b. Aug. 1, 1957 married Donny Hyde in Plainsville, Ohio. Clifford Benjamin

McCurry, Olney's fifth child b. Sept. 18, 1926, married Doris Hughes on July 2, 1950. To this union was born Benjamin Hughes McCurry b. Feb. 21, 1956, who married Thea Ann Dedmon on Nov. 3, 1979. Clifford's second child was Ellen Doris McCurry, b. Dec. 4, 1958.

Olney's sixth child, Catherine Dale McCurry, b. July 24, 1928 married Quillian Standridge. Their children are Jane Dale Standridge, b. Jan. 9, 1948. Jane married Bernedtt Enner Johnson III. Their children are B.E. Johnson IV, b. June 25, 1974 and Bryan Eric Johnson, b. July 22, 1977. Linda Standridge, b. July 10, 1950, married John Frederick Morrill. They live in Idaho. Their children are Michael Scott Morrill, b. June 12, 1967 and Christine Ann, b. Apr. 18, 1970. Alfred Jerry Standridge, b. June 25, 1953 married Therse Laymon. To this union was born Jennifer Leigh, b. June 6, 1975, and Jamie Lynn, b. June 4, 1976, and Diane, b. Dec. 22, 1977, and Lisa Maria, b. Oct. 26, 1981. Alfred's family lives in Redding, California.

Olney's next child, Mary Jo McCurry, b. May 16, 1933 married James Wallace Hester, b. Nov. 22, 1959. To this union was born Barbara Jo Hester, b. Aug. 29, 1961, who married Donald Bryan Cantrell in Aug., 1980. Donald Eugene McCurry, the eighth child, b. Sept. 27, 1937 married Kathryn Bridges on Sept. 14, 1957. Their children are Donald Eugene McCurry Jr., b. July 16, 1959 and Kathryn Ann McCurry, b. May 6, 1961 who married Bobby Arnold Thackerson on May 17, 1980.

Robert Bruce McCurry, b. Aug. 18, 1930, d. July 4, 1931. Olney's tenth child was Ella Jane McCurry, b. May 18, 1941, married Carol Thomas Harris, b. Sept. 7, 1941. To this union was born William Thomas Harris, b. Jan. 19, 1967. They live in Reidsville, N.C.

Marion Champion, b. Oct. 5, 1905, d. Oct. 31, 1955 was unmarried.

Charles Benton Champion, b. Dec. 6, 1907, d. June 7, 1977 was married to Ethel Robinson, b. Mar. 8, 1910, d. Oct. 12, 1976. Their children were Charles B. Jr., b. 1930, John Richard, b. Oct. 31, 1934. John is married and his children are; Leslie, John Jr., and Cellise Champion.

Grady Champion, b. April 20, 1910, d. July 29, 1933, was unmarried.

Corene Champion, b. Mar. 5, 1912, d. Nov. 2, 1981, married Raymond Lewis. Their child is Esther Jean, b. Mar. 7, 1931 who married W. Frank Helton. Their children are W. Frank Helton, Jr., David Lee Helton, and Carol Jean Helton.

Margaret Lee Champion married Hudson Hoyle. Their children are Sandra Faye, b. Jan. 5, 1938, Mary Clayton, b. Nov. 4, 1947, and Van Richard, b. Mar. 14, 1954.

Ben Plamer Champion, b. July 6, 1914, married Lillian Robinson, b. Jan. 17, 1912. To this union was born Ben Douglas, b. July 6, 1936, who married Doris Dean Martin, b. Mar. 19, 1935. Their children are; Wade D. Champion, b. July 1, 1959, Katina Lynn, b. Apr. 19, 1970, Ben Palmer III, b. Sept. 26, 1937, Robert Palmer, b. Mar. 27, 1959, married Diane Kobar, b. Aug. 2, 1941. Their child was Christina Kokar, b. July 5, 1968.

Elisha Putnam was the son of Benjamin Franklin, b. 1881, d. 1898, unmarried.

Burton Putnam, son of Benjamin Franklin, b. May 5, 1881, d. Mar. 2, 1920 was married to Gazzie Spurling, b. Aug. 15, 1897, d. Aug. 15, 1970. To this union was born, 1) Frank Putnam, b. Mar. 13, 1911, who married Edna Waters, b. July 28, 1919. Their children were; Linda Putnam, b. Sept. 21, 1941. She married Kenneth Tessner. Jean P., b. Aug. 19, 1944 who married James Stepp, Frances P., b. Nov. 24, 1946 who married Barry Jones. Aileen P., b. June 11, 1949, Helen P., b. June 10, 1951, Marie P., b. Sept. 8, 1956 who married Steve Stallings, and Lloyd Frank Putnam, b. Feb. 15, 1959. 2) Corene Putnam, b. Mar. 2, 1919, married Richard Hooper. Their child was named Kathy Hooper.

— T.S. Putnam
and Edna Putnam

BOBBY GENE PUTNAM

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Bobby Gene Putnam, son of Spurgeon Britton Putnam and Maggie Lee Bridges Putnam, born March 4, 1929 . . . in Number Three Township of Cleveland County, N.C. Married, April 10, 1949 to Frances Carolyn Kendrick (b. July 4, 1929) daughter of John Burl Kendrick and Reola Wall Kendrick.

Children: Son, Robert Wayne Putnam, (b. Nov. 19, 1952) married June 11, 1977 to Peggy Ann Atkinson (b. Nov. 14, 1950) daughter of Samuel Ralph Atkinson and Bobbie Jean Page Atkinson of Fairmont, N.C.

Daughter, Carol Jean Putnam (b. Nov. 11, 1954) married February 11, 1978 to Vernon Christopher Horne (b. Feb. 7, 1955) son of Wallace Lee Horne and Marie Silver Horne of Shelby, N.C.

Grandchildren: Leah Atkinson Putnam (b. Dec. 2, 1979) daughter of Robert Wayne Putnam and Peggy Ann Atkinson Putnam. Kristen Carol Horne (b. June 5, 1981) daughter of Vernon Christopher Horne and Carol Jean Putnam Horne.

— Mrs. Carolyn Putnam

COSSIE PUTNAM

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Cossie Putnam, son of Benjamin F. Putnam, was born Nov. 11, 1882, d. Feb. 7, 1959, married Ida Ellis, b. Apr. 7, 1883, d. Mar. 28, 1963. To this union was born, Cecil Putnam July 2, 1903, d. Oct. 26, 1958 who married Frieda Savage. Their daughter was Ruth Leah Putnam Debenidetus. Cossie's second child was Dorcus Eugenia, b. Sept. 24, 1904, d. Sept. 1975. Her husband was Jeff Colliers, b. Sept. 1901, d. Sept. 1975. They had three children; Frances Elizabeth (Collier) Hillman, Jeff William Collier and Mary Josephine Collier. Ethel Agatha Putnam, b. Apr. 2, 1907 married Ford Monroe Brown b. Dec. 17, 1906, d. May 5, 1971. Their children were Mary Priscilla Brown, b. Oct. 21, 1923 and Dorthy Ann Brown b. Feb. 28, 1926. Addie Sue Putnam, b. Mar. 6, 1909 married Hardy Addington b. Apr. 7, 1907 d. Nov. 5, 1961.

Their children are Jane Elizabeth (Addington) Pampy and Charles Phillip Addington. Mary Lee Putnam, b. May 17, 1913 married J.T. Leverette. Their children are: Sarah Joan Leverette b. Apr. 14, 1932, married Melvin T. Thomas, b. Jan. 15, 1932. Their children are Harold Wallace Thomas b. Sept. 9, 1952, who married Janice Deborah Pruett b. Oct. 1, 1952. They have a son, Jason M. Thomsa, b. Apr. 28, 1979. Mary Lee's second daughter, Mary Lois Leverette, b. Aug. 4, 1933 married Jerry Joseph Sewell, b. Jan. 21, 1941. Bruce Evans Leverette, b. June 9, 1936 was married to Shirley Jean Addison, b. Nov. 28, 1937. To this union was born Daniel Evans Leverette Aug. 31, 1957, d. May 31, 1969 when he fell from a load of hay; Ronald Thomas Leverette b. May 14, 1944, who married Linda Vista Walker Painter, b. Feb. 28, 1947 who had a daughter by a former marriage named Linda Lou Painter b. June 27, 1963; Jeffrey Bruce Leverette b. Oct. 18, 1959 married Valencia Carol Bryson, b. Nov. 12, 1959. They have a daughter, Tiffany Renee, b. Sept. 29, 1949; and James Richard Leverette, b. Oct. 3, 1965, who is unmarried.

Cossie's 6th child, James Terrell Putnam, b. Oct. 27, 1918 married Ovice Wilkerson. They had two daughters, Janice and Sheron who married cousins by the name of Wilson.

Louise Putnam, b. Feb. 7, 1916, married Fred McClean b. Jan. 22, 1919. To this union were born three daughters: Carol, Joyce and Freida. Joyce is married to a McKay.

Cossie and Ida Putnam moved to Toccoa, Georgia soon after they were married in early 1900's. Their children grew up around that area.

William O. Ressie Putnam, Son of Benjamin F. Putnam, was born May 15, 1885, d. Aug. 27, 1953. He was married to Daisy Pearson, b. Dec. 23, 1886, d. Nov. 16, 1973. To this union was born Alma (no dates), Dorthy, b. June 6, 1911 and Bruce, b. Sept. 13, 1916, d. June 10, 1948, and three others who died in infancy. Ressie was city mail carrier in Shelby for 30 years. This family was active in Shelby Second Baptist Church as long as they were able to attend. Dorthy married Roy Newton, b. June 6, 1911, d. Aug. 20, 1965. Roy was a Baptist minister for several years, serving in Pineville, Ky. He established two small missions just outside Pineville and served them many years. He established another mission in New Lebanon association in the state of Virginia. To this union was born Leita Jo, b. Jan. 19, 1936, and twin boys, Tyrus and Cyrus b. Sept. 6, 1939. The twins graduated from high school in 1956, returned to Shelby and joined the Air Force in 1959. When Roy died in 1965 Dorthy brought his body back to Shelby for burial and re-established her home in Shelby. Leita Jo married Paul Rogers and lives in Atlanta, Cyrus also lives in Georgia. Tyrus died on Nov. 28, 1980. Bruce was killed in a traffic accident in Shelby in 1948.

Duran Putnam, son of Benjamin F. Putnam, married Mabel Russ b. Oct. 23, 1884, d. Dec. 21, 1960. Three children were born to this union: Edward, b. Apr. 30, 1920, d. Aug. 25, 1955, Verdia b. June 18, 1918, Helen, b. Jul. 23, 1925 (unmarried). Verdia married Elmer

Earls, b. Apr. 14, 1917 and their children are Kathryn b. Dec. 28, 1951 and twins, Stanley and Steve b. Dec. 13, 1947.

— T.S. Putman

ELIAS PUTNAM and DESCENDANTS

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Elias Putnam, along with two brothers, came to North Carolina from Virginia in the latter part of 1700. They settled in the Zoar Church Community and reared large families.

Elias was born in 1771 and died in 1848. He married Nancy Roberts on December 2, 1796. Both are buried at Zoar Baptist Church in Cleveland County, North Carolina. They were charter members of Zoar. To this union two children were born that I have record of, Elias Putnam and Susan Putnam.

Elias was born December 2, 1800, and died in 1859. He was married to Rachel Poston (1800-1841). They had three children — Devanney, born 1835; Samuel, born June 28, 1837; and Rachel, born 1841. Samuel was my grandfather.

Susan Putnam, second child of Elias Putnam and Nancy Roberts, was born September 28, 1797, and died April 27, 1877. She was married to James Love (born 1796 — died 1878). Susan and James were also charter members of Zoar Baptist Church and are buried there. James Love is remembered for giving land to the town of Shelby, North Carolina.

Susan and James had six children, Christopher, born 1825; James Ingram, born 1830; Susan Ann, born 1831 and married to Dr. W.P. Andrews; Thomas W., born 1833; Anderson M., born 1838; and William Love.

Samuel Putnam, my grandfather, married Artie Hardin, daughter of George and Mary Harrell Hardin, on February 8, 1855. Both are buried at Double Springs Baptist Church. Samuel and Artie had twelve children — nine boys and three girls: Munroe, John D., William, Clifton, Jordan, D. Franklin, Charles I., Pinkney, Samuel Tildon, Rachel, Mary and Esther.

Samuel entered the Confederate Army, Company "B", 49th Regiment, on May 14, 1861. He was wounded twice, once near Wilson, North Carolina; and at Drury's Bluff near Richmond, Virginia. He lost his left arm on May 16, 1864.

My grandfather Samuel, although he had only one arm, was an active farmer and church member. He walked four miles to Double Springs Church and led the singing there. He had a good voice and tried to teach me to sing but had to give up on that deal.

When talking to an acquaintance of Samuel, a Mr. Jones, I was told of an incident that happened at a community log cutting. Mr. Jones asked my grandfather if he needed help trimming his log. Samuel replied, "You trim yours, and I'll trim mine." Mr. Jones said that although he had only one arm, Samuel finished cutting his log before Mr. Jones did.

Samuel Tildon Putnam (son of Samuel and Artie Hardin) was my father. He was born May

16, 1876, and died March 22, 1952. He was married to Vella Evans Eskridge (January 28, 1878 — May 7, 1961) on December 14, 1908. Both are buried at Zion Church in Cleveland County, North Carolina. They had three children, Pauline, Hal W., and Earl.

There are many Putnams in Cleveland County, probably all descended from Elias Putnam and his two brothers. The Putnams are related to many families in Cleveland County: Hanricks, Hardins, Harrells, Postons, Dobbins, Golds, Wellmons and many more.

Sources: tradition, family Bibles, church records, and cemetery inscriptions.

— Pauline Putnam Roberts

LEO RAMSEUR PUTNAM

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Leo Ramseur Putnam was born May 23, 1878 and died on August 18, 1954; married Ada Gertrude Weaver, born October 17, 1879, died March 4, 1966. Leo was a farmer, carpenter, bricklayer, and a dedicated church man.

Their children were William Yates, b. Mar. 14, 1902, d. Jul. 27, 1903; Oveda, b. Feb. 11, 1904; Etha, b. Jan. 19, 1906, d. May 20, 1962; Edna Jean, b. April 27, 1902; Taft Spurgeon, b. Oct. 17, 1908, lthiel Hythe, b. Oct. 25, 1910, d. Sept. 9, 1974; Crete, b. April, 29, 1914, d. June 30, 1966; Elijah Joseph, b. April 2, 1915, d. Feb. 21, 1920; Ezra Lee, b. Nov. 10, 1917; Willie Gertrude, b. Oct. 24, 1922.

Oveda was married to L. Guy McKinney of Ellenboro in 1928, moving to Houston, Texas that year. L.G. Jr. was born in 1931. Guy worked with Phoenix Dairies several years and Oveda taught in the City Schools. Guy worked in the Houston Post Office from 1938 until 1966. L.G. Jr. graduated from Baylor University and was assigned as a missionary to Hong Kong, China. He is a gifted musician and translates American Hymns into Cantonese language and the natives use them in worship. L.G. Jr. married Florence Fielder of Houston, a daughter of Dr. Wilson Fielder who has served as a medical missionary in China. Florence assists L.G. Jr. as a school teacher. Their adopted son, Daniel Scott is a student in the University of Houston. Their adopted daughter is in high school in Hong Kong where she serves as a consultant between teachers and pupils.

Etha, Leo's second daughter, graduated from Appalachian State College and taught in elementary schools around Siler City, N.C. until she was married to Andrew Hunt, b. Dec. 15, 1905, d. Jul. 16, 1966, of Mt. Sinai community where she grew up. Andrew operated a shoe shop in Shelby for many years. Etha helped in the shoe shop as cashier. They were both active in Mt. Sinai church although they lived in Shelby. Their only child, a son, died shortly after birth.

Edna, was never married but her brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, and neighbors love her like a grandmother. She graduated from Boiling Springs High School in 1930. She worked as sales lady in Shelby's Belk's, Roses, and found Blanton's Variety Store in

South Shelby as her favorite place of work. She is very active in church at Mt. Sinai.

Taft Spurgeon, oldest living son of Leo, worked on the farm with his father, graduated from Boiling Springs High School, worked three years in a cafeteria and entered the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill and received the A.B. degree in Education. He taught at Piedmont High School for 8 years and in 1943 was appointed Postmaster there, serving until 1973. In 1938, he married Ruby Warlick, b. Feb. 6, 1908, who was teaching Home Economics at Piedmont. She received her B.S. in Home Ec. from High Point College in 1932. Between teaching both high school and kindergarten she had her family: Rebecca, b. Apr. 13, 1941, Kathy, b. Aug. 16, 1942, and Robert, b. Dec. 30, 1946. In 1948, she opened a kindergarten in her home and for 26 years she taught preschoolers from Lawndale and surrounding communities to sing, color, and get along well together. Taft and Ruby have both been active in New Bethel Baptist Church since coming to Lawndale. He has served as deacon and Sunday School Superintendent or teacher for years. She has taught in children's department many years also. Both have served in the choir as well. Taft has been active in Boy Scouts, Lions Club, Mason Lodge, and other civic organizations. Rebecca went to Wingate Junior College two years and graduated from Appalachian State University, CUM LAUDE. She taught in Marion School in Shelby for a few years and married Conrad Beam on June 30, 1963. Their children are Susan, b. July 1, 1966, Barbara, b. May 23, 1969, and Jonathan, b. Dec. 8, 1970. They live in Charlotte where Conrad is employed by Celanese Corp. They are both active in Church. Susan is a member of S. Meck. H.S. Band. Barbara and Jonathan are active in sports. Kathy graduated from Appalachian State University. She married Dale Martin from Jonesville, N.C., June 14, 1964, and taught school in Jefferson, Ga., and is teaching in Gastonia now. Dale, b. June 1, 1941, is Scout Executive in Gastonia office where they now live. Their children are Laura, b. Apr. 20, 1967, Beth, b. Feb. 20, 1969, and Matt., b. Apr. 23, 1970. Laura and Beth are interested in sports while Matt is interested in scouting. Robert Dixon, was educated in Burns High School, Polkville, Gardner-Webb Jr. College, and Appalachian State University. He played American League Baseball in Shelby, and while at Gardner-Webb their team competed for National Championship in Grand Junction, Colo. finals in 1967. He also played baseball while at Appalachian State University. He then taught Special Ed. at North Cleveland, Physical Ed., and Health at Central and Burns Jr. High where he now teaches and coaches football and golf. He married Marilyn Dycus, b. Oct. 24, 1948, in 1970 and their children are Robert Dixon Putnam, Jr., b. Nov. 3, 1973, and Deniece Tanya Putnam, b. July 15, 1975.

Ithel Hythe Putnam, son of Leo Putnam, worked as carpenter for Henrietta Mills, was very active in church as deacon and Sunday School teacher and lay leader concerned with all church members physical and spiritual needs. He married Ruth Hicks, b. July 14,

1916, of Mooresboro, N.C. She is also active in church as teacher and musician. To this union were born, 1) William Leo, b. Feb. 21, 1935, 2) Marjorie, b. Jan. 16, 1937, 3) Peggy Jean, b. Aug. 16, 1939, and 4) Joseph Steven, b. Oct. 25, 1947. William L. graduated from Appalachian State and now serves as principal of Bostic Elementary School. He married Joyce Harris, b. 5-15-36, who teaches with her husband. Their children are Jimmy Dean, b. Mar. 25, 1959, who is studying at Appalachian State University. After Hythe's death Ruth was married to Jack Dawson, b. Mar. 24, 1906. Marjorie Putnam was married to Bill Scruggs and their children are Charlene, b. May 29, 1960 and Sharon, b. Nov. 25, 1963. Marjorie was later married to A.Y. Morgan. They live in Aiken, S.C.

Peggy Jean Putnam, b. Aug. 16, 1939, attended Limestone College and is a realtor in Florence, S.C. She was married to Wayne Houser, b. Apr. 18, 1938, of Cliffside. He works for Fiber Industries in Florence, S.C. Their children are Gary Houser, b. Jan. 27, 1959, attended Davidson for 2 yrs., and is a senior at Frances Marion in Florence, S.C.; Bruce Houser, b. Sept. 26, 1960, is in Senior year at Clemson Univ.; Pamela Houser, b. 9-2-1962, married to Darrell Bridges in 1980; Susan Houser, b. Feb. 18, 1967.

Joseph Steven Putnam, b. Oct. 25, 1947, graduated from Appalachian State Univ., cum laude, joined the Navy and his rank is L.C.D.E., Norfolk. He married Marsha Brooks, a teacher, b. Apr. 29, 1949. Their children are: Jason, b. Jan. 5, 1976 and Travis Marshall, b. Nov. 9, 1979.

Crete Putnam, son of Leo Putnam, graduated from High School, worked in Shelby Post Office, was drafted into Army in 1942 and served with the European forces until strain and exposure led to hospitalization. At the end of WWII he remained several months in hospital. Crete married Ophelia Borders, b. Dec. 20, 1916, d. Dec. 13, 1962. Their daughter died at birth. They adopted Richard Mike, b. May 3, 1949, on July 12, 1949. Crete was active in First Baptist Church of Shelby as deacon. He and Ophelia worked with Primary S.S. class, also. Richard Putnam serves First Baptist Church as deacon and pianist. He records and entertains groups often. He is married to Robin Weaver, b. Jan. 25, 1954. Robin is active in church and in Little Theater work. Their children are Ashley P. b. May 20, 1973 and Emily Grace, b. May 25, 1976.

Ezra Lee Putnam, son of Leo Putnam, carpenter, and employee of N.C. State Hwy Dept. for many years, has been active in Mt. Sinai Church as deacon and S.S. teacher. He married Sarah Williams, b. May 19, 1924, d. Sept. 24, 1970, was a graduate nurse in Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby. After Sarah's death Ezra Lee married Thelma Ingle, b. 1-13, 1925. Thelma is an inspector in L & K Mfg. Co.

Willie Gertrude Putnam, daughter of Leo Putnam, employed by Fiber Industries, Shelby; has been WMU leader and teacher in Mt. Sinai Bapt. Church. She married Jack R. Putnam, b. Sept. 4, 1923, who has worked with Lutz-Yelton Oil Co. in Shelby for many years. Their children are 1) Jacquelyn Anne, b. Dec.

23, 1944, graduated from Mars Hill College with a major in music. She married Ramond Geary Miller from Bostic, b. Dec. 18, 1944, supervises a chain of vending machines in and around Atlanta, Ga. Their children are Anne Kathryn, b. Jul. 19, 1972, Kandis Yvonne, b. May 26, 1975. 2) Phillip Loyd P., b. May 15, 1948. Phillip is employed at Fiber and is married to Cheryl Thomas Putnam, mother of Pamela Gail, b. Apr. 12, 1966, Brian Steve, b. Sept. 30, 1968, Charles Robert, b. Jul. 19, 1969, and Melissa Dianne Putnam, b. Aug. 5, 1974. 3) Christopher Robin Putnam, b. July 26, 1955, graduated from Belmont-Abbey, 1981, cum laude. He had been elected to Phi Beta Kappa fraternity. His major was accounting. He is employed by J.A. Grisette & Co. in Rutherfordton, N.C.

— T.S. & Edna Putnam

SAMUEL PUTNAM

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Samuel Putnam (1837-1919) born in Cleveland County, the second child of Elias Putnam II (1800-1859) and Rachael Poston (1808-1841). Samuel was the grandson of Elias Putnam I (1771-1848) and Nancy Roberts (1774-1857). Elias and Nancy were also parents of Susan Putnam wife of James Love. Samuel was the great-grandson of Anderson Putnam who came from Virginia; he was the brother of Devaney Putnam (1835) and Rachael Putnam (1841). Samuel married Artic Hardin (1835-1912) in 1855. Artic was the daughter of George Hardin and the grand-daughter of Thomas Hardin. Samuel and Artic had twelve children; they are as follows: Rachael (1856), James Monroe (1857), George (1858), lived two days, John (1859), Will (1861), D.J. (1866), Clifton (1867), Frank (1870), Mary (1872), C.I. known as Charlie (1873), Tilden (1876), Pinkney (1879), and Esther (1880-1972).

Samuel and Artic had three children when he went away to the Civil War. One was born after he left. He lost an arm in the battle of Druey's Bluff, Virginia. Artic could have lived with her father during the war but chose not to do so. She borrowed a horse from Mr. Irvin and plowed corn. She also plowed for Mr. Irvin. She kept a cow and pig allowing them to "run out" at night.

Samuel and Artic reared their family on a farm on Cabaniss Road, between Double Springs and Zion Churches. They are interred at Double Springs Church.

The children of Esther who married Wade Yancey Elliott are: Mary Ethel Elliott Ellis (1914) and Wade Yancey Elliott (1916).

Monroe Putnam married Louise Bostic (1859-1922) and their children are as follows: Pleasant Holcomb (1882-1939), Baxter Cleveland (1882), Foy B. (1888-1963), Loyd Yates (1890-1957), Ila (1892-1976), Paul Carrell (1895-1929), Janie (1897) lived one month, Dovie (1898), Grady (1901-1978), Guy Moore (1905-1961).

Below are some of the descendants of Samuel and Artic Hardin Putnam:

Jack R., Foy B. Jr., Jane P. Jolly, Rebekah P. Ellis, Arvill S., Rena McSwain McGinnis,



Samuel Putnam Family. 1st row L to R: Frank, Cliff, D.J., Will. 2nd row L to R: Samuel, Artie, Rachael, Monroe, John. 3rd row L to R: Esther, Pink, Till, Charlie, Mary

Evelyn McSwain Simmons, Reba McSwain Moss, James E., Jerry C., Helen Raye Davis, Evelyn Gold Blanton, Emma Gold Wilson, Inez Putnam Connor, Lois Putnam Bowling, Dr. Richard F. Bowling, Pauline Roberts.

Sources: Sam's family Bible and word of mouth story from daughter Esther and grand-daughter, Ethel Elliott Ellis.

— Jane Putnam Jolly (Mrs. Thomas Jolly)

SPURGEON BRITTON PUTNAM 907

Spurgeon Britton Putnam, the oldest child of Clarence Gordon Putnam and Leola Gibson Putnam was born August 28, 1905 in the family home that still stands on Allen Road in the Hickory Creek section of Cleveland County. An old family story tells that in the hot summer months before Spurgeon's birth, his mother, Leola, sought out the cooling comfort of Hickory Creek banks, and a birthmark on his knee resembles bull-frog spots, the baby marked by her playing with the frogs. His brother and sisters include: Gibson 'Buddy', married to Gladys Whisnant, Hattie Helene, married to R. Wells Lowery, and Donnis Lee, married to Ralph Walker.

Spurgeon, known in childhood as "Bant" because of his small stature and 'bantam rooster' spirit, began his lifelong tobacco chewing habit around age four. His great-grandmother, Sara Turner Gibson, also had the tobacco habit and would share her tobacco with the little boy. She would allow him to take eggs to the country store to trade for tobacco and tell him not to tell his mother.

He learned early to skip rocks over the pond — and was a sure-shot at a target. Once, when a chicken got his cake off a stump, he threw a rock, hit the chicken, and killed it. A never-forgotten "whippin" was the result when he

threw a rock at Leola's younger brother, Hartness Gibson, who was his constant childhood playmate.

Spurgeon referred to himself as a "mean" little boy, but we are inclined to believe mischievous is the proper word. He was a spunky high school basketball and baseball player, standing 5 ft., 6 in. tall, weighing about 130 pounds, known as the 'runt' of the team, who could hold his own with any opponent. He recalls guarding a 7 foot forward on an opposing basketball team . . . unable to reach that height, even with up-stretched arms, standing on tip-toes, he "out-spunked" him by guarding with the hand on the referee's side, and "accidentally" bumping the forward's elbow with his left hand everytime he tried to shoot, making him overshoot the goal.

On December 13, 1925, Spurgeon married Maggie Lee Bridges (b. Feb. 29, 1908). Spurgeon and "Lee" were blessed with four handsome sons: Bobby Gene, (b. March 4, 1929); Billy Roger, (b. August 1, 1931); Don Britton, (b. May 15, 1936), and Gary Lane, (b. December 27, 1952).

Spurgeon was active in the farming community, farming first with his father, then renting land, then owning his own farm. He was quite adept as a carpenter and supplemented the family income with carpentry work when not working on the farm. He will always be remembered for his handsome fine-furnished furniture, especially cedar chests, one of which was made for Dr. Vic Moore as payment for delivery of baby, Don.

Maggie Lee, daughter of John Lee Bridges (1882-1981) and Mamie Julie Harris Bridges (1886-1974), is a petite, soft-spoken lady of many talents. The aroma of hot homemade biscuits fill the air around Lee's kitchen, and guests are always invited to enjoy pies and pastries. The children and grandchildren look

forward to their mealtime visits, and the great-grandchildren all know where she keeps the "tea cakes." She spends many hours during the summer canning and freezing vegetables from their garden. Her handwork and embroidery decorate many homes, and not one great-grandchild is without heirloom baby pillow handmade by "Mawmaw." Her little boys wore baby dresses with scallops, lace, and embroidered rose-buds on the collars.

A tragic house fire in 1941 left this family homeless with only the clothes on their back and one kitchen chair. This chair is still part of the furnishings of the Putnam house and carries many lasting memories.

Since retirement, Spurgeon and Maggie Lee spend their time doing what they like to do and what they do best: he, fishing, chewing tobacco, reading . . . she, cooking, gardening, baby-sitting with great-grandchildren. He entertains the grandchildren by telling stories of old-times. One favorite thing, he predicts a wintertime snow by listening to the fire crackle in the fireplace, for the sound he describes as the sound of footsteps in the snow.

Children's marriages: Bobby Gene to Carolyn Kendrick, daughter of John Burl and Reola Kendrick; Billy Roger to Bonnie June Poston, daughter of Paul Grady and Margaret Hord Poston; Don Britton to Betsy Idonna Costner, daughter of Jim and Elizabeth Bridges Costner; Gary Lane to Linda Sue Ledford, daughter of William Ticie and Ruby Ray Toney Ledford.

Grandchildren include: Robert Wayne Putnam, son of Bobby Gene, married to Peggy Atkinson; Carol Jean Putnam Horne, daughter of Bobby Gene, married to Chris Horne; Donna Lynn Putnam London, daughter of Don Britton, married to Ronnie London; Deborah Jane Putnam Davidson, daughter of Don Britton, married to Bobby Davidson.

Great-grandchildren include: Tyler Lee Davidson, son of Debi Putnam and Bobby Davidson; Leah Atkinson Putnam, daughter of Wayne Putnam and Peggy Atkinson Putnam; Kirsten Lee London, daughter of Donna Putnam and Ronnie London; Kristen Carol Horne, daughter of Jean Putnam and Chris Horne.

Sources: Scrapbook, Family Bible, Family Memories, interview with relatives, and personal knowledge.

— Jean Putnam Horne

LONA DIXON QUALLS

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I was born October 22, 1902 to Henry and Alice Dixon. My father died when I was seven years old. I remember very little about him, but the memories I have are very precious.

I had sixteen beautiful years with my mother. She was a beautiful Christian mother and was loved by her family and neighbors. She spent many hours on her knees talking to the Lord and reading the Bible, seeking help to rear a large family and to keep food on the table. After her death, we spent several years on the farm with our oldest brother, Ed Dixon. I went to Cherryville, N.C. to live with my sister Bessie.

I finished High School in Cherryville and worked a year for Harrelson Brothers in their

new Department Store. I decided to go back to school and came to Appalachian State University in Boone, N.C. I later taught in the Watauga County Schools.

I met my husband, Ed S. Qualls, at Appalachian, and we were married in 1923. Our home was blessed with two boys and two girls.

Spencer, our oldest son, was called into service, World War II, for three years. He went to the University of North Carolina where he majored in Journalism. He married Lyn Brown. They had one son, Jerry Qualls. His second marriage was to Betsy Swain. They have three children — Rodney, Shelby, and daughter Ellen.



Lona Dixon Qualls

Martha Qualls is a graduate of Appalachian State University, Boone, N.C. having graduated Magna Cum Laude. She has been a High School English Teacher and is now Executive Vice-President of an insurance company — home office in Richmond, Virginia. She married Robert Quinton Collier of Richmond, Virginia. They have two children, Cathy and Bobby, a graduate of the University of Virginia.

Dixon Qualls is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and has received his D.D.S. Degree. He is in Asheville, N.C. He is married to Landy Brown, and they have three children — Gregg, Gary, and Chris.

Nancy Qualls is a graduate of Boone High School and a graduate of Cosmetology School in Charlotte, N.C. For the past 13 years she has been with the Food Service at Appalachian State University. She has two daughters, Rebecca and Amy Rhymer. Ed was in the hardware business. Later he had his own new car dealership.

I had a dress shop for several years while raising our family, but I still was not doing what I wanted in my life. I decided to go back to school. This time it was to a Cosmetology School. I think I really found myself because I was working with people. Somehow, I always made time to talk with each child and help solve their problems and be a good listener.

I had lots of hobbies. Growing flowers was one. I could always bury my troubles in the ground. The flowers seemed to thrive on them. My rose garden was my pride and joy. I used the roses for the church since I was the

Church Flower Chairman for 10 years.

I taught Sunday School in the Junior Department and was the young people's leader. I have been in mission work for 50 years, president of my Sunday School Class, and belong to a prayer group. Over the years I have tried to put in practice what my mother taught me.

I am a Life Member of the Garden Club of North Carolina, a member of the Blue Ridge Garden Club and member of the Worthwhile Woman's Club. A few of my hobbies are flower arranging and painting — I have presented the Junior Dept. in the First Baptist Church with a painting 6'x30", but best of all is being a grandmother to eleven beautiful grandchildren.

— Lona D. Qualls

THE WILLIAM L. QUEEN FAMILY

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William (Will) Labron Queen (b. July 10, 1870 — d. November 30, 1957) was married to Margie Candus Stroupe (b. May 12, 1871 — d. June 10, 1957) on March 13, 1891. They were both born in Lincoln County near Stanley and both were buried in Antioch Church Cemetery in Cherokee County.

In their 66 years of marriage they spent most of those years farming or in textile plants. This entailed a lot of moving on their part. When they left Lincoln County they moved to Shelby where one of their sons met and married his wife. From Shelby they moved to Gaffney, South Carolina, then to Marion, North Carolina, back to Chesnee, South Carolina, to Marion, North Carolina, and then back to Cherokee County, South Carolina where both died and were buried.

Will Queen had two brothers, Edward and Ephriam, and one sister, Ida. Candus Queen had two sisters, Della and Emma, and one brother, Macon.

They had four children: the eldest, born in Lincoln County, was Benjamin Cathy Queen (b. March 12, 1892 — d. December 17, 1928) who married Ollie Jackson Barnett (b. January 17, 1979) on September 26, 1909. They lived most of their lives in Cleveland County and both are buried at Poplar Springs Baptist Church Cemetery. They were faithful members at Poplar Springs for many years. The children born to this union were Floyd, Archie, Raymond, B.C., Kathryn, and Myrtle. These children were all raised in Cleveland County.

The second son was Claude Spurgeon (b. June 19, 1895 — d. March 16, 1917). He was born in Lincoln County and is buried at High Shoals Cemetery.

The third son was Charles Leonard Queen (b. May 6, 1909) born in Shelby, North Carolina. He married Alice Ruby Isler (b. May 31, 1923) June 21, 1947. They live in Cherokee County, South Carolina, but they attend First Baptist Church in Grover, North Carolina. Charles was in service about three years during World War II. About two years of this time was spent overseas. He was at Normandy Beach and followed the invasion through to the end. Charles and Ruby had two daughters,

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Patricia Anne (b. November 26, 1950) and Charlene Rubette (b. December 16, 1952).

The fourth child, their only daughter Nellie Lucrecy (b. December 8, 1910), was married to Benjamin Oliver Black (b. October 23, 1903) on October 21, 1927. They had one son, Oliver Benjamin Black (b. March 16, 1929). He also served his country in the United States Navy for about three years.

— Johnnie W. Queen

FLAY DEWITT QUINN

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Flay DeWitt Quinn (1887-1957) was the son of Henry Beckham Quinn (1854-1924) and Quiltina Quillania Andrews (1854-1925). He was born in Shelby, attended the Shelby schools, and graduated from the School of Pharmacy at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill.

He married Helen Amanda Dover (1890-1972), a native of Shelby and a music teacher.

With the exception of about one year, the couple spent their entire married life in Shelby, and lived most of the time at 313 South DeKalb Street.

The six children in this family were a boisterous, happy crowd, and the home was a gathering place for all friends, just as their mother's home had been when she was growing up.

DeWitt's hobbies were fishing and being a friend to all those who called him "Doc." Helen put all her energy into giving her children every advantage she could manage, even in times of adversity. She was the supplier of courage and faith when everybody around her needed it. When she died, one of the adults who had been in the Quinn home, almost as a member of the family when he was a youngster, said that in spite of all the noise, laughter and sometimes tears, he never heard her raise her voice.

Helen graduated from Oxford Seminary in Oxford Seminary, and studied piano in New York City. She taught music at Gardner-Webb (then Boiling Springs) when her students were younger than she.

This family was one of the many caught in the Depression of the Forties, and their survival was due in part to their own efforts, and in part to the support of those close to them who cared.

The Quinn children are: (1) Esther Andrews married to Edwin C. Ford, (2) Flay DeWitt, Jr. ("Bill") married to Mary Virginia Taylor (1921-

1959), (3) Henry Randolph, (4) Helen Virginia married to Troy Shelton Williams, (5) Carolyn Dover, (6) James Toms married to Sonnya Hamilton.

DeWitt and Helen Quinn are buried in Sunset Cemetery.

— Esther Ann Ford

HENRY BECKHAM QUINN

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Henry Beckham Quinn (1854-1924) was the son of Anonymous W. and Ellen Erwin Quinn, both natives of Shelby, where "Beck," as he was known, was born. He was married to Quiltina Quillania Andrews (1854-1925) daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W.P. Andrews, and gradnddaughter of James Love, who gave land for much of the present down-town Shelby area.

Beck Quinn was a tall, quiet gentle man. During a good part of the first quarter of the twentieth century, he was an ever present figure in the small fountain house on the east side of the Court Square, from which he sold Lithia water from the Lithia Springs of his farm north of Ross Grove Church in Cleveland County. This water was dispensed by the glass or the five-gallon blown glass jugs. Cleveland County was known for the mineral water from the many springs in the area, and the claims for good health which this water abetted were vouched for by natives and visitors alike.

The fountain house was a gathering place for many, of all ages, who came downtown for any reason, and Beck Quinn counted them all his friends.

Flay DeWitt Quinn (1887-1957) was the only child in this family.

Beck and "Quill" (as she was known) are buried in Sunset Cemetery.

— Esther Ann Ford

SHIRLEY ARNOLD and BEATRIX BLANTON RAMEY

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Shirley Arnold Ramey (1914-1971) was the son of Shirley Samuel and Ida Todd Ramey of Low Gap, North Carolina, and the grandson of the Civil War soldier, Josephus Ramey and wife Matilda Walker Ramey.

He was graduated from Beulah High School and Appalachian State Teachers College (1940). His post graduate work was at the University of Colorado and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He was an educator having held positions at Fries, Virginia, Mt. Airy High School and Catawba College, Salisbury, NC. He is listed in Who's Who Among Educators of the South. In World War II he served as an air force captain in the European Theater. He was an avid golfer and proudly displayed his "hole-in-one" award.

He died the 17th of December 1971 and is buried in the Lattimore Baptist Church cemetery.

On 30 May 1958 he married Jenny Beatrix Blanton (b. 1913) of Lattimore, Cleveland County, the daughter of John Samuel and Garva Ella Harrill Blanton.



Lithia Springs Fountain, east side courtsquare early 1900, where Beck Quinn sold lithia water.

Beatrix entered the field of education (1940), Boiling Springs Junior College (Gardner-Webb), Appalachian State Teachers College (1940), and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1949). She also did post graduate work at the University of Colorado and the University of London. For thirty-nine years she was employed by the State of North Carolina, having taught in the Yadkin County Public Schools (1940-1944) and Hickory City Schools (1944-1958) upon leaving the public schools in 1958, she became a professor in the College of Education at Appalachian State University, Boone, North Carolina. She is listed in Who's Who Among American Women.

Beatrix and Arnold had many hobbies, among them were tracing the history of their ancestors. They have spent many hours in libraries, courthouses, museums, cemeteries and archives trying to locate and learn about these early people. Beatrix still continues the hobby in genealogy. She has taught genealogy and local history classes at Cleveland County Technical College and Isothermal Junior College. She was a member of the state organization of Junior College local history-genealogy instructors, which was the beginning of the genealogy program in the State of North Carolina under the direction of Dr. Maurice Stirewalt. She has also served on the Board of Directors of the State Genealogy Society. Beatrix and Arnold have two publications in the field of genealogy: Cleveland County Marriages and 1850 Cleveland County Census.

Sources: Family records.

— Louise B. Blanton

BLEUFORD RANDALL DESCENDANTS

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Little is known of Bleuford Randall's early history. Records confirm he had three sisters named Sarah, Peggy and Elizabeth. Their par-

ents names, dates and place of birth are not known.

During the War of 1812 Bleuford served with the militia in the Second Regiment of Rutherford County, North Carolina. Organization date for the unit was August 1814.

On the 15th day of July 1819 Bleuford married Kissiah Willis, daughter of David Willis. They made their home near Knob Creek on a farm which is in the present community of Belwood. They were the parents of seven children: Francis (Fanny), David, William, John Ligger, Caleb, Thomas Parker and Susannah Self.

Bleuford died sometime between February 1845 and February 1846. Kissiah died sometime between April 1852 and February 1853. Both are believed to be buried in the Willis Family Cemetery near Belwood.

William Randall was born on the 31st day of July 1827. His parents were Bleuford and Kissiah Randall. On the 7th day of December 1851 he married Susannah A. Ross. Susannah's parents were Aaron and Jane (Ledford) Ross.

William's occupation was farming as his father's had been. During the Civil War he was a member of the State Guard in the Confederate Army.



S. Arnold and Beatrix Blanton Ramey

William and Susannah had a total of twelve children among which were two sets of twins. Their children were John Jonas, Pinkney A., Mary J., Sarah E., James S., Nisa Ann, Catherine, Noah W., Ester Letta, Charlotte, William Frank and Maggie R.

William died the 27th day of October 1911 and Susannah died the 20th day of October 1918. Both are buried in the Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery near Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

A family reunion for the descendants of William and Susan is held on the first Sunday in October each year at the Bethlehem Fellowship Center, which is located at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, NC. This tradition was started in 1951.

Pinkney Randall was born on the 2nd day of January 1854. His parents were William & Susannah Randall. He was married to Francis Sophronia Procter. They had four children: Charles A., Zennie, W. Bergan, and Artis Pascal. His first wife died on the 3rd day of December 1885.

Pinkney's second wife was Susan E. Whisnant. They had six children: Bessie, Novella, Addie, Alex Taylor, Minnie, and Pinkney Lee.

Pinkney died the 23rd day of December 1935 and Susan died the 16th day of November 1945. They are both buried in the Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery near Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

A family reunion for their descendants is held on the fourth of July each year at the Bethlehem Fellowship Center which is located at Bethlehem Baptist Church, Kings Mountain, NC.

Alex Randall was born the 19th day of November 1893. His parents were Pinkney and Susan Randall.

Alex married Mary Ethel Davidson, daughter of John and Martha Davidson. Alex's occupation was farming and Ethel was a school-teacher. They lived in the Oak Grove Community. Their family consisted of four sons: Alex Talmadge, Thomas Bayne, Hugh Davidson and Robert Alton.

Alex died the 28th day of July 1973 and Ethel on the 2nd day of March, 1964. They are both buried in the Oak Grove Baptist Church Cemetery near Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

Sources: Family members, court records & deeds, federal census.

— Thomas Bayne Randall, Jr.

JAMES HARVEY RANDALL FAMILY

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James Harvey Randall, July 27, 1835 — December 1, 1899; married Eunice Elizabeth Green, (July 20, 1838 — February 14, 1907); in Cleveland County on January 11, 1856. Her parents, John Green, (November 8, 1793 — July 23, 1875), and Judith McSwain, (October 31, 1798 — October 26, 1875), are buried at Boiling Springs. James Harvey's great-grandfather, Jacob Randal, immigrated from England and was killed in the Battle of Kings Mountain. Jacob's son, Silas, homesteaded 400 acres in south Cleveland County. Silas'



Six children of James Harvey and Eunice Green Randall. Front row L to R: John Martin Kelly, James Pinkney, Kershaw McNelius. Back row L to R: Alsy Green, Jacob Miles, Tilden Edgar

son Martin, (1810-1881) a wagon maker; married Marthy Gladden (1808-1881). They are buried in Pine Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery. (See John Randall History by Miss Stella Randall for details and dates).

James Harvey; farmer, slave holder, soldier, was my great-grandfather. While living in south Cleveland County, he enlisted in Company D, 55th Regiment, North Carolina Troops as a private; February 24, 1862, just five days after his fourth child's birth. He was commissioned Second Lieutenant, May 29, 1862; captured at Gettysburg; listed as a prisoner on Johnson's Island, New York, 1864.

James Harvey's ten children were all born in Cleveland County, but in 1880 he bought 75 and 3/4 acres on the waters of Webb Creek in Rutherford County and in 1893, another 100 acres.

James Harvey, a Methodist, was attending Bethel Baptist Church in Ellenboro with his son John Martin Kelly, a Bethel member. In keeping with Baptist Church policy, he was denied the Lord's Supper. Kelly said, "My father is the best Christian I know. If he cannot partake I will move my membership." He did, to Oak Grove Methodist Church, where he served as a steward and choir director. He lined the hymns; a tuning fork his only instrument.

James Harvey's family Bible was given to him by a neighbor.

These are the children of James Harvey and Eunice and their dates of birth and death:

1. Martha Jane, (July 11, 1857 — October 22, 1905); married Robert Biggerstaf, (September 30, 1855 —).

2. John Martin Kelly, (September 28, 1858 — April 6, 1925); married Martha Familiar Dedmon, (January 16, 1864 — December 6, 1957).

3. Thomas Pinkney, (June 21, 1860 — October 29, 1919); married first, Roseanna Holland, (May 23, 1859 — August 2, 1902); second Augusta Emeline Harrill, (August 5, 1875 — February 5, 1924).

4. Kershaw McNelius, (February 19, 1862 — June 14, 1934); married first, Pantha Hamrick, (September 29, 1866 — July 1, 1901); second, Arrie Hamrick, (August 23, 1876 — February 26, 1916); third, Claudia Hamrick, (September 18, 1880 — October 10, 1959). (The second and third wives were sisters and the first wife their cousin).

5. Alsy Green (Boss), (February 15, 1866 — December 7, 1932); married Mary C. Hamrick, (February 11, 1869 — October 14, 1928).

6. Cora Ada Louise, (September 1, 1868 — May 14, 1930); married Lorenzo Dow Wilkie, (November 27, 1862 — December 14, 1941).

7. Jacob Miles, (June 21, 1870 — November 29, 1924); married Cordelia Ann Harrill, (August 22, 1870 — February 24, 1947).

8. Mary Margaret Judith Susan Hannah, (December 12, 1873 — July 19, 1960; married C. Baxter Harrill, (May 22, 1869 — February 10, 1954). (She was named for kin so as to offend no one).

9. Tilden Edgar, (December 14, 1875 — January 10, 1942); married Lelia E. Harris, (December 30, 1879 — December 10, 1920).

10. Joseph Hoyle, (August 4, 1879 — October 6, 1884).

James Harvey and Eunice and all their children are buried in the Oak Grove United Methodist Church Cemetery in Rutherford County, except Martha Jane Randall Biggerstaff, who is buried at Rehobeth United Methodist Church Cemetery in Cleveland County, and Margaret Randall Harrill, who is buried in Concord Baptist Church cemetery near Bostic, North Carolina.

My father, John North Randall, one of Kelly and Martha Dedmon Randall's nine children, and an ordained Methodist Minister, was pastor of Pine Grove Methodist Church, 1931-1933. Pine Grove was built in 1830 by Jacob Randall.

Our son, Howard Randall Wilkinson, his wife Rebecca Padgett Wilkinson and their sons

Carey Randall and Casey Wilson Wilkinson live in Shelby.

Sources: James Harvey Randall's *Family Bible*, *Randall Family Tree* and *John Randall History* by Miss Stella Randall; cemetery markers; census records, wills, deeds of Rutherford and Cleveland counties; marriage records of above counties.

— Lenora Randall Wilkinson

THE JOHN RANDALL FAMILY 915

Jacob Randal was born in the 1750's and died October, 1780. His family immigrated from England in the 1700's and settled in Pennsylvania. Jacob came south and settled on Jumping Branch in the Antioch Community three miles east of Blacksburg, South Carolina, and three miles west of Kings Mountain. He and his wife had two sons: John and Silas. Jacob fought and died at the Battle of Kings Mountain in 1780. His son John went to Georgia or Alabama. His son Silas settled in lower Cleveland County near Bowen's River. This spot was on the present Highway 18 South, to the right of Bowen's River. This is one-half mile south of Pine Grove Church. Silas built a three story log house with detached kitchen, using a house plan brought from England. This house was still standing in the 1920's. Silas and his wife Sarah raised their family there.

Silas and Sarah had six sons: John Randall (1795-1870) whose wife was Elizabeth Dixon (1795-1872); Jacob Randall (1799-1889) whose wife was Jane Wells; Silas Randall, Jr. (1803-) whose wife was Sarah; James Randall (1806-1870's) whose wife was Martha Wylie (1806-1870's); Martin Randall (1810-1881) whose wife was Marthy Gladden (1808-1881); and Harvy Randall (1815-1832).

Silas Randall (1770-1855) homesteaded about four hundred acres of land in lower Cleveland County in the vicinity of Bowen's River. His sons settled and raised families on this land and in the same general area, acquiring additional land for their needs, with the exception of Silas, Jr. who moved with his family to Texas shortly after 1860.

My great-grandfather, John Randall (1795-1870), settled in a region about a mile west of the Silas Randal home place, still bordering Bowen's River. He and his wife, Elizabeth Dixon (an aunt of the famous author, Thomas Dixon, Jr.), had two sons: (1) John Calvin (1829-1894) and (2) Silas Dixon (1830-1912). They had two daughters: Sarah (1832-1917) and Jane Ann (1838 ?). These children were raised at this home place.

The Randall Compound included homes and several other buildings — barns, cribs, a smoke house, a grist mill, a saw mill, a tannery and a button factory. They farmed and had extensive orchards and vineyards. John Calvin was a cabinet maker until he went to the Civil War, serving as a Chaplain. He was wounded at Antietam and lost an arm. After the war he married Mary C. Hardin, whose people were proprietors of the Sulphur Springs Resort Hotel. This was back of Sulphur Springs Church, south of Shelby. Calvin and his wife and a daughter, Mary, went to Texas with other Hardin relatives. They had six children.

Calvin was Methodist minister and traveled far and wide in the Methodist Circuit in Texas, his wife helping him in the ministry.

My grandfather, Silas Dixon Randall, served in the Civil War as captain of Company D of the 55th North Carolina Regiment and fought gallantly through the war until he was captured at the battle of Gettysburg and imprisoned at Johnston's Island until the end of the war. After the war he married Maria Caroline Alexander, an orphan raised by Isaac and Abigail Collins. Isaac was a blacksmith and a saddler. Dixon and Caroline Randall had three sons and two daughters: Clara who died at age two, Lucius Youree (1869-1935), John Alexander (1871-1958); Benjamin Oswald (1873-1950), and Lillian Elizabeth (1875-1965). Dixon and Caroline raised their family at the John Randall home place. Caroline inherited land from her step-father, Isaac Collins. This land was northwest of the John Randall home place and is on the south side of the Mt. Sinai Church Road.

There was a need for a school. Through Dixon Randall and others of the neighborhood and Caroline who gave the land for the school, Broad River Academy was established in 1875. It was on the present Mt. Sinai Church Road. The Randall children, Sarratts, Hoppers, Harrills, Champions, Weavers and many others attended the school. Teachers included C.F. Hopper, V.G. Rollins, Robert Howell and R.J. Balfour, a Harvard man who was the most popular teacher. Dixon's sister, Jane Ann married Professor Balfour. In addition to the six-month winter term supported by patrons of the school, there was a six-week subscription summer school. The building still stands and is used for storage.

Dixon's sister Sarah married Rufus Roberts. They had one son Frank Roberts. Frank was founder of Shelby Savings & Loan of Shelby, North Carolina.

Dixon Randall's sons insisted that they build a new home on the Caroline Alexander property on Mt. Sinai Church Road. So Dixon and his sons built this new Randall home place in 1900

just in front of the Broad River Academy. Dixon and his family then lived here. On this land they farmed and had a saw mill. But their main business was running a gin.

Lucius Randall inherited this home and made many improvements. He and his wife lived there and had two sons. These sons, William and Dixon, live in this home place now. They have also remodeled the home.

Pine Grove Methodist church was established in 1830. Silas' son, Jacob, a carpenter and cabinet maker, built the church. Jacob also built Sulphur Springs Methodist Church in exchange for a farm. Silas and his children were founders and loyal members of Pine Grove. John Hopper gave land for the church. It was rebuilt in 1947 with the guidance of their minister, James Howell Coleman. It is on Highway 18 South about one mile north of Bowen's River and the Silas Randall home site.

— Stella Alice Randall

THE DESCENDANTS OF SILAS DIXON RANDALL and CAROLINE ALEXANDER RANDALL 916

Dixon and Caroline had three sons: Lucius Youree Randall who was a successful businessman of Gaffney, South Carolina. He was a machinist and he owned and operated a foundry. In this foundry they made, among other products, a universal joint which was an invention which Lucius patented. It was used as an improvement on Jacquard looms. These were sold throughout the southeast wherever Jacquard looms were in operation. Lucius married Amanda Hogue and they had twin sons, William and Dixon Randall. They live in the Randall home place built in 1900. William Randall married Jo Wilson. They have two



Silas Dixon and Caroline Alexander Randall



The Silas Dixon Randall homeplace

children — a daughter, Amanda Marie who married Tommy Lowery. They have a son, Joshua, and a daughter, Jennifer. William and Jo have a son, Steven who married Debbie Parker. They have a son, Joey.

John Alexander Randall was a manufacturer of many kinds of handles and ball bats. He was a machinist and ran a saw mill at various times. He owned a farm and did some farming. John married Delia Webber. They had a daughter, Stella Randall who was a high school mathematics teacher. They had one son, John A. Randall, Jr. who is a master mechanic and a television and electronic technician. John, Jr. married Ruth Nance. They have a son, John A. Randall III who is in the television and electronic business with his father in Blacksburg, South Carolina, where they live.

Benjamin Oswald Randall was a farmer and a machinist. He worked with Lucius at his foundry for a while. He married Iva Ellis. They had two daughters: Era and Carolyn. Era stayed in the home and became a fine cook, hostess, and gardener. Carolyn married James Howell Coleman who was a Methodist minister. Carolyn and Howell had two sons: Hayne Coleman who is a mechanic and operates a repair shop, and Randall Coleman who is still in college as a music major.

Dixon and Caroline had a daughter Clara who died age two and a daughter Lillian Elizabeth Randall who married Eula Sarratt. They lived in Blacksburg, South Carolina where Eula had an interest in a general store. Lillian and Eula had one son, Garland Sarratt who was a sales representative for McCormick and Company and later went into farming. Garland married Eva Holobaugh and they had two sons — Garland, Jr. and Randall Sarratt. Garland worked as an efficiency engineer for a textile firm and later went into farming. Randall worked as a production engineer for a textile firm and later became a salesman of commercial real estate in Atlanta, Georgia.

— Stella Alice Randall

THE FAMILY OF STEPHEN COLLIS RAYBURN

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Stephen Collis Rayburn was the eighth child born (1862) (McDowell County) in a family of eleven children, his father being James Monroe Rayburn (1821-1896) who came from Virginia around 1841, married Elizabeth Morgan (1824-1898) in 1845. They reared eight boys and three girls in McDowell County. As a youth and young man Stephen Collins Rayburn farmed and then worked a few years on the track of The Southern Railroad at Vein Mountain doing apprenticeship track work. He was sent to Camden, South Carolina for several months and back to Rutherfordton around 1900. Stephen Collins Rayburn and Drucilla Emeline Bright were married October 6, 1887 (Family Bible). Some of their children were born while living at Vein Mountain; some at Rutherfordton, one at Lattimore.

Lola Belle, being the first child born at Vein Mountain, married Solon Lawrence Beam about 1915. They lived in the country a few years, near New House Community, and then moved to Avondale. Solon, being a carpenter, helped build many houses there. Lola taught school when young, later worked some in stores in Shelby. They moved to Shelby where he remained in his trade. Both died there.

Candace Rhoda, being number two child, taught school twenty years in Cleveland and Rutherford Counties. She died in 1938.

John Monroe, being child number three, boy number one, attended school as others did, worked with his father and some on the Seaboard Railroad until Uncle Sam called and he went to World War I, for two years. Returning, he worked with the Seaboard bridge force a few years and then back with his father. He was soon to get a foreman's job on the railroad. He was sent to Hickory Grove, South Carolina, met and married Sallie Wray. They were transferred to Lancaster, Summerville, and Rock Hill, South Carolina. He lived in Rock

Hill his remaining days, dying there. His wife, Sallie, died in 1981. They had one daughter, Frances Louise, now Religious Education Director, First Methodist Church, Rock Hill. She married Wilson Duncan and they have a son doing religious education work, after graduating from Clemson University. The daughter is at Winthrop College.

Bertha Anna married Horace Harrill. They had one son who died in 1931, age seven. They lived in Lattimore a few years, Horace working for the Lattimore Oil Company. They later moved to Avondale and Shelby, passing away in 1972.

Ina, born November 11, 1899, died March 10, 1900.

Carrie Olive, number five for the girls, attended Round Hill High School in Union Mills, Rutherford County. She graduated at Boiling Springs Baptist School 1919, taught school a few years, then went to Mars Hill College, returned to teaching and met Reverend Lee A. Powell. They were married 1932. They lived in Drexel a few years, he being pastor of some churches. In 1943 they moved to Maryland where he was pastor of a large country church. Carrie died there in 1947. Mr. Powell returned to Drexel. He died there 1978.

Willard Maxwell attended Waco High School, married Myrtle Miller of that town. He operated the telephone switchboard a few years and moved to Shelby. Myrtle died and he married Mary Cathryne Rains in 1972.

Durham Hazzard was the last to be born in Rutherford County. The family moved to Mooresboro October 1907, then to Lattimore April 1908. The Railroad transferred Mr. Rayburn. Durham attended High School at Lattimore, later working on the railroad with his dad. However, every son of Stephen's worked, at some time, on the Railroad with his dad and he also worked on the Seaboard Railroad. Durham married Willota Green from Mooresboro, lived in Mooresboro a few years. Willotta died and he later married Mary Ridings in 1960. They lived in Henrietta a few years until his death in 1979.

James Spurgeon, the only one to be born in Lattimore, graduated from Lattimore High School 1926, Boiling Springs Junior College, 1933, worked with the Blue Ridge Ice Cream Company in Shelby, until 1941, going to Baltimore to work with the Glenn L. Martin Aircraft Company until 1947. Leaving there he attended Appalachian State University, of Boone. He received a degree and teaching certificate in the spring of 1949. He taught school two years, met another teacher, Frankye Vance Marshall, of near Winston-Salem. They were married in 1950; both taught; she retired early. He taught twenty-five years and retired. He and Willard, out of the nine children, are the only ones living. Wherever James was, he took an active part in community activities. He and Mrs. Rayburn are now living in Forsyth County, near Walkertown, and are active in community and church activities.

— James D. Rayburn



ALBERT AUGUSTUS RICHARD

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A.A. Richard was born October 12th 1883 in the Lee's Chapel Community. Gus, as he was called, moved with parent to Casar at the age of six. His parents were James Smith Richard and Mary Christeen Hardin Richard. His brother and sisters were: Minnie F. born Nov. 2, 1875, died May 25, 1877; Lizzie I. born Aug. 20, 1879, died May 11, 1880; Lenora Ada born July 18, 1881, died May 16, 1928, married Boston Smith: Gus born Oct. 12, 1883, died Sept. 4, 1970; Ethel born Jan. 22, 1885 died July 17, 1978, married Henry Smith: Wesley Clarence born July 17, 1888, died July 6, 1974, married Susan White: Mary Amanda born Jan. 20, 1890, died Feb. 4, 1958.

Gus worked on his father's farm, at a saw mill, cotton gin, and planner. On Dec. 13, 1905 he married Dellar Lindsey, born Dec. 26, 1876, died March 15, 1943. Dellar was the youngest of nine children born to Joseph Henry Lindsey and Fannie Elizabeth Shittle. Gus and Dellar had four children: Infant son born Oct. 28, 1906; Doshia Christain born Sept. 19, 1908, married Henry Perry Hall of Granville County and resides in Oxford, N.C.; Mary Lou born Aug. 29, 1912, married James Clyde Palmer: Fannie Gustee born March 8, 1915, married Edmund Williams.

In Casar 1906 a 25 mile rural mail route was established with O.C. Fortenberry as carrier. A year later Gus became the assistant carrier. In Sept. 1908 he was appointed the regular carrier. He retired Oct. 31, 1953 at the age of 70, having carried the mail 46 years. He started his first years with an open buggy and horse. Later he bought a white mail buggy. His first horse was 'Ole Barney.' He carried the mail eleven years, he would always walk over to a mailbox and stop even on Sunday. At one time, Gus related, "It had been a wet season and Briar Creek, which I forded four times on the route was high above the axle of the buggy and midway of the stream a hame string on the harness broke. I was about to be washed down the creek. 'Ole Barney,' a smart horse, held the buggy in place. I tied the mailbags secure to the buggy, then I got out on the axle, held the broken parts and said "go Barney go." He pulled us out of the swift stream. In ice and snow I could always depend on Barney."

In celebration of the 4th of July, I chose a spotted horse to ride that I also owned instead of Barney because I thought he would show up. What did Barney do? When the band started marching, Spotted Fred just walked gangling' along while 'Ole Barney' danced and pranced to the music, he and his rider were the stars of the parade.

Gus retired many horses. In 1926 he used his first car on the route, a Model T. This could only be used in pretty weather. He also retired several cars. In 1947 the route had been lengthened to 40 miles. The weather, bad roads, kept him from keeping a regular schedule. With the horse, people claimed, if the clock had stopped they could set it by the mailman.

Gus, a baptist was always interested in his church, having served many years as Sunday

School Superintendent, a teacher, deacon, treasurer and on various committees. He was also interested in community affairs. He worked for better schools, served many years as a school committee. He worked for better roads and electric power. He lived to see all of this come to Casar and surrounding area.

Gus said, "Its a good thing to help people all you can, I was always interested in my patrons and their affairs. They were my friends, helping me whenever I needed aid on the route and I always tried to be their friend."

— Mrs. J.C. Palmer

THE ROBERT LEE RIDINGS FAMILY

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The oldest son of Fred and Lucy Hutchins Ridings, Robert Lee Ridings, was the first Ridings by name to reside in Cleveland County. He was born (1913) near Harris, Rutherford County. In August of 1933 he married Era Shelly McAlister, youngest child of Forney and Minnie Stroup McAlister. They lived within a one block area on Blanton Street for 46 years. There they reared their three daughters: Jean Price (Artie), of Charlotte; Sybil Martin (Michael), of Huntsville, Alabama; and Vickie Clark (J.D.), of Greer, South Carolina. They have two grand daughters: Toni Price and Julie Clark, also; two grandsons: Eric Price and Andy Martin.

Robert worked for Dover Mill Company most of his working years as a slasher operator at the Ora Mill. He took pride in running a good warp and had an independent character that prevented him taking kindly to much criticism. He had many trainees through the years. He said he could tell in a few days if a person had the ability to make a good slasher operator.

The Ridings are generally lovers of the outdoors with brown eyes, ruddy complexions, and large rugged frames.

Traditionally the name comes from a former occupation. In this instance, as "riding" for

the King or Lord of the manor. It was their responsibility to ride ahead and scout the territory, for impending dangers, whether it was for a business trip, guide an army, or a hunting expedition. It is not proven for sure when the "s" was added.

The Ridings family originated in France during the French Revolutions. They migrated to England, and later James and John came to the New England States.

James, who was born in England, came to Virginia in 1634. The name of his wife is unknown, but their son, Thomas, (1840 Va.) married Rose Ann Yeardley (Probably the granddaughter of Sir Yeardley of England). Their great-grandson, John, was born in Surry County, N.C. By the early 1810's there were many Ridings in Surry, Polk, and Rutherford Counties in North Carolina, and Spartanburg County, South Carolina. The second great-grandparent of Robert Ridings is A. Ridings, born in Virginia, Ca., 1785. The estate was settled in 1859 (Polk County Records). The 137 acre farm on Green River was sold and divided among the nine children. Robert's great-grandfather, Joseph, made many land transactions in Polk County. One of the farms fell into the hands of Dock Ridings, Robert's grandfather. (Rutherford County Records)

Dock reared his family of six on the farm. With the formation of Polk County in 1855, the new line fell across the farm. The barn fell into Polk County, while the house and spring were left in Rutherford County. They are both near the South Carolina line which accounts for many Ridings filtering into that state. It also accounts for Joseph and Dock Ridings both claiming brides from South Carolina, Janie and Emily Cudd.

Dock Ridings went without shoes several months of the year. As a lad, Robert remembers him coming up from the road toward the house; his overall jacket slung over his shoulders, feet bare, a walking stick in one hand, a gallon jug of whiskey in the other hand. He always stopped by the barn, took a "nip," and hid the jug in the barn before coming to the



Albert Augustus Richard, with mail buggy, 1907

house. He would take his "medicine," sit on a protruding root from a large oak, and whittle for hours. Robert never saw him intoxicated.

Another instance that Robert remembers was when an electrical storm came up. Dock came in from the field, stopped at the spring for a drink of water, then started on toward the house. Two large poplar trees shaded the spring. When Dock was about 50 feet from the spring, lightning struck. It split one tree and broke out the top. The tree did not die completely, but sprang out into a double topped tree. Robert made a picture of the tree before it was cut down about two years ago.

Robert's father, Fred, raised his family; Robert, George, John Lee, Mary (Rayburn), Aileen and Oscar on or near the homeplace before it was sold and fell into the hands outside the Ridings family. Then they moved into the Hollis area of Rutherford County, where Robert lived until he moved into Shelby.

Some time after the death of Robert's first wife, "Esee," (1978) as she was affectionately called, Robert married Beulah Philbeck Noblitt, daughter of Spurgin H. and Dora Swofford Philbeck. They are both retired and reside west of Shelby in the Swainsville area. They belong to Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church and furnish many of their friends with fresh fish, as they enjoy their hobby.

Sources: Family members, personal knowledge, U.S. census, and cemetery records.

— Mrs. Robert Ridings

CHARLES HENRY REINHARDT FAMILY

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Charles Henry Reinhardt was born Nov. 23, 1886 in Catawba County and was raised in Lawndale. In the early part of 1931 he purchased a general merchandise and grocery store and became a prominent business man and land owner of south Shelby. In the early 1940's he owned a shoe store on Lafayette St. in "downtown" Shelby. During the Great Depression of the 1930's he helped many families with extended credit, eventually to his own financial ruin. He also owned the first A Model Ford that was used as a taxi in Shelby and transported people to town for 5¢. The door to his home was never locked because he had the only telephone in the community and let all the neighbors use it for emergencies and pleasure at any time. Saturday nights and Sunday afternoons the Reinhardt home was a favorite gathering place for the community because of the family radio, also Orrie his wife was noted for her singing. In the days of the visiting preachers they were proud that both the Baptist and Methodist preachers were often at their home. This quite often resulted in six to eight extra dinner guests each weekend. His most outstanding characteristic was his love of children. He had nine children and loved to taken them and many of the other children in the neighborhood to the local creek for swimming and picnics.

Charles Henry and Orrie's children were Matilda Irene, Marjorie Elizabeth, William Franklin, Elnora Adeline, Carolyn Bell, Nathalia

Virginia, Charlene Ann, and Constance Dean. The ninth child died as an infant.

Charles Henry's father was Lewis Franklin Reinhardt born Nov. 6, 1850 from Catawba County. He moved to Lawndale, N.C. and was a member of Palm Tree Methodist Church and married Mintie Cobb March 14, 1879. They had 10 other children: James of Shelby, S. Emmitt (Rat), Summie Lewis of Knoxville Tenn., Annie Yelder McMurry of Shelby, Burtha Barnhardt of Shelby, Bessie, Essie, and Evie Reinhardt Whisnant all of Shelby, Logan Edward of Lawndale and Arlegnever (Artie) of Shelby.

Charles Henry's wife Orrie Virginia Smith Reinhardt was born Aug. 30, 1900 and was noted for her beautiful singing voice. She sang solo often at Lafayette St. Methodist Church where they were members and by invitation at the Second Baptist Church. She was noted in the community for her midwife and nursing skills and tended to the sick often staying for days at a time until the person was in good health. She continued to do this until she was in her late 70's. They were married May 4, 1919.

Her father was William Schenck Smith born Dec. 10, 1860. His father was John Gosey Smith who was a house builder and is listed in the Cleveland County Census of 1860. John Gosey Smith's wife was Elizabeth Adeline Haynes born Dec. 21, 1824 from Shelby. They had 11 other children: Dovie Smith Williams, Conley, Alister Bartlet, Pixley, Dora Harmon, Elza, Ludasky, Fannie, Lucinda, Charles, and Clara.

William Schenck Smith's wife was Rita Moria Bell Zora Quinn Smith from "Turkey Creek" in Mitchell County N.C. She lived to be 94 years old. They had 14 children: Viola Lillie, Etta, Bartlett, Elaie, Marvin Stokes, Clarence Ivey, Madia Vera, Vernia Verrie, Sam, Otie Jenette, Orrie Virginia, Tannie Irene, Vista Bell, Juanita Elizabeth and "E.A."

Charles Henry Reinhardt's nickname was "peanut" because of this small stature as a child and he retained this nickname even though he was quite tall as an adult. He was educated at the old Piedmont School in Lawndale. He was excused from military service because he was the sole support of his aging parents and several siblings during the war years. He died Aug. 2, 1952 of stomach cancer and is buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Terry Thompson of Hickory N.C. has a detailed genealogy of this Reinhardt family dating to the 1700's and their ancestors from Germany.

Sources: Family memories, the Reinhardt family *Bible* dated 1892 and public records.

— Jo Ann Shields Vaughn

EDWARD RIPPY I FAMILY

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"The first Rippy that set foot on American soil that we have ever had knowledge was from Dublin, Ireland. His name was Edward and he was born around 1729. His father lived in Dublin, owned and ran a large linen factory. Edward ran away from his father and came to America. Edward's father was very much

opposed to his son's coming to America telling him that if he did come here among barbarians and heathens that he should never inherit a dollar of his estate. However, Edward being of a roaming nature and no doubt had confidence in himself to feel he could make it thru life without his father's assistance so he ran away and took passage on a ship that was coming to America. He was six months on the water and at one time while on his voyage the ship on which he sailed got lost and the whole crew came near perishing.

Edward never wrote a line to his parents in Ireland. Nor ever received a word of news from them to the day of his death. He said that his father's family was the only family with the name of Rippy that he had ever heard of in Ireland.

Edward first settled in Orange County, N.C. on the Haw River. Edward married Susannah Thomas of Virginia who was born in Wales on March 3, 1733. She was the daughter of Massey Thomas and Mary Price of Stafford Virginia. In 1790, Edward and his family moved to Rutherford County in that part which is now Cleveland. They lived, died, and were buried there."

Sallie C. Lutts wrote in her Journal that she remembered "seeing their graves and the house they used to live in, tho I was quite young". She was 70 years old in 1907 when this was written. She also stated that she got the date of Susannah Thomas Rippy's birth from an old Bible but had no knowledge or memory of other important dates in the lives of this couple.

The family *Bible* belonging to Edward I, listing the children of Edward and Susannah's children was in the possession of Edgar A. Rippy of Temple City, California, a fifth generation descendent, in 1955.

The children were:

Mary (2) Rippy was born December 3, 1762. She married June 22, 1782 in Orange County, North Carolina to William Elmore. William was a soldier in the Revolution. They moved to Lincoln County and that is where they lived when he filed his pension application.

Edward II Rippy was born March 23, 1764 and died December 9, 1853. He married March 16, 1782 to Mary Elmore in Orange County. He and Mary moved to Rutherford County in 1792 and are buried in Buffalo Baptist Church Cemetery, Cherokee County, South Carolina. He was a Revolutionary soldier.

Anne (2) Rippy was born July 22, 1766. She married John Elmore February 3, 1784, with Edward Rippy, Bondsman, in Orange County. The same month as the marriage the court in Orange County awarded them guardianship of James, Athanatius, Mastin and Sarah Elmore. John Elmore served in the Revolutionary War. John and Anne moved to York County, South Carolina in 1793. They sold their property in 1803 and moved to Barren County, Kentucky. Pension papers list Nancy born July 22, 1766 in North Carolina.

Rody (2) Rippy was born May 13, 1768. Tradition has it she married a Gilmore. The 1850 Cleveland County Census #716 list Rody

EDWARD RIPPY II

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Edward Rippy II was born March 23, 1764 in Orange County, North Carolina, the eldest son of Edward Rippy I and Susannah Thomas where he lived on a farm. Edward II married Mary Elmore born 1761, daughter of John Elmore, who lived near the Haw River area as did Edward II. Their marriage bond was dated March 16, 1782. Edward served in the Revolutionary War. He was taken prisoner and kept aboard a ship in Wilmington for five or six months before his release and subsequent discharge. He reenlisted to help protect Hillsborough.

In 1792 Edward and Mary sold their property on Haw River and purchased 250 acres of land on Bowen's River in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

Edward II and Mary Rippy were received by experience in 1812 into Buffalo Baptist Church in what is now Cherokee County, South Carolina. Edward II was a deacon for 40 years. Both Edward II (March 23, 1764 — December 9, 1853) and Mary (1761 — September 7, 1844) are buried at Buffalo Baptist Church.

The inscription on the tombstone for Mary reads, "Mary Rippy 1761 who died September 7, 1844, aged 84." The tombstone at Buffalo for Edward reads, "Sacred to the Memory of Edward Rippy Esq. who died December 9, 1853 aged 93 years and a deacon of the Baptist Church for the last 40 years."

Sallie C. Lutts tells of her Grandfather. He was honest, industrious and lived a Christian life; honored and respected by all who knew him. By honest industry, he accumulated a good deal of property, consisting of land, slaves, stock of all kinds and money. He lived in ease and comfort for many years before his death, and lived to a ripe old age somewhere in the nineties, I think at his death. I well remember his face, the most pleasant one I ever looked upon. I remember hearing him talk of the hardship he passed thru during the Revolutionary War. I used to delight in sitting at his feet and listening while he talked of old times, the most of which I am sorry to say I have forgotten. I can't remember my great grandmother so well as she crossed over to the other shore when I was quite young but still I remember her.

She, my great grandmother, Mary Rippy had a nephew who was at one time governor of South Carolina. He sent word to his Aunt Mary that if she would visit him he would make a present of a cook, a servant. She sent back word to him that she would like much to visit him but as to a cook she had long since owned one herself."

Edward and Mary had seven children.

Sarah (3) Rippy was born April 28, 1789 and died October 15, 1868. She married December 24, 1808 to Valentine Martin, a son of Thomas Martin Sr. (son of William of Chatham County). They moved to Bedford County, Tennessee in 1840's.

Edward (III) Rippy was born in 1791. He married in Lincoln County, North Carolina on May 31, 1810 to Polly (Mary) Martin (1796 — January 13, 1839), daughter of William Mar-



Homeplace of William Rippy, 1813-1895. Built in 1832 on Road 1108.

tin. Edward (III) also married Selena Hopper, (October 10, 1812 — February 12, 1847), Margaret Webb, (died June 2, 1862), and Elizabeth Seely, (died February 26, 1901).

James (3) Rippy was born in April 1793 and married Polly Holt.

Jesse (3) Rippy was born in 1795 and married Sally Lowry.

Mary (Polly) (3) Rippy was born in 1797. She married Guyon Black and died in Mississippi.

Anna (3) Rippy was born in 1801 and married Mathias Turner.

Mastin (3) Rippy was born October 12, 1802 and died December 3, 1892. He married (Amanda Turner) "Mary Arnold, daughter of Rodick Arnold, joined the church December 26, 1819, married to Mastin Rippy June 18, 1820 and died December 7, 1878 aged 76 years 8 months and 9 days." according to the inscription on the tombstone at Buffalo Baptist Cemetery. They were farmers in the #3 Township, Stices Shoals.

Sources: Sallie C. Lutts (1837-1927) 1888, 1891, 1907 letters, Edward Rippy II marriage bond; Buffalo Baptist Church records; Cherokee County, S.C. records; Edward Rippy II American Revolution Pension Record and will.

— James H. Martin, Jr.
Thelma Gunthorpe
and Mrs. Jean Oates McSwain

EDWARD RIPPY III

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Edward Rippy III was born 1791 in Rutherford County, what is now Cleveland County. Edward III was the eldest son of Edward II and Susannah Thomas Rippy. Edward III was nicknamed "Squire Ned". Squire Ned was respected in the community and church. He had a good deal of land and property. Squire Ned joined Buffalo Baptist Church in 1812. Squire Ned became a Justice of the Peace of Rutherford County, in what is now Cleveland County. An area of Cleveland County, Rippy TWP and fire district, was named for Squire Ned. He was blessed with four wives and 17 children.

Squire Ned's first wife was Mary (Polly)

Rippy 78 F living in the household headed by John Roberts 61, Margaret 55, and others.

Jesse (2) Rippy was born December 20, 1769. He married September 8, 1794 in Orange County, N.C. to Elizabeth (Polly) Moody. They moved to Ohio.

Fanny (Frances) (2) Rippy was born December 25, 1771. She married Abednego Adams Jr. They had 6 children. Fanny died August 6, 1852 and was buried in the Adams' Family Cemetery in Cleveland County. Their son William (3) Adams married Elizabeth (Betsy) Martin a daughter of William Martin and Hannah Irvin. They moved to Water Valley, Mississippi. John (3) Adams married Hexrey Cox, marriage bond dated January 1, 1819. Martin (3) and Frank (3) Adams were burned to death around 1813. Mary (3) (Polly) Adams married August 13, 1815 in Lincoln County, North Carolina to James Martin, a baptist preacher, who founded the Bethel Baptist Church, Chickasaw County, Mississippi. James Martin was a brother to Betsy Martin. Elizabeth (3) Adams married Thomas Moreland. They moved to Tennessee then Alabama.

John (b. Feb. 5, 1773 d. 1823) Served in War of 1812 in the Second Rutherford County, N.C. Regiment. Buried at the Buffalo Baptist Church, Cherokee County, South Carolina.

The deeds in Orange County, N.C. show the McSwains, Rippys, Elmores, Davis, Ellis, Collins, and Moores were located in the area around Haw River in that county. William Martin owned property on the Chatham County side of Haw River. The Martins and Elmores had owned adjoining land in Brunswick and Lunenburg Counties, Virginia. Each of these families had immediate members to settle in the Lincoln, Rutherford, York Counties area. Mostly in the area now known as Cleveland County.

Sources: Family Bible, family records, church records, and geneological research.

— James H. Martin, Jr.
Thelma Gunthorpe
and Mrs. Jean Oates McSwain



Marena Mauney Rippy, 1830-1923. Grandmother of Mrs. Thelma Gunthorpe





Homeplace of Edward Rippy III — 1791-1874

Martin. Mary was the daughter of William and Hannah Irvin Martin Jr., who was a deacon of Buffalo Baptist Church and the first pastor of Antioch Baptist Church Cherokee County, S.C. Edward III and Mary (b. December 1791 d. January 13, 1839) were married on May 31, 1810. Mary died suddenly in 1839, after blessing Squire Ned with 13 children.

The children of Squire Ned and Mary Martin were as follows:

Sarah (4) Rippy was born March 26, 1811 — died April 24, 1887, and married Marcus Mart Martin, born 1805 — died May 21, 1861. He was a brother to Posey Martin and a son of Thomas Martin, Jr.

William Billy (4) Rippy was born November 10, 1813 and died December 22, 1895. He married first to Mary Newell Crawford and 2nd to Marena Mauney (March 10, 1840 — March 27, 1923). William built a house on Road #1108 Cleveland County where his granddaughter Mrs. Thelma Gunthorpe now lives.

Lucindy (4) Rippy was born September 21, 1815 and died July 26, 1912. She was buried at Buffalo Baptist Cemetery. She was the wife of Posey (Hose) Martin, born 1815, brother of Thomas M.

James (Dry Jim) (4) Rippy was born September 17, 1817. He married Minerva Rippy (b. August 18, 1821, d. October 1, 1887), she was the daughter of Mastin Rippy. He died August 1, 1887 and both are buried in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Earl, North Carolina.

Mary (4) Rippy was born March 21, 1820 and died October 1825. She is buried at Buffalo Baptist Cemetery.

Atha (Athenatius) Elmore (4) Rippy was born July 10, 1822. He married Elizabeth Martin (b. October 7, 1814 — died ?) the daughter of Sarah Rippy and Valentine Martin. Athenatius died January 10, 1879. There was a printed death notice circulated about Elizabeth. It stated she was born October 7, 1814 and died June 6, 1905 at 8 p.m.

Edward Martin (4) Rippy was born May 30, 1824 and died March 18, 1910. His wife, Mary (Polly, Molly) Hopper was born November 8, 1824 and died October 30, 1900. They were

residents of Cleveland County.

Hannah (4) Rippy was born June 15, 1826. She married Alonze Ellis (b. 1821 — d. 1905) the son of Ben J. Ellis. They were farmers in Cleveland County.

Mary (Polly) Moore (4) Rippy was born November 29, 1828. She married Marcus Ellis a brother to Alonzo. They were farmers in #3 township, Stices Shoals.

Elizabeth Ann Cordelia (4) Rippy was born August 19, 1830 and died June 11 or July 14, 1846 (conflicting dates) and is buried in Buffalo Baptist Cemetery, Cherokee County, S.C.

Susannah Almeda (4) Rippy was born October 20, 1832. She married David William Morrow. She lived in Stices Shoals and died March 7, 1902 and is buried at Mount Paran Baptist Church Cemetery, Blacksburg, S.C.

Martha Caroline (4) Rippy was born December 4, 1834. She married September 28, 1858 to Phillip Sepaugh. They lived in Stices Shoals. There is a story told of Phillip who was a Confederate Soldier. It seems he was taken prisoner by the Yankees and held with others in a corn crib down near Gaffney. The only rations the Yanks had to serve them was corn bread. When Phillip would get his bread he would poke holes in it with his fingers and look through it and talk about someone coming after him. The Yankees thinking he had really gone crazy asked him which way was his home. Phillip pointed the opposite direction. Thinking he would never find his way and would probably be killed, they set him free. Phillip went straight home. Phillip and Martha Caroline are buried at New Hope.

Samuel Houston (4) Rippy was born December 24, 1836. He married Cynthia Sepaugh who was born October 23, 1836 and died December 28, 1923. Samuel was known as "Mighty Hunter." He died May 28, 1915 and both are buried in Mount Paran Baptist Cemetery.

Mary Martin Rippy died. The inscription of her tombstone at Buffalo reads, "Consort of Edward Rippy Esquire died January 13, 1839, 43 years 3 months."

Edward III Rippy married Selena Hopper in June, 1840. Selena was born October 10,

1812 and died February 12, 1847. They had two children:

Barbara Angeline (4) Rippy was born March 21, 1842 and who married Henry Borders. They lived in Stices Shoals.

Charles Hopper (4) Rippy was born January 25, 1845. He was a soldier in the Confederate Army and fell in the "Seven Day Battle of Richmond."

Edward III married for the third time to Margaret Webb on January 25, 1848. Margaret died June 2, 1862.

Edward III married Elizabeth Seely in November 1865. They had two children.

Margaret Eva (4) Rippy was born July 8, 1866. She married W.L. Moss.

Phillip Van Buren (4) Rippy was born July 13, 1868.

Elizabeth died February 26, 1901. She was preceeded in death by Edward III who died May 15, 1874.

Edward Rippy III was laid to rest at Buffalo Baptist Church, along with his parents, his first wife Mary, and several of his children.

Sources: Sallie C. Lutts (1837-1927); 1888, 1891, 1907 letters; Marriage Bond of Edward Rippy III to Mary Martin; Buffalo Baptist Church records, Cherokee County, South Carolina; Family Bible of Edward Rippy III.

— James Hugh Martin, Jr.
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EULA EVRU RIPPY

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My great grandfather, William Rippy, a descendant of Edward Rippy of Dublin, Ireland and Susan Thomas of Wales was born November 10, 1813 died December 22, 1895 and married (1) Mary Crawford (2) Marena Mauney. He had six children by the first marriage. They were: Mary Elizabeth, William Crawford, James Edward (my grandfather), Julius Parletter, John Henderson, and Martha Clementine. He had eleven children by the second marriage.

My grandfather, James Edward, was born February 23, 1848, died June 27, 1920, married Emeline Hopper, born 1850 died 1894. Their children were: Luna, C. Edgar, Johnny, Lela, Frank, Irvin, and Eula Evru (my father).

Eula Evru was born in Grover, July 27, 1888, died July 28, 1973, and married Victoria Hartensia Byers, daughter of Raymond Byers of Gaffney, South Carolina April 2, 1914. Victoria was born November 15, 1890, died February 25, 1970. Their children were: Eldon, married Ruth Camp; Allen, married Minnie Camp; Olete, married Fay Camp; Doris, married Carlisle Cloninger; Lela, married Paul Pennington; Reba, married Daniel Hoopaugh; and Norma, married David McDaniel.

Mr. Rippy's mother died when he was six years old, but her Christian influence inspired him to read and study the Bible at a very young age. His father then married Margaret Whisonant to whom he gave much praise for being like a mother to him.

He had the opportunity to go to school only four months out of a year because his father needed him to help on the farm. Many times he carried his books to the field so he could study



Mr. Rippy's Class of 1914, Pondsfield, Eula Rippy, Teacher. Notice dog in picture.



E.E. Rippy, Teacher, S.S. Friendly Bible Class, First Baptist Church, Grover.

to the teaching staff at Blacksburg High School to help educate the veterans.

He insisted on having devotions in his class although it had been ruled out. He was granted the privilege through unanimous vote of the students. Rev. Hoyle Alexander, a pastor of the area commended him for his influence on so many of the young men.

He never really retired. He was still drawing blue prints and laying off houses at the age of eighty. After his wife died in 1970 his health began to decline and he spent two years in hospitals and rest homes. He taught Sunday School in the rest home where he stayed as long as he was able.

— Lela Rippy Pennington

WILLIAM RIPPY and DESCENDANTS

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William Rippy, the son of Edward Rippy, III and Mary Martin Rippy was born November 10, 1813 and died December 22, 1895. William Rippy was born in Cleveland County and he built his home in Rippy Township in 1833. Rippy Township was named for his father, Esquire Edward Rippy. Many of the homes at that time were built in a valley near a spring but William, being an ambitious young man, built his home on a hillside overlooking the beautiful countryside. He did not let the task of digging a well hinder him from building on his favorite spot of his estate. This home was restored and is now occupied by his granddaughter, Thelma Wilson Gunthorpe. William Rippy was a successful farmer and owned many acres of land.

He married Mary Crawford, who was born February 21, 1814 and she died December 6, 1856. Their first child was Mary Elizabeth, who was born July 28, 1841 and died November 17, 1864. Their second child was William Crawford, born August 16, 1845 and died June 20, 1908. William Crawford married Sarah Arnold, who was born September 3, 1846 and died March 9, 1905. The third child was James Edward, born February 23, 1848 and died June 27, 1920. James Edward married Emeline Hopper, born in 1850 and died in 1894. The fourth child was Julius Parlette, born December 23, 1849 and died April 26, 1908. Julius Parlette married Roxada Arnold, who was born March 25, 1849 and died July 27, 1895. The fifth child was John Henderson, born June 4, 1852 and died September 26, 1918. John Henderson married Elizabeth Runyans, who was born November 24, 1855 and died July 22, 1928. The sixth child was Martha Clementine, born April 24, 1854 and she married William (Willie) Martin, who was born February 12, 1849 and died January 2, 1928.

William Rippy's second marriage was to Marena Mauney. Their first child was George Alexander, born June 15, 1865 and died October 15, 1947. George Alexander married Florence McIntyre, who was born February 28, 1873 and died May 30, 1930. The second child was Rhoda Driscilla, born December 16, 1866 and died July 20, 1951. Rhoda Driscilla married Miller Hendricks, who was born February

at every rest break. He studied by lamp light at night. This enabled him to keep up with his class. He later attended Mars Hill College and obtained a grade A Teachers certificate in Cleveland County in 1912. The certificate along with his scholarship are on display in the Cleveland County Museum.

He taught at the Borders School in Cleveland County in 1912-1913, Pondsfield School in 1914. I recall hearing him tell an interesting episode that happened during his teaching period at Pondsfield. He was advised not to take the school because there was no way to obtain order since there was a mischievous boy that disturbed the class. The first day of school the boy confronted him with a challenge, that if he could not bring his dog to school he would not attend. He claimed the dog carried his books and those of his brother. They had a satchel they threw across the dogs back.

Mr. Rippy consented, provided the dog stayed outside and caused no trouble. He soon found that by making friends with the dog he had gained the friendship of the boy. The boy was not only obedient but he assisted with the children in lower grades. (The class contained 7 grades.)

On one occasion the dog began to bark a very exciting bark. The boy insisted the dog

had jumped a rabbit and he begged to go outside. One more bark of victory from the dog brought the boy to his feet. Being convinced the dog had caught the rabbit, he offered to give it to the teacher if he would just let him go out and get it. Mr. Rippy was very fond of rabbit so he could not turn down the offer. The boy returned with a dressed rabbit. Mr. Rippy's landlady cooked it that evening.

After Mr. Rippy's marriage he attended Winthrop College and secured a South Carolina State First Grade certificate. He taught at Antioch School in Cherokee County, South Carolina during the years of 1927-1928.

Eula was a very active church member. He became a deacon and Sunday School teacher at the age of twenty four. He remained faithful until his death. He taught the Men's Bible Class at Grover First Baptist Church for fifteen years and had an attendance of more than one hundred. He helped organize several mission churches, giving of his time and means.

One of his main interests was the farm he owned and operated. He worked with the soil conservation and acreage allotment program for many years and was sent to Washington as a representative. Prior to World War II he aided in building army camps in South Carolina and Georgia. He continued to work in construction for many years. After the war, he was elected



Eula and Victoria Rippy, 50th Wedding Anniversary — 1964

17, 1862 and died January 13, 1938. The third child was Zulie Saphira, born January 10, 1868 and she married Leroy McSwain. The fourth child was Magdaline, born November 12, 1870 and she married Leroy McSwain. The fifth child was an infant daughter, born October 6, 1872. The sixth child was an infant son born December 18, 1874. The seventh child was Sarah Pamela, born March 28, 1876 and she married Walter McSwain. The eighth child was Cletus, born July 31, 1877 and he married Mattie Bagwell, who was born June 20, 1879 and died October 12, 1930. The ninth child was Willie Rosillie, born November 25, 1874 and died April 13, 1944. Willie Rosillie married Robert A. Putnam, who was born January 1, 1875 and died December 2, 1960. The tenth child was Jesse Irvin, who was born February 15, 1882. The eleventh child was Ina Belle, born March 3, 1884 and died March 12, 1963. Ina Belle married Robert H. Wilson, who was born May 16, 1876 and died in 1949.

William Rippy's children consists of six children by his first marriage to Mary Crawford and eleven children by his second marriage to Marena Mauney. There were a total of seventeen children born to William Rippy.

— Lela Rippy Pennington

WILLIAM 4 (BILLY) RIPPY, MARY NEWELL CRAWFORD AND MARENA MAUNEY

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William 4 Rippy was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina on November 10, 1813 the son of Edward Rippy and Mary Martin. He was a farmer in Number 3 Township. He married Mary Newell Crawford who was born February 24, 1814. William built a story and a half house with a large front porch in 1832. The house is located on Road #1108 and is occupied by one of his granddaughters. William and Mary had six children in this home.

Mary Elizabeth 5 Rippy was born July 28, 1841. She died November 17, 1864.

William Crawford 5 Rippy was born August 16, 1845. He married May 26, 1867 to Sarah Arnold who was born September 3, 1846. Sarah died March 9, 1905. William was a farmer and died June 20, 1908. William and Sarah are buried in New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery, Earl, North Carolina.

James Edward 5 Rippy was born February 23, 1848. He married Emeline Hopper who was born November 10, 1850. She died Octo-

ber 28, 1894. There is a stained glass window in her memory at Mount Paran Baptist Church. James Edward died July 27, 1920. They are buried at New Hope.

Julius Parlettia 5 Rippy was born December 23, 1848. He married on November 7, 1869 to Roxada Arnold. Roxada was born March 25, 1849 and died July 27, 1895. Julius died April 26, 1908 and buried beside his wife at New Hope.

John Henderson 5 Rippy was born June 4, 1852. He married Eliza Runyan on January 30, 1875. She was born November 24, 1855. John Henderson died September 26, 1918. Eliza died July 22, 1928. They were buried in New Hope Cemetery.

Martha Clemetine 5 Rippy was born April 24, 1854. She was married December 27, 1873 to William B., (Willie) Martin. Willie was born February 12, 1849. He died January 2, 1928. Martha Clemetine died November 6, 1938. They were buried in Mount Paran Baptist Cemetery.

Mary Newell Crawford Rippy died and was buried near the Crawford Family in Bethany A.R.P. Church Cemetery, York County, South Carolina. The inscription on her tombstone reads, "Mary N. Rippy died 6 December 1856, age 42 years, 9 months, 12 days, Wife of William Rippy."

William 4 married Marena Mauney who was born March 10, 1840 the daughter of Jonathan and Mitheny Mauney of Cleveland County. They had nine children.

George Alexander 5 Rippy was born June 15, 1865. He married August 20, 1886 to Florence McIntyre. They are buried at Zoar Baptist Church Cemetery, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

Rhoda Drusilla 5 Rippy was born December 16, 1866. She married August 27, 1882 to Eli Miller Hendricks who was born February 17, 1862. They had four children: Jethro, Ila, Addie, and Summey. Eli died January 13, 1938. Drusilla died July 20, 1951. They are buried at New Hope.

Zulie Sophia 5 Rippey was born January 10, 1868. She married LeRoy Wellington McSwain. Her tombstone in New Hope Cemetery gives the death date as October 15, 1888. This date is incorrect as LeRoy was married to Maggie Rippy by this date and had one son born and expecting his second son.

Maggie Delean (Magdalene) 5 Rippy was born November 12, 1870. She married LeRoy Wellingtnc McSwain who was born May 28, 1861. LeRoy died December 30, 1935 while a patient in Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, North Carolina. They were buried in New Hope.

Sarah Pamela 5 Rippy was born March 28, 1876. She married Walter G. McSwain. They are buried in Cleveland Memorial Cemetery.

Cletus 5 Rippy was born July 31, 1877. He married Mattie Bagwell on December 5, 1897. He is buried in New Hope. She is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Cleveland County. They had one daughter Jessie Mae (Mrs. A.W. Heffner) a resident of Number 3 Township until her death recently.

Willie Rosillie 5 Rippy was born November 25, 1874. She married Robert A. Putnam who

was born January 1, 1875. Willie died April 13, 1944. Robert died December 2, 1960. They were buried in Blacksburg, South Carolina.

Jesse Irvin 5 Rippey was born February 15, 1882. He was buried in New Hope.

Ina Belle 5 Rippey was born March 3, 1884. She married March 20, 1904 to Robert H. Wilson. Robert was born May 16, 1876. Ina and Bob had three children: Thelma, Harlan and Hascal. Thelma spent many years researching the family records. Without her unselfish sharing of her information and records this history would not be possible. Ina and Robert were buried in Sunset Cemetery.

William 4 Rippey died December 22, 1895 and was buried in New Hope Cemetery. Marena died March 27, 1923 and was buried beside him.

The First Annual Rippey Reunion was held in the yard of Ina and Bob Wilson in 1951. All of those who attended had their picture taken in front of William 4's home. This picture was used on the Second Annual Reunion Bulletin, July 20, 1952.

— Jean Oates McSwain

DOROTHY MULDER ROARK **927**

Dorothy Mulder Roark, wife of Lester Davis Roark, is a native of Holland, Michigan and the daughter of the late Peter William and Hattie Brummel Mulder. She is a graduate of Holland High School and Michigan State University where she earned a B.S. in Home Economics and a M.A. in Communications.

Following college graduation, she was employed by Michigan State University's Extension Service as a county home economics agent in Sanilac County, Michigan. She later received a direct commission in the United States Air Force and served two years on active duty as an administrative officer. During the Korean War, she served as Assistant Adjutant General for 20th Air Force Headquarters at Kadena Air Base, Okinawa. Following active duty, she was promoted to the rank of Captain in the USAF Reserve.

In 1953, upon entering Michigan State University to begin a master's program, she was advised to pursue a graduate degree in Communications. Educational television was in its infancy and MSU was one of the early pioneers in this new field of telecommunications. During the year of study, she held a graduate assistantship in TV production with the college station, WKAR-TV. She completed requirements for a M.A. degree in Communications in June, 1954. Her master's thesis topic was "An Experiment In The Use of Television For Organized Viewing Groups."

She was among the first women in the U.S. to hold an advanced degree in the area of educational television. Of the many TV job opportunities available at that time, she chose North Carolina. In September, 1954, she accepted the position of Women's TV Editor with the newly-licensed North Carolina State University Educational TV Station, WUNC-TV at Raleigh. WUNC-TV began telecasting in October, 1954.

Two years later she resigned her TV position

to marry Shelbiana Lester Davis Roark, who was then Editor of the Cleveland Times. They were married June 2, 1956. They have continued to live in Shelby. Their two children are Pamela Sue born December 31, 1957 and Jeffrey Scott born May 12, 1960.

During the child-rearing years, she did not continue her professional career, but was active as a volunteer in church and community activities. Highlights of her volunteer work include: girl scout leader for the Shelby Presbyterian Junior Troop, 1965-70; member of the Pioneer Girl Scout Council Program Committee, 1970-71; member of Shelby Branch, American Association of University Women for 25 years and Branch President, 1966-67; member of the Phil Acres Garden Club, 1960-71; Associate Editor of the North Carolina Gardener Magazine, 1968-71; member of Shelby Presbyterian Church for 25 years, Sunday School Teacher, Women of the Church officer, and member of the Kings Mountain Presbyterian Christian Education Committee.

In the summer of 1971, she re-entered the work world for a short-term position as Parent Coordinator for Project Headstart with the Shelby City Schools.

In the fall of 1971, she accepted a position with Cleveland Technical College as Media Specialist. She has continued to work at CTC and is currently the Director of Development.

Since returning to a career, she has completed advance graduate work in education and was awarded the Education Specialist's degree in educational administration by Appalachian State University in 1975. At present, she is completing requirements for a doctoral degree in educational administration at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University, Blacksburg, Virginia.

Her hobbies include golf, gardening and Oriental flower arranging. She is a member of the Charlotte Chapter of Ikebana International. She is recognized as an advocate of women and has served on the North Carolina Council on the Status of Women since 1979.

— Mrs. Les Roark

JAMES ALEX and MARGARET EARLE ROARK

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James Alex Roark was born in what is now Cherokee County, South Carolina on July 9, 1882, son of Green Nelson and Emmer Wilson Roark.

Margaret Avalona Earle was born in the same county on August 28, 1885, daughter of William M. and Rebecca Hardin Earle.

They were married there on September 19, 1905 and had several farming operations between Blacksburg, S.C. and Grover, N.C., during the next 19 years. Eight sons were born during this time.

Their names and birthdates were: Glenn Nelson, Dec. 2, 1906; Wayne McClain, Aug. 2, 1909; Reece Alex, Nov. 13, 1910; Coley L., Aug. 12, 1912; James Broadus, July 10, 1914; George Hubert, Feb. 3, 1916; Sidney Edward, Aug. 27, 1918; Lester Davis, Oct. 31, 1924. (Reece died of pneumonia 12-20-10).



James Alex Roark (1882-1933)

Alex and Margaret Roark and their seven surviving sons moved to the Long Branch Community near Grover in November, 1924 and began a new farming venture on 78 acres of freshly cleared land.

Roark was an intense, hardworking and aggressive farmer. They cleared land, removed stumps and converted "new grounds" into productive fields. He planted fruit trees and grapevines, built a mule barn, dairy barn, corn crib, "smoke house," blacksmith shop, and later, a potato curing house.

In addition to cotton, corn, wheat and hay crops, Roark put about 15 acres in pasture and started a small dairy operation. He delivered fresh milk and butter by horse and buggy to customers in Grover.

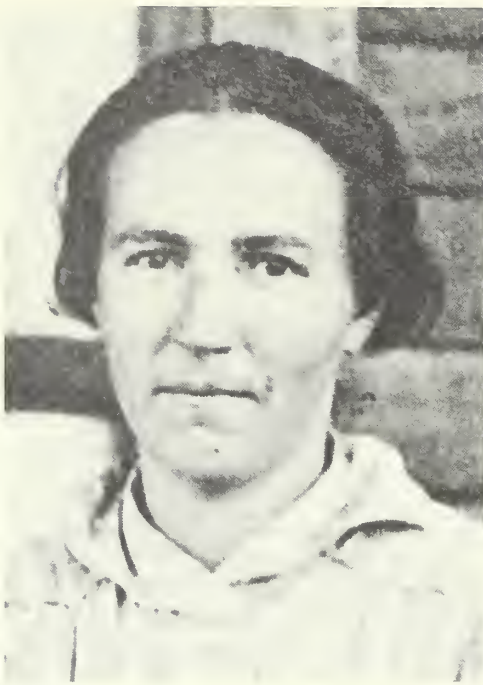
He became a leader in sweet potato farming by the late 1920's and built his own curing house which was large enough to accommodate his own production of 600 to 700 bushels per year and also for the farmers in the Long Branch and Bethlehem Communities. His standard charge for curing potatoes was 10 cents per bushel. Most of his own potatoes were sold to small grocery stores and "peddled" door-to-door in Grover and Blacksburg, S.C.

Much of the promising farming venture and expansion efforts were financed with borrowed money and the Great Depression was looming just ahead. The late 1920's and early '30's began to take their tolls and survival on the farm became more difficult. The family itself began to change.

On October 11, 1931, the oldest son, Glenn, was killed in an automobile accident. He was not married.

In the summer of 1932, Coley, the fourth son, left the farm and went to Laurel, Miss. There, he married Lillie Mae Smallwood on May 26, 1933. They had two sons, William and Robert.

On August 8, 1933, Alex Roark died of cancer after a lingering illness. With his death, the farm lost its leader and manager. The depres-



Margaret Earle Roark (1885-1971)

sion continued and economic conditions grew worse.

On August 4, 1935, Wayne, the second oldest, married Thelma Isler of Blacksburg, S.C. They stayed at the Roark homeplace and helped with the farming operation until the following year when they moved to a farm in Cherokee County. They moved to Grover in 1939 where they now live. They had four sons, Donald, Harold, David and Larry.

Hopes for keeping the farm faded. In the fall of 1936, it had to be sold to pay off the mortgage. Equipment and tools were sold at public auction. The 12-year old, 78-acre farm produced a "net" pay-off of \$586.00 for the Roark family. With that, they built a small four room house in Grover and moved there late in 1936.

In the meantime, James Broadus, the fifth son, entered military service and remained to serve in World War II. He was killed in combat in Germany on March 6, 1945. He was married to Anne Valenti of Belmont, Mass., and they had one son, James.

George, Sidney and Lester, (see Lester David Roark) all entered the military service and served overseas during World War II.

On December 24, 1942, George married Ernestine Stewart of Buies Creek, N.C. They had no children. He died in Womack Army Hospital in Fayetteville, N.C., on June 29, 1981 and is buried in Sanford, N.C.

After the war, Margaret Roark and her sons, Sidney and Lester moved from Grover to Shelby in the fall of 1946. She died in Whispering Pines Nursing Home on June 12, 1971.

Sidney married Rosemary Rippy of Shelby on October 10, 1946. They have two daughters, Ramona and Tammy, who live in Mass.

Lester married Dorothy Mulder in Holland, Michigan on June 2, 1956. They have a daughter, Pamela and a son, Jeffrey.

Coley returned from Mississippi in the late 1960's and died in Charlotte on November 23, 1976. He, along with his parents and his brothers, Glenn and Broadus, are buried in the

Grover Cemetery. Reece was buried in the Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery in Cherokee County.

Sidney now lives in Patterson Springs and Lester lives in Shelby.

Sources: family Bible and family recollections

— Lester Davis Roark

LESTER DAVIS ROARK

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Lester Davis Roark is a man of many talents, but perhaps is best known for his record of service on Shelby's City Council for 19 years before becoming mayor in 1976, a post he held until 1979.

Roark Plaza, a beautifully landscaped park connecting city government buildings in uptown Shelby, honors his name and recognizes his achievements. The park is a fitting tribute since he is known as the father of Shelby's first citywide beautification program, introduced formation of the Shelby Appearance Commission, instigated Thompson Gardens, the former East Graham Street Park and Playground and supported numerous other landscaping projects. He pushed for the "back-zoning" on South Washington Street.

Roark urged a tight fiscal policy and low tax rates while an alderman and as mayor. He supported city funds for a new library, Mal-

colm Brown Auditorium, Shelby High's indoor swimming pool, tennis courts and other improvements. He organized and carried out a fundraising effort to build the Veterans Stadium (baseball field) at Shelby High and initiated the idea for the Shelby Economic Development Commission and a Downtown Farmer's Market.

While Roark was mayor, Shelby was involved in its last major building period with completion of the Charles Road Fire Station, the Public Works Building and the new Police Station, all built with pay-as-you-go financing. He was a fierce advocate of open meetings, helped organize the Cleveland Association of Governmental Officials and served one term as chairman.

Roark, known to most as Les, was born October 31, 1924, youngest of eight sons of James Alex and Margaret Earle Roark who moved from Cherokee County, S.C., where all the children were born, to a 78-acre farm near Grover. There, they built a home, barns, storage buildings and raised cotton, corn, wheat, hay and sweet potatoes. They also ran a small dairy. His brothers were Glenn Nelson, Wayne McClain, Reece Alex, Coley L., James Broadus, George Hubert and Sidney Edward.

Les was eight when his father died. The Depression was taking its toll and his mother was forced in 1936 to sell the farm, equipment and livestock to pay off the mortgage. With the older brothers gone, she built a four room house in Grover and Les graduated from high school there in 1942 where he excelled in debating, played baseball and basketball.

World War II was underway and Les worked for awhile with General Outdoor Advertising Co. in Charlotte and with Glenn L. Martin Airplane Co. in Baltimore, Md., before being drafted into the U.S. Air Corps in February, 1943. He served until February, 1946, and was an aerial gunner and gunnery instructor. He served with the U.S. 8th Air Force in England. He and three brothers served overseas with one, Broadus, losing his life in combat in Germany.

Les moved with his mother to Shelby in 1946 and after a succession of jobs became a house painter with Branton Construction Co. He left his \$80 per week job in April, 1952 to take a reporter's job at \$35 per week on The Cleveland Times, a semi-weekly in Shelby, where he applied his skill as a writer and became editor in 1954. He had taken a course in creative writing with the Palmer Institute of Authorship and was excited about a writing career.

As a newspaperman, he was a photographer, sold advertising, read proofs, covered sports, court and all meetings of school boards, county commissioners and city council, where he developed his keen interest in city government.

He announced as a candidate for city council from Ward I in 1953, losing by 82 votes to the incumbent, W.H. Hardeman. He was elected in a run-off in 1957 and was re-elected in 1961, 1965, 1969 and 1973. City government changed from a full-time mayoral system to city manager system in 1963 and Roark ran for mayor, but was defeated by Dr. Hubert Plaster



Lester Davis and Dorothy Mulder Roark — 1976



Pamela Sue and Jeffrey Scott Roark, children of Lester Davis and Dorothy Mulder Roark.



Lester Davis Roark taking oath of office as Mayor of Shelby, January 29, 1976, Mike Kennedy, City Attorney, on left.

who served until his death in January, 1976. Roark and Plaster worked together in close friendship and as mayor pro tem at Plaster's death, Roark succeeded him, serving until 1979 when he retired from public office.

Roark left newspaper work in 1956 to go with National Old Line Insurance Company and was later Shelby Unit Manager for Pilot Life Insurance Company's Ordinary Division. With W.K. Carpenter and Joe Mull, they owned and operated a professional baseball franchise in Shelby for three years. In 1965, he became involved in fast food restaurant and franchising and at one time was co-founder and co-owner of Burger Barns, Little Moo Dairy Barns and Cleveland Foods. He was involved in development of Ebenezer Village residential project and initiated the River Bend Golf Course and residential development.

In 1974, Roark joined Robert Morgan's campaign for U.S. Senate as a volunteer. In January, 1975, Sen. Morgan named him director of his administrative staff in North Carolina. He worked in that capacity with offices in Raleigh and Asheville until Morgan's term expired in 1980. Roark now has a real estate business in Western North Carolina.

Roark was married to Dorothy Mulder of Holland, Michigan on June 2, 1956 (see Dorothy Mulder Roark) and they reside at 703 Phillips Street. Their two children, a daughter,

Pamela Sue (December 31, 1957) is a graduate of Appalachian State University and lives in Boone; and a son, Jeffrey Scott (May 12, 1960), a senior at Clemson University with a major in Architecture.

— Grace R. Hamrick

THE BIG GEORGE and KITTIE ROBERTS FAMILY

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Big George Roberts was born in North Carolina in the year 1804. His mother, Lucy Roberts, a slave, was born in Virginia and was brought to North Carolina by planters before he was born. He was called Big George because he was stronger than other slaves. Kittie was also born in North Carolina but we do not have the date. She was the daughter of an African born woman named Sylvia. Kittie resided on the plantation of John Roberts and later his son William. She was a small built woman who weighed about one hundred pounds. She died while attending the wake of her sister but we do not have the date.

Big George and Kittie became man and wife on the Roberts plantation. They were the parents of 15 children who were Vatch, Noah, Archie, Gilbert, Oliver, George, Peter, Nelson, Wattie, John, Adeline, Patsy, Betsy, Lucinda,

and Jane Roberts. Vatch married Harriett Roberts, daughter of Issac Roberts, and they had children Vatch, Eliza, Andrew, Haney, Mary, Martha, and Perry. Louise Roberts and Ramona McDaniel in Shelby are their direct descendants. Noah was born in 1831 and died in Gaston County on May 26, 1921. His wife's name was Hannah and they were the parents of Sussanah, Nelson, William, Sidney, Mary, Jennie, Avery, Charles, Emma, Frank, Sallie, and George. Rev. Dwight Costner, Ted Roberts, and Dr. Joseph Roberts are descendants. Archie was born in 1832. He died Sept. 26, 1922. He married Harriett Webber and they were the parents of Dora, Mary, Olliver, George, Berry, Adam, Philitus, Hattie, Archie, Martha, and Harriett. Mattie Sue Gill, Dunbar Roberts, and the children of the late Clarence Roberts are descendants. Also, Charles, Billie, and Mattie Lee Roberts of Washington, D.C. Gilbert — No record. Olliver was born in 1843. He married Dinah Jennings, daughter of Peggy Jennings. They did not have any children. Olliver died on Aug. 17, 1918. Dinah died Dec. 24, 1918. Both are buried in the old Freedman Cemetery. George was born about 1840. He was twice married and had five children by each wife. His first wife was Jane Ware, Daughter of Jordon and Harriett Ware. She died in March, 1878. His second wife was Laura Gaither. She died on May 22, 1917. The children of George and Fuller, Nelson, John Westley, Margie, Gilbert, George, Hattie, Lafayette, Augustas, Mary, and Willie. Daeira, George, and John Westley Roberts are descendants. Also, Charles Saunders, and Riley and Togo Cabiness. Peter — No record. Nelson — No record. Wattie — No record. John married Jerifena Aderhold and they were the parents of John, Mary, Jane, and Thomas Roberts. Adeline — No record. Patsy — No record. Betsy — No records. Lucinda — No records. Jane married Ezakel Cassthran on Dec. 20, 1890.

After Kittie died, Big George later married a second time to a woman named Patience McLove. She died on Sept. 28, 1892. Big George died between 1892 and 1900.

Big George and Kittie Roberts have many descendants living in Cleveland County, Washington, D.C., North Carolina, Virginia, New Jersey, California, and elsewhere.

Sources: Family records of the late Rev. John Westley Roberts and Bonney Roberts.

— Louise Roberts

Sources: Family history notes of Rev. Dwight Costner. Charles Saunders. U.S. census records county marriage, birth, death, and estate records.

—Spurgeon Alexander Roberts

THE ELI and SARAH LATTIMORE ROBERTS FAMILY

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Eli Roberts was born in slavery about the year 1840 on the John Roberts plantation. He was one of six sons born to Simpson and Martha Roberts. The other sons were Albertus, John, Philetus, Caleb, and George. Simpson died sometime before slavery ended. Martha later married a second time to a man named Solomon Howell and they were blessed

with four children who were Wattie, Daniel, Annie, and Betsy. Martha died between 1870 and 1880 and Solomon died between 1880 and 1900.

After they were freed, most of the sons of Simpson and Martha took the family name of one of their former owners, Henderson Borders. Others took the family name Roberts. After freedom, Eli worked on the railroads until he could save enough money to purchase a 310 acre farm from his former owners. The farm was located about two miles beyond the present fairground site on the old Buffalo Road. His daughter, Ida, was later to say, that the former owners sold Eli this land for practically pennies. Eli subsequently purchased more land and became the largest black landowner in Cleveland County.

Eli was married to Sarah Lattimore, daughter of Abner and Maria Lattimore. They had the following children:

Simpson — born Dec. 31, 1870. Died Sept. 12, 1909.

Abner — Born Feb. 11, 1873. Died March 21, 1929. Married Veronica Hatchett in 1895.

Ida — born May 16, 1876. Married Jerry McCurry on Sept. 23, 1921.

Earnest — born June 16, 1878. Died June 15, 1972.

Mary D. — born Oct. 8, 1880. Died in 1979.

J. Arthur — born March 16, 1883.

Essie — born Dec. 25, 1886. Married D.H. Council on Sept. 14, 1916.

Mason — born June 9, 1888. Died Jan. 16, 1974. Married China Borders on Feb. 23, 1923.

George — born Feb. 10, 1892. Married Willie B. Phillips on March 21, 1917. George is the only surviving child.

In 1906, Eli, John Westley Roberts, Westley Mauney, and a few other relatives who were descendants of Billy Roberts' slaves organized the first family reunion. These reunions have continued to the present time and are held on the third Sunday of August of each year. For many years, these reunions were held on Eli's homestead.

Sarah Roberts died at home, at the age of 89, on Dec. 17, 1932. She was buried in Washington Baptist Cemetery on Dec. 21, 1932. Eli died at home, at the age of 93, on June 23, 1933. He was buried in Washington Baptist Church Cemetery. He was active until two weeks before his death.

During his life time, Eli was a well respected member and community leader. He donated the land on which Borders School was located. He has many distant cousins in Cleveland County and elsewhere.

Sources: Family Bible records of Eli and Sarah Roberts, the late China Borders Roberts, China Stokely, Miss Ezra Bridges, *Cleveland Times*, U.S. census records.

— Spurgeon Alexander Roberts

ETHEL HOUSE ROBERTS

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Ethel House Roberts hails from Georgia but is definitely a Shelbian as she migrated to Cleveland County in 1925. After finishing high school at Madison, Georgia, she came to Shelby to visit an older sister, started to work as

cashier at Woolworth's and never returned to Madison to live.

About two years after coming here she married Herman (Shorty) Roberts from the Pleasant Hill area. "Shorty" as everyone called him, was a friendly, happy-go-lucky, handsome guy and was loved by all, especially Ethel's family. In fact, he was often referred to as the second Archie Bunker of the famed TV comic series, "All In The Family". Shorty was born a natural salesman and was in the automobile business here in Shelby for many years. He had the Oldsmobile agency for a number of years and then went into the used car business. Our beloved "Shorty" died May 20, 1972 and is buried here in Sunset Cemetery and Ethel still lives in their home on Brookhill Road.

Speaking of Brookhill Road, Ethel loves everyone on it, every house, every tree, even the branches and says she never wants to leave that street. It is very peaceful and quiet. In fact, she rarely leaves Shelby, going only to Madison for a short visit about twice a year. She has lived on this street for 37 years and thinks she owns it.

Ethel has always been referred to as the "hub" of the wheel and the rest of us as only "spokes". This is truly true as her four sisters and one brother turned to her for advice, help and love and she never disappointed any of us. I remember she gave me my first "store-bought" dress at graduation and also my wedding dress.

After her years at Woolworth's she finally gave birth, at age 39, to their only child. It was a girl named Betty Louise who is now married to Dr. Steven Shorman. They live in an old remodeled home in Lattimore, North Carolina, with Steve's offices in Shelby. "What a blessing to receive and a joy to behold" was Betty, as she still is today.

About thirteen years after the birth of Betty, Ethel went back to work but for Norman Harris and Son where she was the bookkeeper for twenty-seven years. She worked a few more years after Robinson Services Enterprises bought out the business. She finally retired in 1981 at the age of seventy-four but is still "going strong" with visiting, bridge and yardwork. Mrs. Norman Harris (Monnie, as we affectionately call her) is a very close friend after fifty years or more and many others of fifty years plus friendships.

Ethel has been a member of Central United Methodist Church for fifty-seven years and "her" bench, second row from the front, should have her name imprinted on it. Woe to anyone who sits there as she will crowd in or give them a glare that makes them move to another section. She has a beautiful alto voice and sang in the choir at Central Methodist for many years.

My sister, Ethel, is a wonderful friend as well as blood-related. I came to Shelby in 1932 after one year of college to visit her and Shorty, met and married H.A. Logan, Jr. and lived with Ethel and Shorty for over a year before my marriage. H.A. and I were divorced in 1945 and I returned to Atlanta, Georgia, but made my way back to Shelby in 1979 to be near my sister.

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We were very poor growing up but our father and mother gave us a sense of pride, integrity, and fairness that we will never outgrow. We were all born in Winder, Georgia, including mamma and daddy, with the exception of me and I was born in the little town of Commerce, Georgia.

Ethel gives meaning and love to life and is genuine in her eagerness and concern for others. She has a vibrant personality, well loved by young and old alike and, "To Know Her is to Love Her".

Source: Personal knowledge.

— Doris H. Lloyd, Sister

FRANCES MARGARET ESKRIDGE ROBERTS

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Frances Margaret Eskridge was born April 4, 1877 in the big white house on Highway 74, on what is now Blanton Farm, to Mary Judith Blanton Eskridge and Abram Richard Eskridge. The house was the home of her mother, who was the daughter of Frances Doggett and Burwell Blanton. She was named for her two grandmothers, Frances, on the maternal side, and Margaret, for her father's mother, Margaret Durham Washburn, wife of Elijah Eskridge.

She spent most of her childhood in Shelby living at 522 West Marion Street in the large Victorian house now located at the rear of the lot facing West Sumter Street. The house was moved in 1954 when her daughter, Mary Adelaide Roberts Austell, and her husband built a new residence for themselves at 522 West Marion Street which is presently occupied by their daughter, Mary Adelaide Austell Craver, and her husband. As a child, Frances also lived for a brief period with her parents in Atlanta and Asheville where on one day she received two medals for excellence in her studies.

She and her only brother, Forrest, also attended school in Shelby and after her school days were over, she was able, with the help of her uncle, Charles C. Blanton, who was ever ready to help ambitious young people, to go to college.

She went to what is now University of North Carolina in Greensboro, but at that time was known as the Normal School. She completed the four year course in two, and was one of the early graduates of the school. One of her class-

mates was Dr. Delia Dixon Carroll, sister of Thomas Dixon and one of the first female doctors in this area. In later years, Dr. Carroll said she remembered Frances Eskridge as the smartest, sweetest and prettiest member of her class.

She returned to Shelby after her graduation, and began her teaching career in the high school here. She taught Latin and Mathematics. Both then and in later years she is remembered by many who through the years were her students, for she never gave up her teaching entirely, continuing intermittently as a full-time or substitute teacher.

She married William Joshua Roberts, Jr., born September 13, 1875, son of Minnie Eddins and William Joshua Roberts of Shelby, on June 23, 1904. They had two daughters, Mary Adelaide, born August 16, 1905, and died November 24, 1975, and Minnie Eddins, born August 12, 1908. Mary Adelaide married Charles Benjamin Austell of Shelby, born April 17, 1904, and died January 27, 1967. Their daughter is Mary Adelaide Austell Craver, born July 1, 1942, who is married to Richard Davidson Craver of Shelby, born August 19, 1942. Their children are Joseph Newton Craver II, born January 12, 1975, and Adelaide Austell Craver, born July 16, 1976. Minnie Eddins married George Moore Carpenter of Forest City, North Carolina. He was born May 8, 1907. They have no children.

Frances Eskridge and her husband lived in Shelby where she was active in all community affairs. She was a charter member of the Twentieth Century Club, The United Daughters of Confederacy and other organizations. She was a life-long member of the First Baptist Church, where for many years she was the teacher of the adult women's class. She also served as president of the Woman's Missionary Union and other church groups.

She was characterized in her obituary as having a brilliant mind and social and cultural graces which impressed themselves upon her list of friends.



Frances Eskridge Roberts — 1890's

Frances Eskridge Roberts died December 29, 1942 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: Personal knowledge, Newspaper clippings, Eskridge History, Family Bible.

— Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter

GUY HOUSTON ROBERTS FAMILY

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Guy H. Roberts' father, Robert Ernest Roberts (Bob), was born near Kings Road in Shelby on September 21, 1878. Bob was the oldest son of William Roberts. Bob married Margaret Rebecca Borders (Maggie), daughter of Elzie Borders and Susan Wilson Borders on December 12, 1900. They lived for the most part on Kings Road in a two-story frame house which is still standing. Bob was a farmer and later operated a grocery store in Shelby.

Times were difficult for everyone, especially a family with nine children. Bob and Maggie's children were: Guy Houston (b. 10-11-1902), Frances Louise (b. 8-20-05) who married Harold Kelly; Carl Evans (b. 10-5-07) who married Eunice Jones; Sarah Faye (b. 9-2-12) who married Ernest Miller; Maruice Henderson (b. 11-2-09) who married Evelyn Hord; Virginia Dare (b. 9-22-10) who married Alfred Kale; Robert Ernest, Jr. (b. 3-6-20) who married Chancey Pernell; Rebecca Madeline (b. 7-7-23) who married Lee Freeman; and William Elzie (b. 6-15-26 d. 11-2-73) who married Shirley Price.

Bob died December 24, 1940 and is buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church. I still have the pleasure of remembering visiting Grandma Roberts when I was a young boy. She died April 26, 1977, is also buried at Elizabeth and had twenty-three grandchildren, forty-eight great grandchildren.

Guy Houston Roberts was born in the home of his parents on Kings Road. After receiving his education in the elementary and secondary schools of Shelby, he began his career early.



Frances Eskridge Roberts — 1930's



Guy Houston Roberts

After working a few years for his father in the grocery store, he joined the Shelby National Bank as bookkeeper and teller until 1924. He was then a teller at the First National Bank and survived the disastrous cave-in on August 28, 1928. In 1935, at the request of his friend, O Max Gardner, Guy began work at Cleveland Cloth Mill as comptroller and paymaster, and after ten years there, became a stockholder in the Lutz-Yelton Company. He served there as Director-Officer, supervising accounting procedures and financial arrangements and worked closely with another good friend, J. Ray Lutz, until Guy's death in 1964.

Guy Roberts was held in high esteem throughout Cleveland County. He had been a member and clerk of Company K of the North Carolina National Guard. While a member of the Gardner-Webb College Board of Trustees, he was chairman of the Finance Committee. Guy had a genuine interest in the welfare of this school and spent many hours in its behalf. He served with the Selective Service Board during World War II, for which he received the Presidential Certificate of Appreciation, and was on the board of directors of the Shelby Kiwanis Club. He held membership in the Elks Club, Cleveland Masonic Lodge No. 202, Oasis Temple of Shrine and the Cleveland Springs and North Lake Country Clubs. His political party was Democratic. In Cleveland County he attended Elizabeth Baptist Church, and in Shelby he was a member and deacon of the First Baptist Church.

On December 7, 1925, in Kings Mountain, Guy married Bonnie Smith, daughter of John North Smith and Emily Margaret (Huffstickler). Bonnie was born in Kings Mountain on February 18, 1906. Her father was a mining engineer and farmer. Daddy Guy and Mother Bonnie (as known within the family) became parents of two daughters and a son: 1. Janice, now Mrs. Earl D. Honeycutt, Jr. Their children are Earl Douglas III, Thomas Roberts and Guy

Houston. 2. Gary Houston, married Barbara Nolan Wray. Their children are Suzanne Wray and Gary Houston, Jr. 3. Sara Sue, now Mrs. William Franklin Mabry. Their children are Susan Roberts, William Franklin, Jr., Bonnie Lee and Christopher Hayes.

To say that Daddy Guy was a kind and thoughtful man would be an understatement. On one occasion, while fishing with my cousin, Doug, the young boy caught his first fish (too small to keep). Daddy Guy held it up and said "Hey, everybody look what my grandson just caught," praising and congratulating Doug.

Guy Roberts' leisure interests included golf and fishing, walks and trips through the countryside, auto trips and travel abroad. Another of his main interests were genealogy.

Guy Houston Roberts died September 1, 1964 and is buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Sources: family records, personal knowledge

— Gary Houston Roberts, Jr.

HUGH KERR ROBERTS

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Hugh Kerr Roberts led a useful, eventful and interesting life during the 77 years and 11 months that he lived. Some of the positions that he held show that he must have been a competent, reliable and trustworthy person.

Hugh Kerr Roberts was born Sept. 22, 1821, in North Carolina. The names of his parents and the exact place of his birth are unknown at this time. On Oct. 17, 1839, shortly after his eighteenth birthday, he married Elizabeth McSwain nearly 21. She was the daughter of Thomas and Frances "Frankey" Bridges McSwain of Cleveland County. Thomas McSwain's tombstone reads "Died 22 Dec. 1872. Aged 76 y 8 m 14 d. He was a Deacon of the Baptist Church." His wife's tombstone reads "Frances McSwain. Died Jan. 8, 1862. Aged 68 yr 1 mo 15 da." They are both buried in the McSwain Family Cemetery in the Mount Sinai Church Community southwest of Shelby. The cemetery is on the north side of an unpaved road about one mile north of the junction of County Road #1140 with the Mount Sinai Road. Buried in this same cemetery is the first child of Hugh Kerr and Elizabeth McSwain Roberts. This tombstone reads, "Infant daughter of H.K. and E. Roberts. Died 29 July 1840. Aged 10 days." This stone is missing. It is recorded by the Historical Records Survey (WPA) in 1939 and is on file in the N.C. Archives.

Hugh Kerr and Elizabeth Roberts lived near Grover, N.C. In the 1850 Cleveland County Census Hugh Kerr Roberts' occupation is listed as farmer. Also listed as a farmer living in his household is an eighteen-year-old Fernando C. Roberts, probably a younger brother of Hugh Kerr. Ten years later in the 1860 Census, Fernando C. Roberts is not listed. However, Hugh Kerr Roberts' occupation is listed as waggoner. He was also a Justice of the Peace and married numerous couples, beginning as early as 1853 and as late as 1899, the year he died.

Hugh Kerr Roberts ran a grocery store in

Whitaker, S.C. and was postmaster. He also served as a road commissioner for some time.

Due to the redrawing of boundaries, Hugh Kerr Roberts' homesite was for a while in York County, S.C., and is presently in Cherokee County, S.C., in the Antioch Community near Grover, N.C.

In 1855 Hugh K. Roberts was granted 20 acres in Cleveland County.

In York County, S.C., between 1884 and 1893, there are five separate tracts of land showing transfers of deeds from H.K. or H.K. and Elizabeth Roberts to others.

On Oct. 28, 1863, Hugh Kerr Roberts, 42, enlisted as a private at Camp Holmes, Raleigh, in the Confederate Army. He served under Capt. Joseph Jones, 14th N.C. Infantry, Gen. Jubal Early's corps.

H.K. Roberts was captured by Union Gen. Sheridan's forces on Sept. 19, 1864, at the Battle of Winchester (Opequion) in Virginia. His name appears on a Roll of prisoners of war at Harper's Ferry, W. Va. From Harper's Ferry, he was sent to Point Lookout, Md., on Sept. 23, 1864. When the war ended, he was pardoned at Richmond, Va.

H.K.'s son, Jasper Newton Roberts, also served in the Confederacy. (See article on Jasper Newton Roberts.)

H.K. Roberts' wife, Elizabeth, died Aug. 22, 1894, and he died Aug. 22, 1899. Both are buried in Antioch Church Cemetery.

Hugh Kerr and Elizabeth McSwain Roberts had the following children: Sarah Ann Roberts was born Dec. 27, 1841, near Grover, N.C., and died Jan. 2, 1925, she married Lewis Moore McSwain, born June 17, 1851, and died July 21, 1941. They had seven children.

Rosannah Roberts was born Nov. 5, 1843, at Grover, N.C., and died March 31, 1915. She married in 1865 to Oliver Perry Morgan, a Cherokee County, S.C., native and confederate veteran. He died June 19, 1905. They had 13 children, but only seven lived to be married.

Jasper Newton Roberts was born Feb. 14, 1846, near Grover, N.C., he was a confederate veteran and died March 20, 1927, in Lowell, N.C. He was first married on January 12, 1869, to Cynthia Jane Dickson born Feb. 28, 1846, in York County, S.C. She was the daughter of James Harvey and Mary Brice Yongue Dickson, and died April 11, 1906. "Jap" and Cynthia Jane Roberts are both buried in Edgewood Cemetery, Lowell, N.C. They had ten children.

Jap's second marriage was to Mrs. Hazel Hendrix Ray, a widow with five children. Jap and Hazel had no children.

John Lafayette Roberts was born Oct. 7, 1848, near Grover, N.C., and died March 5, 1927 (he and his brother Jap died about 15 days apart. He was first married March 19, 1872, to Mary Amanda Madora Bird, born May 1, 1851, and died Jan. 3, 1899. She was the daughter of Marcus Ross and Dorinda Nance Bird. They had nine children.

John L. Roberts' second marriage on Dec. 12, 1899, was to Annie Crook born Dec. 12, 1870, in Oconee County, S.C., and died on January 24, 1958. They had three children.

John L. Roberts and his first wife, Madora, are buried at Antioch Church Cemetery.

Frances Elizabeth Roberts was born March 9, 1851, near Grover, died July 16, 1914, and was married about 1872 or earlier to Perry Black, born April 10, 1853. He died Jan. 29, 1919. They had five children.

Eliza Delila Roberts was born Aug. 5, 1853, near Grover, N.C., died May 10, 1911, and was married to John Moore Dillingham, born June 28, 1860, in Cherokee County, S.C., he died Oct. 28, 1945. Both of them are buried at Antioch Cemetery. They had four children.

Harriett Katherine Roberts was born Oct. 21, 1857, near Grover, N.C. died February 7, 1934, first married a Mr. Woods and they had a daughter. She then on Sept. 30, 1888, married Ancel Hardin, who was born Nov. 20, 1861, and died Oct. 19, 1917. They had four children.

Sources: *Descendants of Hugh Kerr Roberts* compiled by Ruby Killian Jenkins.

— Mildred Jo Roberts Owens

ISSAC ROBERTS and DESCENDANTS

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Issac Roberts was born in North Carolina in the year of 1794. His wife Haney was born in 1811. No records exist of the names of their parents. Issac lived on the plantation of John Roberts where he was known as Issac "The Miller". He was also an overseer. It was said that John Roberts was an elderly, kind man who took good care of his slaves, used them as overseers, and would not allow slavers on his lands. His slaves included men of ability who were carpenters, blacksmiths, and carriage men etc. After John died, Issac was willed to William Roberts and apparently remained on his plantation until he was freed.

After being freed, Issac and Haney took the family name of their former owners and settled down in township #5. He listed his occupation as a carpenter. Both he and Haney died between 1870 and 1880. They were the parents of a number of children but we do not have names of all of the children. The names we do have are Harriett, Phoebe, Adeline, Josh, and Lucy Ann. Harriett married Vatch Roberts, son of Big George and Kittie Roberts. Vatch died during the civil war on Moorehead Island, near Wilmington, North Carolina, while helping to build breast works for the confederate arm forces. Harriett died between 1864 and 1868. They were the parents of Vatch, Eliza, Andrew, Haney, Mary, Martha, and Perry. Vatch, Jr. was born in 1858. He was a miner. He married in Charlotte and later moved to South Carolina where he died. Eliza married Adolphus Dameron and they had two children who were Vatch and Mary. Mary married Albert Logan. She died Dec. 20, 1938 in Santa Cruz, California. This family moved to California in the latter part of the 1800's supposedly to seek their fortune in the gold mines. Andrew married Mary Elliott and they moved to Georgia. Haney moved to Tennessee. Mary married Jonaton Brooks. Martha married Phillip Clemons. She died near Concord, North Carolina. Perry was born in Jan., 1864 and was the youngest child of Vatch and Harriett. He was twice married.

His first wife was Mary E. Strong and they were married on Nov. 28, 1889. Mary was born in Oct., 1873 and was the daughter of Frank and Eliza Strong. They were the parents of four children who were Hattie E., Albertine, Lema, and Daisey. Mary E. died in childbirth on March 11, 1907. Perry Roberts second wife was Mary Pratt, daughter of David and Parthenia Pratt. She was born in March, 1872 in York County, South Carolina. They were married in Shelby on August 1, 1907 and were the parents of two daughters, Nora Alice, and Louise. Perry built his home on Lineberger Street in 1890 and the home is still occupied by his family. He died at home on July 26, 1926. The Shelby Star eulogized him as a devoted servant. Mary died on April 1, 1936. Adeline Roberts was married twice but we do not have records on her family. Phoebe Roberts was born in 1829 and died between 1880 and 1887. She married Andrew Borders, son of Sarah Borders. Andrew was born in North Carolina, in 1811. He was a blacksmith and a farmer. They had at least three children who were Miles, Issac, and Dora. We have no family records on Issac and Dora. Miles was born in 1856. He married Lina Wheeler, daughter of Amanda Wheeler, and they had six children who were Forrest, Lester, Clarence, Mattie, Ethel and Lillie. Forrest married Zora Toms on Nov. 28, 1900 and they had a daughter Clory. Lester married Mary Burchett on Dec. 12, 1909. They had a son, Lester, Jr. (Fats) who married Othello Moore. Clarence — no information. Mattie married Bernard Burchett. Ethel (Weedie) married Henry Burchett on August 24, 1910. Lilly married Simon Floyd and they had children Nevada, Birdie, Marie, Robert, Smiley, Lina, Odessa, and Vera. Lucy Ann married John Miller and they had children: Georgia, Amanda, Alice, James, Eva, Margaret, and Ida. Ida married John Rogers on Sept. 30, 1910. They had a daughter Louise who married Major Reid. Josh — no information on him.

Issac and Haney have descendants living in Cleveland County, in Rutherford County, around Gaffney, South Carolina, in Virginia, Georgia, and Pennsylvania. Dr. James Deotis Roberts, a minister, writer, and president of inter-denominational theological center in Atlanta, Georgia is also a descendant. Dr. Roberts wrote the books "A Black Political Theology" and also "Liberation and Reconciliation; A Black Theology". J.C. Roberts of Spindale and the late Beatrice Byers were also descendants. The Roberts family helped to organize Wardell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church.

Sources: Ezra Bridges, Louise Roberts, Ramona McDaniel, and Rev. Dwight Costner. Family records of Rev. John W. Roberts; U.S. census records; county marriage, birth, death, and estate records.

— Spurgeon Alexander Roberts

JAMES EDDINS ROBERTS FAMILY

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James Eddins Roberts, born in Shelby, North Carolina February 25, 1885, was the second son of William Joshua (1853-1914) and Minnie Eddins Roberts (1855-1892). His



James Eddins and Luna Roberts, wedding day picture, 1904

brothers were William Joshua and George Williams Roberts.

James Eddins Roberts mother, Minnie Eddins, taught at the Shelby Female Academy. (see related article in this edition). After her father's death Minnie Eddins mother, Adelaide Williams Eddins, married Colonel Lee M. McAfee and they lived on South Washington Street in what is now the O. Max Gardner house, and Eddins, as he was called, and his brothers Will and George were born there.

James Eddins Roberts mother died at the age of thirty seven. His father, Josh Roberts, later married Mamie Logan and they moved to their large plantation near what is now Moss Lake dam, and Eddins grew up there. To this union were born six children: Catherine Roberts Arey, Sarah Roberts Horn, Mary Roberts Whisnant, Lieutenant Colonel Ruth Roberts, Ben Roberts, and Robert Roberts. William Joshua and Minnie Eddins Roberts are buried in Sunset Cemetery.

James Eddins Roberts married Luna Roberts in 1904. Her parents were William (Billy) Roberts (1851-1911) and Sarah Allen Roberts (1854-1929), who are buried in Elizabeth Baptist Church cemetery, being charter members of that church.

To James Eddins and Luna Roberts were born seven children: Paul, born April 8, 1905, died May 24, 1966, buried in Cleveland Memorial Park. Paul married Maude Gamble (1908-1977), daughter of Frank and Laura Watterson Gamble. To them were born four children: Patsy Jean died in infancy (Elizabeth Baptist Church cemetery). Forrest Eugene married Elsie Vann — they live in Charlotte, North Carolina. Their children are Elizabeth Ann Roberts Renfro (her children, Michele, William Roberts Renfro), Mary Lynn Roberts Sloan, Carol Roberts, Forrest Eugene, Jr., and Edward Timmons Roberts. Joseph Andrew Roberts, a Baptist minister, Greenville, South Carolina, married Shirley Huskey. Their children are Steve and Lisa. Paul Roberts, Jr., Haines City, Florida, married Sarah Farrow. Their children are Tracy Roberts Suarez, Casey, and Robbie. Casey was named after Casey Morris, a beloved coach of Paul, Jr's in his high school days.

George William Roberts, born March 21, 1907, died May 30, 1908, buried in Elizabeth Baptist Church cemetery.

Josh Roberts, born December 5, 1909, died January 5, 1976. He is buried in Sarasota Memorial Park, Sarasota, Florida, where he and his family moved about 1953. Josh mar-

ried Pauline Putnam, daughter of Tilden and Vel Eskridge Putnam. Their seven daughters are: Peggy Joyce Roberts, Pella, Iowa; Nancy Eddins Roberts Gray, Birmingham, Alabama (son, Dale); Edna Iris Roberts Selleck, Sarasota, Florida, (children — Debra, Michael, deceased, and Shelly); Jo Linda Roberts Scheaver, Sarasota, Florida, (children — Randy, Dean, Carla); Mary Ann Roberts Park, Birmingham, Alabama, (children — Kenneth, Lyndel); Lena Evans Roberts Dickinson, Englewood, Florida, (son — Kevin); Sarah Elizabeth Roberts Brennan, Seffner, Florida, (children — Josh, Jennifer).

James Eddins Roberts, Jr. (Eddie) born April 14, 1911, died October 15, 1965, buried Sunset Cemetery. Eddie married Vangie McKee Wilkie, daughter of Clyde and Dovie Rumpfelt McKee. Their daughter is Elizabeth Eddins (Beth) Roberts Patrick, Haughton, Louisiana, (son, Tyler). Eddie was a Staff Sergeant in World War Two, serving in the Pacific theatre.

Fred Roberts, born December 20, 1913, served in the Army in World War Two, being in Belgium during the "Battle of the Bulge". He was married to Elizabeth Carver Wilson (1916-1979), daughter of Dwight Carver and Madge Thompson Snyder. He is now married to Lorene Lee Vess, daughter of Buren and Jean Lee, and has one stepson, Steve Vess, (son — Christopher).

Edna Roberts Hord, born July 2, 1916, married Russell Thomas Hord, son of George and Emma Lee Hord (see related article in this edition). They have one daughter, Judy Catherine Hord May, and a grandson, John Michael May. Judy is a teacher in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools.

Sarah Catherine Roberts Dorsey, born September 14, 1920, was married to Thomas Warlick Dorsey (1909-1979), son of Ed and Zennie Warlick Dorsey.

James Eddins Roberts died May 28, 1929, at the age of forty-four. Luna Roberts was a widow for twenty-six years, and was a member of First Baptist Church of Shelby for most of that time. She was a devoted mother and sacrificed much for her children. She died May 11, 1955. They are buried in Elizabeth Baptist Church cemetery. They left many good memories and a proud heritage for their family.

Sources: Personal knowledge, family Bible, grave stones.

— Edna Roberts Hord

CAPTAIN J. FRANK ROBERTS and DESCENDANTS

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Captain J. Frank Roberts, as he was known in this area, was born in Patterson Springs, September 2, 1869. He was the son of Rufus Roberts, (1828-1905) and Sarah Randall (1832-1917). At the young age of seventeen, he was already employed as a school teacher in that community and later owned and operated a general merchandise store. His Father, Rufus Roberts, was Postmaster of what was then called "Swangstown", now Patterson Springs. Captain Roberts assisted in handling the mail.



Capt. and Mrs. J. Frank Roberts

In 1890, Captain Roberts was married to Miss Bessie Cabaniss (1869-1933). Mrs. Roberts was very active in community activities and wrote quite a few articles about historical events. Later Captain Roberts married Mrs. Charlie Kimmel, the former Charlie Randall (1881-1956). Mrs. Charlie Roberts was fondly known by her step-grandchildren as "Aunt Charlie". She was an artist and each year hand-painted eggs for her grandchildren at Easter.

Captain Roberts settled in Shelby after returning from the Spanish American War, and in the meantime had been elected Register of Deeds, a post he held for six years. He was then elected a member of the Board of County Commissioners and served on that body as Chairman when the present Cleveland County Historical Museum, then the Cleveland County Courthouse, was erected. Captain Roberts also served on the city school board.

Captain Roberts was a member of the Building Committee of Central Methodist Church when it was erected and was instrumental in getting the window on the West side which can be seen from the street, bearing the motto "Come Unto Me".

Captain Roberts founded the Shelby Building and Loan Association in 1905 the first one in Shelby and was selected to be its first Secretary-Treasurer. He held this office until becoming Executive Vice-President and assumed this position until his death.

Captain Roberts was a charter member of the following organizations; Lafayette Chapter,

No. 72, Royal Arch Masons; Shelby Commandery No. 36, Knights Templar, serving this lodge as Worshipful Master for eight terms and was one of the original Trustees and member of the Building Committee of the Masonic Temple and the Kiwanis Club.

Captain Roberts was a Director of the First National Bank since 1923 and served in this position until his death in 1956.

Captain Roberts and his second wife, Charlie Kimmel Roberts, died as a result of an automobile accident. Captain Roberts and his first wife, Bessie Cabaniss Roberts, were the parents of six children: Elizabeth Roberts, Mrs. Louie (Patty) Hunter, James Roberts (1900-1948), Edwin Roberts, who died as a child, Dr. Louis Roberts of Durham, N.C. and Mangum Roberts of Laurinburg, N.C. There were eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

James F. Roberts, born on March 24, 1900, entered service at the age of sixteen and served in France during World War I. He returned from the war and attended Rutherford College and later settled in Shelby. He was a member of Central Methodist Church. On October 14, 1925, he married Rachael Kennedy Allison of Hickory Grove, S.C., the daughter of John Kennedy and Lula McDill Allison. Like his Father, James Roberts served as Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge and was active in the American Legion. He was employed by the Shelby Post Office. James Roberts died on July 7, 1948.

Survivors included his widow, Mrs. Rachel

Roberts, two daughters, Mrs. Paul Mowery of Shelby and Mrs. James Elam of Lawndale, N.C.

Mrs. Rachel Roberts, before marriage, attended Linwood College and was employed as a schoolteacher in Kings Creek, S.C. Later she was employed as a housemother at the Episcopal Family Home in York, S.C. Mrs. Roberts, a true "Southern Belle", remained in Shelby until the time of her death in February, 1982. A Member of Central United Methodist Church, she was known by her friends for her southern hospitality and fondly known by her grandchildren and a great many others as "Mema". For quite a few years, she won first place for her homemade yeast bread in the Cleveland County Fair.

At her death, Rachel Roberts, left behind two daughters, Mrs. Roger (Martha) Proctor of Shelby, N.C. and Mrs. James (Marilue) Elam of Lawndale, N.C., twelve grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Martha Proctor was originally married to Paul Mowery who died in 1964. Martha's children include: Paul Vincent Mowery, Jr., born December 15, 1946, married to the former Linda Self and their children, Paul Vincent Mowery III and Lisa Ann Mowery; Mary Allison Mowery, born December 24, 1947, married to Ray D. Crocker and their children, John Thomas Crocker and Brian C. Crocker; Catherine Elizabeth Mowery, born October 3, 1950, married to Donald Lee Poston and their children, Leah Elizabeth and Candice Catherine; James Frank Mowery, born September 9, 1951, married to the former Kay McSwain and their children, Jeremy Paul and Joseph Sean; Richard Dale Mowery, born November 27, 1952, married to the former Brenda Patterson and their children, twin sons, Richard Dale and Robert Louis; Claire Nell Mowery, born March 5, 1955, married to David Owens; and John Thomas Mowery, born December 27, 1959, all of Shelby, N.C. Martha Roberts was married to Roger Proctor of Baltimore, Maryland in 1970.

Marilue Roberts was married to James D. Elam on March 23, 1948. Their children include: Rachel McCall Elam of Jacksonville, N.C. born July 25, 1950; James Douglas Elam of Shelby, born August 4, 1952; Elizabeth Allison Elam, of Shelby, born April 28, 1960, William Roberts Elam, a student at East Carolina University, Greenville, N.C. born February 4, 1962 and Mark Todd Elam, of the home, born August 31, 1964.

Sources: Family Records, Newspaper Clippings, D.A.R. Records

— Elizabeth Allison Elam

JASPER NEWTON ROBERTS

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Jasper Newton Roberts was the fourth child and first son born to his parents, Hugh Kerr and Elizabeth McSwain Roberts. He was born February 14, 1846, in Cleveland County, near Grover, North Carolina. (See article on *HUGH KERR ROBERTS*.)

As soon as Jasper "Jap" Roberts was old enough, he enlisted in the army of the Confederate States of America since his father



James F. Roberts, 1900-1948



Rachael Allison Roberts, 1902-1982

eightieth birthday, Jasper N. Roberts died at his home in McAdenville.

— Mildred Jo Roberts Owens

COL. JOHN ROBERTS FAMILY 940

Col. John Roberts was born in Chesterfield County, Virginia. He grew up on his father's, Morris Roberts, farm on Hickory Creek. About 1788, he married Sarah Magness (1772-1828). She was the daughter of Perrygreen and Sarah Hamrick Magness. Col. John and Sarah settled at the junction of Hickory Creek and Broad River, not far from his sister's Jane Quinn, home at the "BLUE SPRING" on Shoal Creek.

About the year 1816, Col. John Roberts and his family moved to what was Lincoln County to take up residence on the farm of his brother-in-law William Magness who had passed away that year. This farm contained about 800 acres, and is located just east of State Route 2047. All of the rich bottom land now lies beneath the waters of Moss Lake. His house stood on a knoll about 300 yards east of the old cemetery where he is buried.

Col. John Roberts was well respected by his community. He earned his military rank of Colonel in the Rutherford County Militia. In 1836 he and his son William were members of the committee representing Lincoln County who sent a petition to the General Assembly calling for the creation of the new county of Cleveland.

Col. John Roberts farmed on a large scale for this area, and it is said that he traveled to Columbia, South Carolina to market his crops (P. CLEVELAND GARDNER). He survived his wife by almost twenty years. He died in 1847 at the age of 79. He is buried at the old Roberts cemetery which is in a grove of cedars on a high knoll just off State Route 2047 about four miles east of Shelby. His children were: Mary (married Charles Doggett), Jane (married Albert Summey), Susannah (married Charles Smith) Sarah (married Samuel Greene), Joshua (1795-1865; married Lucinda Patton), William (1796-1865; first married Margaret Fullenweider, then Katherine Wray), Rufus A. (1817-1835), Thomas (1799-1841), Perrygreen (1801-1837), John Martin (1811-1848) and Morris (1808-1875).

Col. John Roberts' son Joshua moved to Buncombe County and founded the *Highland Messenger*, their first newspaper. He was also Clerk of Superior Court for that county. William Roberts, son of Col. John, was a gun maker and also one of the largest farmers in Cleveland County. His home was on the opposite side of Buffalo Creek from his fathers place. At one time, he owned over seven thousand acres stretching from his home to the court square in Shelby. Perrygreen Roberts practiced law in Lincolnton. He was one of the founders of the "LINCOLN HERALD" in 1833. Morris Roberts, son of Col. John Roberts built his home on Hickory Creek, near Kings Road in Shelby. He married Susannah Adams. Their children were: John E. (1841-1909), Thomas A., Elizabeth, Mary,

was already serving in the army. Jap was enrolled by Col. Mallett on May 27, 1864, at Camp Holmes in Raleigh, N.C., for the duration of the war. He was a private in Company D under Capt. J.H. Wells, Second N.C. Jr. Reserves. Other statistics were given as follows: Age: 17 yrs. 3 mo. 2 days; Height: 5' 10"; Complexion: fair; Hair: dark; Eyes: dark; Occupation: Farmer; Where born: Cleveland Co., N.C.; Receipt roll for clothing: June 2, 1864; Present: Sept. & Oct., 1864, Co. D of Anderson's Battalion of the N.C. Jr. Reserves.

After General Robert E. Lee surrendered at Appomattox Court House in Virginia, Jasper Newton Roberts and his father returned home to Cleveland County.

Before his twenty-third birthday, Jasper Newton Roberts was married on January 12, 1869, to Miss Cynthia Jane Dickson who would also be twenty-three years of age on February 28, having been born in the year 1846. Jap was only about fourteen days older than his wife. Cynthia Jane Dickson was the daughter of James Harvey and Mary Brice Yongue Dickson. The bride's parents and the bride and groom were all residents of York County, S.C.

Jap and Jane Roberts had ten children born to them, all born in York County, S.C. They are as follows:

Their first child, John Campbell Roberts, was born October 11, 1870, died June 17, 1941, and married on December 14, 1892, Margaret Lucinda "Maggie" Smith who was born August 21, 1874, in York County, S.C., died August 22, 1917, in Lowell, N.C.

Their second child was Mary Emma Roberts who was born September 26, 1872, and died June 9, 1900. She never married and is buried in Edgewood Cemetery, Lowell, N.C.

Their third child was Hugh Kerr Roberts, born August 16, 1874, married September 1, 1896, to Lula Walker of Taylorsville, N.C.

Jap and Jane Robert's fourth child was Elizabeth Edna Roberts who was born March 23, 1876, and died May 26, 1880.

Their fifth child was Harvey Dickson

Roberts, who was born April 1, 1878, and married first on December 27, 1897, to Addie Stradley of Gastonia, N.C., who died August 13, 1923. They had no children. On August 5, 1933, Harvey Dickson Roberts married Elizabeth Ann Brown in Belmont, N.C., and they had two children.

The sixth child of Jap and Jane Roberts was William Emmett Roberts, born February 3, 1880, and married April 12, 1900, to Florence Walker of Taylorsville, N.C.

The seventh child of Jap and Jane Roberts was Walter Barron Roberts, born December 29, 1881, and married May Ingle of Pin Hook, N.C.

Jap and Jane Roberts' eighth child was Herbert Lee Roberts who was born December 20, 1883, died April 21, 1918, and married to Carrie Stafford.

The ninth child of Jap and Jane Roberts was Wister Young Roberts (notice the spelling of the family name Yongue was changed). Wister Y. was born October 9, 1885, and married on December 17, 1905, to Grace Zenas Johnston.

The tenth and youngest child of Jap and Cynthia Jane Roberts and Cynthia Louella Roberts who was born September 13, 1887, and married to Jake Stafford.

On Wednesday afternoon, April 11, 1906, Cynthia Jane Dickson Roberts died in the Presbyterian Hospital at Charlotte, N.C., as a result of an internal cancer.

About three years after his first wife died, Jasper was married to Mrs. Hazel Hendrix Ray, a widow with five children: Edgar Sylvanus, James, Vester, Davis Calvin, and Fewell Ray. There were no children born to Jasper and Hazel Roberts' marriage.

Jap was as kind to his step-children and step-grandchildren as he was to his own. After Hazel's children had grown up and left home, Jap bought her a babydoll which she kept on her bed, and when the grandchildren visited they knew not to touch or play with "Grandma Ray's" doll.

On March 20, 1927, about a month after his



Jasper Newton Roberts, February 14, 1846 — March 20, 1927. Veteran C.S.A.

Amanda, Sarah, and William (1851-1911). Morris is buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church.

Morris's son William inherited his fathers farm on Hickory Creek. William farmed cotton on a fairly large scale. He was also an expert cabinet maker. He made many fine pieces of furniture. One corner cupboard that he made of walnut is still in our family today. William married Sarah Allen. Their children were: Julie, Maggie and Ora (TWINS), William (married Margaret Poston), and Robert Ernest (1878-1940). William and his wife Sarah are buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church.

Sources: family records, personal knowledge, and Guy Roberts' notebook. Credit must also be given to the late Mrs. J. Frank Roberts, mother of Elizabeth Roberts for the sketch she wrote on the Roberts family.

— Earl Douglas Honeycutt, III

THE REVEREND JOHN WESLEY ROBERTS FAMILY

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The Reverend John Wesley Roberts, D.D. was born in 1861, on a farm near Buffalo Creek, between Shelby and Kings Mountain. He was the first principal of the first school for blacks in Shelby, (Shelby Graded School) now Cleveland School located in the Freedmen section of Shelby.

Reverend Roberts was a minister, artist, and writer. He was so skillful in the spencerian style of miniature penmanship that he could condense the Lord's Prayer within the circumference of a dime coin. A specimen of the calligraphic feat once appeared in the nationally syndicated newspaper column, "Ripley's Believe It or Not".

Reverend Roberts was the first black man from Cleveland County to graduate from college. He graduated at Fayetteville Institute, (now Fayetteville State University) and later attended Biddle University (now Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, North Carolina) for seminary studies.

Reverend Roberts was married to Ida E. Roberts, also of Cleveland County.

Upon completion of his theological studies, Reverend Roberts accepted a pastorate at Washington, North Carolina. He subsequently returned to Cleveland County and became

principal of the Negro graded school in Shelby, and pastor of Roberts Tabernacle C.M.E. church which was organized by him and named in his honor. His wife Ida E. was also ordained as a minister in the Christian Methodist Church. Reverend Ida Roberts was also a public school teacher. In addition she taught music, and was a church organist, poet, and public speaker. The Reverend John W. Roberts was a presiding elder in the Christian Methodist Episcopal church, and served for several years as editor of the church publication the *Eastern Index*, published in Memphis, Tennessee.

The second generation of the John W. Roberts family consisted of six children, Dathula, Dilutha, Beebe, John Ida, Bannaka, and Daeira.

Dathula married Converse Rice and moved to Beverly, New Jersey in 1918. The Rice family operated a laundry business. Among their six children are the Reverend D.C. Rice, DD former pastor of Montclair First Baptist Church located in New Jersey. He also was a public school administrator; Dr. DeBois Rice, dentist in upper Montclair, New Jersey; Mrs. Dura Hill, deceased, former social worker, graduate of Temple University and the Atlanta School of Social Work; Mrs. Delobian Myatt, registered nurse, graduate of Harlem Hospital School of Nursing, New York City, and inventor of the official registered nurses cap; Mr. Delain Rice, deceased, graduate of Temple University, and a public school teacher; Colonel Dealion Rice, U.S. Army Air Force.

Dilutha Roberts married Riley Cabiness, a public school teacher. She taught music and was a church organist. She attended Paine College located in Augusta Georgia. The three Cabiness children are Dr. Riley R. Cabiness, Jr. Ph.D; Togo Cabiness, M.A. a graduate of New York University, and Washington, D.C., public school professor; Mrs. Lucretia Clay, Macon, Georgia, a beautician and nurse.

Beebe Roberts was the eldest son of the Reverend and Mrs. John Wesley Roberts. He attended A & T College. He migrated north about 1920 and became an ordained minister. He and his wife Bessie were the parents of four children, Iramanuel, Beebe Jr., Geneva, and Sadie. Iramanuel, Beebe Jr., and Geneva attended Bordentown Institute in New Jersey. Geneva married Eugene Dixon, a television star with sid Caesar's "Star of Stars" television show. Beebe Jr. is a New Jersey businessman and Sadie is an entrepreneur in Hong Kong, China.

Dr. J. Ida Jiggetts was the third eldest daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John W. Roberts. Dr. J. Ida Jiggetts is a psychiatric therapist. She attended Temple University and earned her doctoral degree at New York University. She is currently director and founder of the Westchester Drug Abuse Clinic in Mount Vernon, New York. She is the author of several books, including *Religion*, *Diet and Health of Jews*, and *Israel to Me*. She was married to the late J. Phelps Jiggetts, an attorney.

Bannaka D. Roberts, deceased, the second son of Rev. and Mrs. John W. Roberts followed in his fathers footsteps and became principal of the local high school for Negroes,

Cleveland High School. He later migrated to Charlotte, North Carolina where he served as principal of Myers Street, Isabella Wyche, and Elizabeth Schools. He was a well known athlete, musician, and graphic arts. He played professional baseball with Satchel Paige, and presented numerous one-man art shows around North Carolina. He earned an M.A. degree at Columbia University, and did further graduate study at Wisconsin University and the University of North Carolina. He was married to Annie W. Roberts of Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mrs. Daeira Roberts, the youngest child of the Reverend and Mrs. John W. Roberts, is currently a well known Shelby resident and operates the Roberts Rest Home on Buffalo Street. She attended Paine College, Augusta Georgia and Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is active in the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, and in fraternal organizations. She is a well known church organist and has traveled widely in the United States and abroad. She is the mother of one son, John W. Roberts.

There are presently twenty great-grandchildren, fifteen great-great-grandchildren in the Reverend & Mrs. John W. Roberts' family.

Source: personal knowledge.

— Dr. Riley Cabiness and Mrs. Daeira Roberts



James B. Eddins and Adelaide Williams Eddins

MINNIE EDDINS ROBERTS

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Minnie Eddins Roberts was born August 10, 1855, in Yorkville, South Carolina, the daughter of James Bolivar Eddins, born July 10, 1825 (the grandson of the South Carolina Revolutionary hero, William Eddins, brave soldier and eloquent and consecrated preacher) and his wife who was Adelaide Alice Williams, born at Yorkville, South Carolina, October 31, 1835. She was the daughter of Colonel George



Minnie Eddins Roberts

Washington Williams and Sarah Beatty Williams. Colonel Williams was a South Carolina legislator and senator, Judge in the federal court and, according to newspaper clippings of the time, the most outstanding South Carolina lawyer of his day. At birth, Minnie Eddins was named "Mary Adelaide Eddins" but later had her name changed to "Minnie McAfee Eddins." She was educated at Yorkville Female College, Charlotte Female College and Raleigh Female Seminary where she graduated in 1872, taking a thorough course in music.

In 1873 she made a tour of North Carolina with Miss Carrie Jenkins for the benefit of the Oxford Orphans' Asylum. Newspaper clippings say her magnificent instrumental performances, piano and guitar, and her wonderful soprano voice created a sensation at every concert and by universal consent she was styled "The Mockingbird of North Carolina". A clipping from an Asheville paper dated September 15, 1873, said "she charms her listeners not less by her exquisite grace of figure and movement, than her splendid voice. Her arias from the opera were brilliantly rendered, while her charming little ballads brought down the house."

On December 22, 1874, Minnie Eddins married William Joshua Roberts, born March 7, 1853, son of the prominent family of Mr. William Roberts, pioneer settler and landowner who lived several miles east of Shelby. Three sons were born to them: William Joshua Roberts, Jr., September 13, 1875; James Eddins, 1885 and George Williams, 1890.

William Roberts, Jr. married Frances Eskridge and had two daughters, Mary Adelaide, born August 16, 1905; and Minnie Eddins, born August 12, 1908. Mary Adelaide married Charles Benjamin Austell and they had one daughter, Mary Adelaide, born July 1, 1942. She married Richard Davidson Craver, and two children were born to them: Joseph Newton Craver, II, born January 12, 1975; and Adelaide Austell Craver, July 16, 1976. Minnie Eddins married George Moore Carpenter of

Forest City. He was born May 8, 1907, and they have no children.

Eddins Roberts married Luna Roberts and had six children; Edna Hord, Paul, Josh, Eddins, Fred and Catherine Dorsey. George Roberts married Edna Cabe and had one child, Virginia Gossett.

Minnie Eddins was a teacher at Shelby Female College, incorporated in 1883, gave of her time and talents to the Baptist Church of which she was a member, and to the entire community. She had sung at Reuben McBrayer's funeral just a week before her death from Typhoid Fever on August 12, 1892 at the age of thirty-seven. She is buried in Sunset Cemetery, beside her mother, who died November 18, 1888.

Minnie Eddins' father, James Bolivar Eddins, died when she was only two years old and her mother, Adelaide Alice Williams Eddins, later married Colonel Leroy (Lee) M. McAfee, who was a native of Cleveland County, born in 1836. He graduated from the State University at Chapel Hill in 1862, receiving the highest honors in a class of sixty-nine. At the beginning of the war he was a resident of Texas, where he practiced law, but came back to North Carolina and entered the service as a private soldier. He attained the rank of Colonel in the 49th Regiment, the highest ranking officer in Cleveland County.

As a soldier he was conspicuous for his gallant bearing and for his bravery on the field. He had been especially complimented by General Lee.

Miss Mamie Jones, local historian, wrote that during the humiliating days of Reconstruction from 1868 to 1874, following the crushing (not conquering) days of the Confederacy, when the legally constituted officers of the state and federal governments were intent on creating chaos instead of order, and the Ku Klux Klan became a necessity, he was chosen by Confederate General Nathan B. Forrest to organize the Klan in Cleveland County. It was later disbanded when the need was less. Colonel McAfee's death occurred in 1873 at the age of thirty-seven, and he is buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in York, South Carolina. His sister, Amanda, was the mother of Thomas Dixon who dedicated his book *The Clansman* from which the motion picture, "Birth of a Nation", was filmed to his uncle Colonel Leroy McAfee.

The house at 403 South Washington Street, now known as the "Gardner House," was for many years known as the "McAfee House," as this house was deeded to Adelaide Williams McAfee in 1869 and the McAfees and her daughter, Minnie Eddins, lived there. After Minnie Eddins' marriage to William Joshua Roberts in 1874, they lived there with her mother and their three sons were born there. The family continued to reside there until 1905.

Sources: *Family Bible*, Tombstones, Obituaries, Newspaper Clippings and personal knowledge.

— Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter



MORRIS ROBERTS FAMILY

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Morris Roberts was born in Wales (History of Buncombe Co., Vol. 2, pp. 757-58) in 1736 and came to this country when he was very young. He first lived in New Jersey and later moved to Pennsylvania. Morris settled in Chesterfield County, Virginia, with his parents and their family sometime before 1768. He and his father shared the same name. His mother was Jane Pride. By this time (before 1768) he had married his wife, Unity, (last name unknown), and was at this time the father of six children: Susannah, Martin, Joshua, Mary, Jane, (married Hugh Quinn), and John (will of Walter Pollard, LINCOLN CO. WILLS, C.R. 060.801.21).

Morris was a successful planter, and by the early 1770's he had accumulated enough money to move to North Carolina where there was better land for farming. On July 6th, 1775, Morris Roberts bought 300 acres of land on both sides of "Little Hickory Creek" in what was then Tryon County, North Carolina. He bought the land at auction for the sum of 21 pounds, 12 shillings and sixpence (LINCOLN CO. REAL ESTATE CONVEYANCES, VOL. 2 Pg. 192, C. 060. 40002.). This property is located three and seven tenths of a mile due south of Shelby, and one mile west of Sulphur Springs Methodist Church. My grandfather, Guy Houston Roberts, wrote that Morris built his home on the north side of Little Hickory Creek and just north of a "Good Spring Water."

Morris Roberts and his family contributed to the religious growth of his community by constructing a building for public worship located on his farm. The log structure stood a short distance from the old cemetery where Morris and other members of his community are buried. This church was a place of interdenominational worship, welcoming persons of various religious preferences. It was said to be



Col. Leroy M. McAfee (after Civil War)

the forerunner of Sulphur Springs Methodist Church. (P. CLEVELAND GARDNER).

Morris had two sons, Joshua and Martin, who fought in the Revolution on the side of the Patriots. Martin Roberts (1758-1834) was the oldest son of Morris Roberts. When the rest of his family emigrated to North Carolina, Martin remained in Virginia. In December of 1776 at CHESTERFIELD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, VIRGINIA, he enlisted in the Fifth Virginia Regiment, Continental Line. He fought at the battles of Trenton, Princeton, and Germantown. He served as Foragemaster in the Quartermaster Corps from August 5th, 1780 to August 1, 1782. He applied for pension at Rutherford County Courthouse in 1825. He married Elizabeth Durborrow of Fast Landing, Delaware, and moved to join his family here in 1797. He is buried at the old Hugh Quinn, Martin Roberts, Michael Borders grave yard.

Martin's brother, Joshua, applied for pension at Lincoln County Courthouse in 1831. He married a Miss Moore, sister of Col. John Moore, who was defeated at the Battle of Ram-sour's Mill. Col. John Roberts, third son of Morris Roberts, was born in Virginia in 1767. It is from him that my family has descended. He will be further discussed in a following sketch.

Morris's first wife, Unity, died sometime before the Revolution and he married a second time. The name of his second wife is unknown at this time. By this marriage at least eight more children were added to his family (some say ten). Their names were: Josiah (married Mary Linsey); Oliver, Morris, Jr., Kezia (married John Fondien), Nancy (married Elias Putnam); William, Step, and Thomas.

Morris Roberts farmed the land for his entire lifetime, as did many of his descendants after him. He died in 1831 at the age of 95. He is buried in the old Hugh Quinn, Martin Roberts, Michael Borders Cemetery, which is in a field in No. 3 Township just off State Route 1109 south of Shelby. The place of his burial can be found by the memorial stone of Hugh Quinn and that of his son, Martin Roberts.

Sources used in this sketch include the notebook left by my grandfather, Guy H. Roberts, which includes a copy of the family history written by Capt. Rufus Roberts (1828-1905). Rufus Roberts is buried at Sulphur Springs Methodist Church. He fought with the 49th REGIMENT OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY in the WAR BETWEEN THE STATES. This notebook is now in possession of GARY H. ROBERTS of SHELBY.

Sources: personal knowledge and family records.

— Earl Douglas Honeycutt, III

SYLVIA "FULENWILDER" "ROBERTS" and DESCENDANTS

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We are descendants of African slaves who were brought into the state of North Carolina from Virginia before the year 1799. Sylvia was our earliest known African ancestor. She was born free in Guinea, West Africa, and reputedly was the daughter of an African Chief. She was

abducted by slave traders in Africa and sold in Virginia to a North Carolina planter, John Fulenwilder. He brought her to his lands which were then located in Lincoln County. Either before or after his death, in 1826, Sylvia descendants came into the possession of another North Carolina planter named, John Roberts. John died in 1845 and his slaves were willed to his family, including his sons, William and Morris Roberts. William and Morris were also plantation owners.

Sylvia was the mother of seven daughters and one son by three different men. These children were: Delila — (Dillingham-Beam). Her children included a son, Josh Beam, and a son Madison. Betsy — (Forney) was born in North Carolina. Her children included Benjamin, Jake, and Caleb Roberts. Also Synenimus, Martha, Jane, and Peter Forney. Sylvia we have no information. Kittie was born in North Carolina. She married Big George Roberts, and they had fifteen children who were Vatch, Noah, Archie, Gilbert, George, Peter, Olliver, Nelson, Wattie, John, Adeline, Patsy, Betsy, Lucinda, and Jane. Fannie was born in 1799, in North Carolina. She married Nelson Briggs and they had children including Fannie, Emmaline, Jane, Nelson, Ann, and Caroline. Percilla was born in 1814, in North Carolina. She married Sammuel Mauney and they had children Jane, Caroline, Roxanna, Fannie, Elvira, Westley, Alvin, Charlie, and Sam. Martha was born in 1819, in North Carolina. First husband was Simpson Roberts, and they had six sons Eli, Alburtus, Philetus, John, Caleb, and George. Some of their sons took the name Borders after they were freed. Her second husband was Solomon Howell and they had four children who were Wattie, Daniel, Betsy, and Ann. Josh died before achieving manhood. We do not have a family record of the African name, birth or death date of Sylvia.

Some of our ancestors who lived on the Roberts plantation intermarried with other Roberts families including those of Emmanuel, Issac, and Bob Roberts. They also married into families on the Borders Plantation. After they were freed, they took the family name of their former owners. Others who were owned by Henderson Borders, took the family name Borders. Most all of the black families, named Roberts, in Cleveland County are descendants of these families. Some of the Borders, Mauney, and Howell families are also descendants.

After they were freed, these ancestors became leaders in the educational and religious life of Cleveland County, and this has continued to the present time. Caleb Roberts, George Roberts and Peter Forney helped to establish the first Black School Academy in 1872. Olliver Roberts was appointed school Committeeman for the Shelby Colored School District in 1879. Emmanuel Roberts, Caleb Roberts, Benjamin Roberts, William Andrew Roberts, and J.L. Roberts became preachers. Eli Roberts became the largest black land owner in Cleveland County.

Family members were active in the early history of Washington and Ebanezer Baptist Churches. Caleb Roberts was a founder of

Vestibule A.M.E. Zion Church. Perry Roberts and J.C. Roberts were founding fathers of Wardell Chapel A.M.E. Zion Church. Rev. John W. Roberts was a founding Father of Roberts Tabernacle C.M.E. Church.

In recent years, T.K. Borders and Bonney Roberts were principals of Cleveland Training School. Railey Cabiness, Broadus Howell, Mary Gleaves, Joseph Roberts, and others became educators.

Rev. Dwight Costner became a minister. Dr. John Ida Jiggetts, a social worker, became the first black person to write a book about Jews. Dr. James Deotis Roberts became a minister, writer, and president of Inter-Denominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. Lester "Fats" Borders became a well known mortician. Many other family members are also excelling in their chosen occupations in Cleveland County and throughout the country.

Sylvia has hundreds of descendants living in Cleveland County and throughout the country. They are too numerous to mention in this article. Since 1906, this family has held an annual family reunion in Cleveland County. The reunion is on the third Sunday in August.

Sources: Family records of Rev. John Westley Roberts. Daeira Roberts, Louise Roberts, China Roberts, Rev. Dwight Costner, and Charles Saunders. Wills, Estate, and Census records.

— Spurgeon A. Roberts

THE WILLIAM JOSHUA ROBERTS FAMILY

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William Roberts came to the Cleveland County area from England by way of Chesterfield County, Virginia, about 1737. His son, Morris, born in England in 1736 had sixteen children by two wives. One of his sons, Colonel John Morris Roberts, was born in 1767 and died in 1847. He fought in the War of 1812 and is buried in the Roberts' Cemetery near Moss Lake in Cleveland County. He married Sarah Magness, born in 1772, daughter of Perrygreen and Sarah Hamrick Magness.

Among his children were Joshua, who became Mayor of Asheville, North Carolina, and William, who was known as "Captain" and "Squire Billy". William was born in 1796 and the 1850 Cleveland County Census shows him owning 7500 acres of land between Shelby and Kings Mountain and thirty-three slaves. He was a farmer and manufacturer, as newspaper clippings report he was one of three men who had iron works in the county at that time.

He opened one of the first private schools after the war for the teaching of reading, writing and arithmetic and was a charter member of First Baptist Church and one of the first deacons. He died in 1865 and was buried in Roberts' Cemetery. His body and that of his first wife, Mary M. Fullenwilder, were moved to Sunset Cemetery when the land was flooded for Moss Lake.

His second wife was Catherine Wray Roberts Borders. Their son was William Joshua Roberts ("Josh") who was born March 7, 1853, and died September 22, 1914.

William Joshua Roberts was twice married,



William Joshua Roberts, Shelby Courtsquare — Early 1900's

WILLIAM JOSHUA ROBERTS, JR.

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William Joshua Roberts, Jr. was born September 13, 1875, to Minnie Eddins and William Joshua Roberts. He was born in what is now known as the "Gardner House," at 403 South Washington Street, but was then known as the "McAfee House," as it belonged to his maternal grandmother, Adelaide Alice Williams Eddins McAfee. His maternal grandfather was James Bolivar Eddins of Yorkville, South Carolina, and his grandmother married Colonel LeRoy McAfee after her first husband's death.

His father, William Joshua Roberts, was the son of William and Catherine Wray Roberts who lived east of Shelby. "Will," as he was called, had two brothers, James Eddins and George Williams.

He married Frances Eskridge on June 23, 1904 and they had two daughters, Mary Adelaide, born August 16, 1905, who died November 24, 1975, and Minnie Eddins, born August 12, 1908. Mary Adelaide married Charles Benjamin Austell, born April 17, 1904, died January 27, 1967, and had one daughter, Mary Adelaide, born July 1, 1942. She is married to Richard Davidson Craver, born August 19, 1942, and has two children, Joseph Newton Craver, II, born January 12, 1975; and Adelaide Austell Craver, born July 16, 1976. Minnie Eddins married George Moore Carpenter, born May 8, 1907, the son of John E. and Margaret Padgett Carpenter of Forest City. They have no children.

As a young man, Will Roberts traveled for a Charlotte wholesale drug house, later was postmaster in Shelby during the Wilson Administration, and was salesman in the Piedmont section of the two Carolinas for Piedmont Mills of Lynchburg, Virginia. It was during his term as postmaster that the Washington Street Shelby Post Office was built. This new federal building was praised by all and proved to be not only a beautiful building, but one adequate to the needs of the county for

first to Minnie Eddins, born in Yorkville, South Carolina, on August 10, 1855, and died August 12, 1892. She, her husband and her mother, Adelaide Alice Williams McAfee, are buried in Sunset Cemetery. To this union were born three sons, William Joshua Roberts, Jr., James Eddins Roberts and George Williams Roberts.

William Joshua Roberts, Jr. was born September 13, 1875 in Shelby, and died December 5, 1933. He married Frances Margaret Eskridge, and had two daughters, Mary Adelaide Roberts Austell and Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter.

James Eddins Roberts married Luna Roberts and had six children; Edna Roberts Hord, Catherine Roberts Dorsey, Fred Roberts, Paul Roberts, Josh Roberts and Eddie Roberts. George Williams Roberts married Edna Cabe and had one daughter, Virginia Roberts Gossett.

Josh Roberts' second marriage was to Mammie Logan. They had seven children, Catherine, Mary, Sarah, John, Ben, Ruth and Robert. John Roberts died in 1901 at sixteen months. Catherine Roberts married Will G. Arey, and had four children, William Griffin Arey, Jr., Robert Jackson Arey, Richard Everett Arey and Mary Alice Arey Dorton. Sarah Roberts married C.C. Horn and had three children, Mary Louise Martin, Charles and James. Mary Roberts married Herbert Whisnant and had two sons, Richard and Jack. Ruth Roberts was a Lieutenant Colonel in the Air Force and was never married. Ben Roberts married Katherine Borders. He died in 1956 and was survived by ten children: Mary Estelle Bridges, Nell Carroll, John Logan Roberts, who died 1977, Betty Kimbrell, George Roberts, Eva Harrill, William Josh Roberts, who died 1980, Dorothy Beam, Edward Roberts, Donald Roberts, and Jerry Thomas Roberts.

Josh Roberts was a member and deacon of Elizabeth Baptist Church. Newspaper clippings state that when "Squire W. Josh Roberts" died, the county lost one of its landmarks, one of the widest known, one of the largest land owners, one of the most substantial and esteemed citizens of the county. He lived and farmed east of Shelby, and it is said that after the funeral service, as his body was brought in to Shelby where it was buried with Masonic honors in Sunset Cemetery, the road was lined with his black friends, many of whom were descendants of Roberts' slaves and lived on Roberts' land.

Sources: Family Bible, gravestones, newspaper clippings, and personal knowledge.

— Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter



William Joshua Roberts, Jr. — 1930's



William Joshua Roberts, Jr. and daughter, Mary Adelaide — 1905

many years.

In 1914, the "Anthony House" on West Marion Street was remodeled and enlarged and became the Roberts' home. It is now the residence of one of the Roberts daughters, Minnie Eddins and her husband, George Carpenter. "W. J." as he was also sometimes called, was active in the First Baptist Church where he served in many capacities, and in the community. He was a Mason and a Shriner. His obituary states: "He had a happy disposition, a striking personality, a keen sense of humor and was widely known and loved among the merchants of the two Carolinas, and his home people."

He died December 5, 1933, at the age of fifty-eight, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: Family Bible, Shelby Daily Star clippings, and personal knowledge.

— Minnie Eddins Roberts Carpenter

ROBERT HAMER ROGERS

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The R.H. Rogers family came to Shelby from Durham in June, 1931. Mr. Rogers acquired the Ford Agency from Mrs. Charles L. Eskridge after her husband's death. He operated Rogers Motors for a number of years prior to his death. He was a successful business man and developed the property on the two hundred block of East Marion Street known as the Rogers Building of which the Rogers Theater is a part. He was owner of the Rogers Finance Company at the time of his death, as well as having other extensive business interests here and elsewhere.

Robert Hamer Rogers was born in Roland, North Carolina, to Robert Lonzo Rogers and Floretta Yates Thompson. He married Clara Elizabeth Ellenberg of Greenwood, South Carolina on February 21, 1926 in Lancaster, S.C. Mrs. Rogers is the daughter of Joseph Samuel Ellenberg and Sara Elizabeth Wells. Mr. Rogers died August 11, 1942. He is buried in Sunset Cemetery. Surviving are his widow, Clara Ellenberg Rogers and five children:

Robert Hamer Rogers, Jr., born March 18, 1928 in Great Falls, South Carolina; married Marjorie Amplius Hoyle, born August 9, 1928, in Casar, North Carolina. Date of marriage, October 4, 1952.

Ruth Ellenberg Rogers, born January 7, 1930, in Great Falls, South Carolina; married Hadley Edgar on September 10, 1953. Issue: Elizabeth Ann Edgar, born November 15, 1958; Barbara Lynn Edgar, born July 30, 1961; died 1965.

Ervin Thompson Rogers, born April 14, 1931, in Durham, North Carolina; married Marian Frances Bishop, born June 30, 1928, Union, South Carolina. Date of Marriage, August 23, 1964.

William Wells Rogers, born October 20, 1934, in Shelby, North Carolina; married Minnie Lorene Williams, born January 7, 1937. Date of Marriage, August 18, 1968.

Julian Samuel Rogers, born July 31, 1940, in Shelby, North Carolina; married Linda Louise Beaver, born January, 19, 1943. Date of Marriage, August 12, 1966. Issue: Joseph Samuel Rogers, born November 6, 1975.



John Harve Rollins and Family

JOHN HARVE ROLLINS AND DESCENDENTS

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According to a story told by a great aunt of my father's, his great, great grandfather came over from Ireland on a cattle boat. She did not know whether he was a stow away or worked his passage on the boat. How or why he came to North Carolina, we never knew. His son, James C. Rollins, born January 4, 1795 had two sons, Jonas Rollins and James Jefferson Ellison Rollins.

On January 31, 1856, James Jefferson Ellison Rollins married Elizabeth Wilson, who bore him three sons; Commadore Perry, born in 1857; John Harve, born July 28, 1859; and William Alston, born in 1861. Their father, James Jefferson, fought in the Civil War, was wounded in the Battle of Gettysburg, and later died in an enemy hospital.

His lovely wife, Elizabeth, then married a "carpet bagger" and believing him to be well to do, moved across the mountains with her three small sons to live in Tennessee. Arriving there she found there was no house, as he had promised, no property or security. Soon she packed her belongings in a covered wagon and with her sons and a little dog crossed the mountains back to North Carolina. They car-

ried a coop of chickens which they ate for food on the way home. A little red rooster was food for their last day of the trip. Arriving in North Carolina, Elizabeth drank water from a mud puddle and declared it was the best water she had had since leaving North Carolina. Some time later she married Robert Wall, and they had one son.

John Harve Rollins married Theodocia Ann Hughes in 1892. She had the title of being the prettiest girl within fifty miles of her home town of Ellenboro, North Carolina.

There were nine children born to this union. The eldest, Coran Stephan, born April 15, 1894, served overseas with the 105th. Engineers in the 30th. Division during the first world war. His first wife was Ruby McSwain of Earl, North Carolina. She lived only a few years after their marriage, dying in Lakeland, Florida where they were living. He returned to North Carolina and married Lela Mann of Canton, North Carolina. They had two children, a son and daughter. Coran Stephan died August 29, 1980.

The second child, Lillie Mae Rollins was born May 9, 1896. She married Lawrence Euler Weaver, who owned and operated a music store in Gaffney, South Carolina after serving in World War II. There were no children, and he preceded her in death in 1945. She died

December 17, 1979, and both are buried in Mount Sinai Church cemetery in Cleveland County.

The third child, Ural O'Clair Rollins was born September 20, 1898. She married David Evans Bostic who was born July 12, 1889. They had one daughter. David Evans Bostic died July 8, 1934 and a number of years later Ural married Carl Edwards, who also preceded her in death. She died 12-1-71.

The fourth child, Dewey Bryant Rollins was born May 27, 1900. He married Essie Hunt and she bore him nine children. Dewey Bryant Rollins died November 19, 1976 and Essie still lives at the Rollins homeplace where all the children and grandchildren visit her.

The fifth child, Eugenia Mozelle Rollins was born February 18, 1905. She married a Baptist minister, Charles Evans Crawford and they were blessed with three children. Eugenia Mozell Rollins died August 27, 1980.

The sixth child, Mona Maude Rollins was born June 1, 1906. She married Jasper David Branton June 3, 1930. They lived in Portsmouth, Virginia where he worked with the Housing Authority during World War Two. Maude worked as a telephone operator for a number of years and later taught school. After the war they moved back to North Carolina and operated a Marina at Lake James in Burke County. They were living in Morganton when Jasper David died August 15, 1971. Maude retired from teaching and she still resides in Morganton, North Carolina. She has one stepson who lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The seventh child, Zelia Norine Rollins was born November 21, 1909. She married Iley Chester Whiteley, August 25, 1937. Iley was a pharmacist, and owned and operated Whiteley's Pharmacy in Morganton, North Carolina for a number of years. He died September 6, 1961, and she sold the pharmacy. She resides in Morganton, North Carolina and continues to operate two beauty salons.

The eighth child, Buna Agnes Rollins, was born March 13, 1912. She married Wayne Wade Hitt August 8, 1934. They have one son. Buna retired from work at Jones Pharmacy and now helps her son at the Camera Center in Morganton, North Carolina where her family resides.

The youngest child, John Rollins was born February 24, 1917. He married Margaret Lee and they had six daughters and one son. They were divorced and he later married Shirley Phillips. They had one son. John died December 15, 1971 and his widow and son reside in Shelby, North Carolina.

— Norine R. Whiteley

**THE ROLLA DAVID and
CLAUDIA THOMPSON ROSE
FAMILY**

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Rolla David Rose was born February 8, 1940, at Cabarrus County Hospital in Kannapolis, North Carolina. He was the third of four sons born to Frances Marion and Myrtle Beauchamp Rose. In 1942 the Roses moved to Shelby and

remained there as a family until the "4 Roses" grew up and attended schools away from Shelby. David attended Marion College in Marion, Indiana, in 1958. He went back for the 1961-62 school year and decided that Indiana was too far away. In 1963 he went into the Army, attending various schools for aviation maintenance. He was discharged August 1966 as a E-5 Technical Inspector. He served in Korea and Thailand, and was lucky enough to only spend ten days in Vietnam. While stationed at Fort Riley, Kansas, David played baseball on the Special Troops team that later went on to win the Kansas State baseball tournament.

As a child David always enjoyed playing baseball and taking things apart and usually calling on his father to put them back together. He always envisioned himself as a major league ball player even through his senior year in high school. David has always felt that the Rose family was a close knit family and he feels that his parents kept them close by allowing enough freedom for them to be boys but strict enough to keep them on the right path. For this the boys will always be grateful to their parents.

Claudia Irene Thompson was born March 27, 1943, at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby, North Carolina. I was the first child born to Joseph Rush and Mabel Barnes Thompson. A sister (Sue Barnes Thompson Stuckey) and a brother (Joseph Rush Thompson, Jr.) were born later. My birthday was always a Thompson family celebration since March 27 was also my parents' anniversary, my paternal grandfather's and his twin brother's birthday, my paternal grandparents' wedding anniversary, and an uncle's birthday. I attended Shelby Public Schools and was presented at the Shelby Debutante Ball in 1961.

When it came time for college, N. C. State was my choice, but my father said: "Girls don't go to State." So I went to Woman's College of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro (now UNC-G). After graduating in 1965, with a BA in Math, I taught one year at Shelby Junior High. Realizing I was wrong in my profession, I joined the National Cash Register Company as a Systems Analyst/Computer Programmer. I have continued this occupation on an Independent Consultant basis since leaving National Cash Register Company in 1970.

David and I were married on Sunday, May 7, 1967, at Central Methodist Church. David was employed by Nabisco and the center of his territory was Lincolnton, North Carolina. The day we went to Lincolnton to find an apartment was a rainy Saturday. My first memory of Lincolnton was a Klu Klux Klan march down main street. I wondered just what David had gotten us into.

Our first daughter, Jennifer LeMaster Rose, was born at Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby even though we lived in Lincolnton. On January 1, 1973, we moved home to Shelby just in time for the arrival of our second daughter, Claudia Rebecca Rose, on March 3, 1973. I finally convinced David we needed a third child after he realized that with two children there might be a Christmas when neither could be home. He reasoned that with three children

surely at least one could be home. Thus we had our Valentine, Susan Elizabeth Rose, born February 14, 1977. Both Becca and Susan were born at Cleveland Memorial Hospital.

David has become an avid "Ham" (Amateur Radio Operator) and is active in the Shelby Amateur Radio Club, having served as Vice-President and President. Since David is not a "Club Person," this is no small accomplishment for him.

At the other extreme, I am an avid "Club Person" and am involved in the Junior Charity League, Beta Sigma Phi, my Circle, the Elks Auxiliary, the Shelby Garden Club, and the American Association of University Women. I am currently serving a third year as North Carolina State Division AAUW Treasurer. My term will end June 30, 1983. My Mother says I am too busy to work because of all my club work.

We are members of Central United Methodist Church. Both David and I have served on the Administrative Board and as Sunday School teachers. I have many good memories of growing up in this church and have a special fondness for the beautiful building because my paternal grandfather was instrumental in building it.

Sources: Personal knowledge

— Claudia Thompson Rose

**GRADY LEE ROSS, D.D.S.
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Grady Lee Ross (son of Landrum, son of James, Osbourn, Moses) was born at Earl, Cleveland County, North Carolina, May 10, 1897. He married Robbie Lee Gillis of Charlotte, North Carolina, in Miami, Florida, October 7, 1925.

In 1906 the Ross family moved to Shelby. While a messenger boy there, Grady learned telegraphy which was of great benefit to him in his growing and developing years.

In order to get experience, in 1914, he worked without pay, as assistant agent and telegraph operator at Earl, Cleveland County. After three months, he transferred to Midway, South Carolina for the munificent sum of \$30.00 per month. He also worked at Forest City. In 1916, Grady was transferred to South Carolina, working in York and Denmark. He came to Charlotte the latter part of 1916 with the Western Union. Later, he moved to Bluefield, West Virginia affiliating himself with the Norfolk and Western Railroad. He remained there until he volunteered his services in World War I at Raleigh, North Carolina. He was sent to the United States Naval Base at Hampton Roads, Virginia. Because of his experience, he was assigned to the telegraph desk. After his discharge on January 11, 1919 he worked until he entered Vanderbilt University in the fall of 1919 for the study of dentistry. In order to defray his expenses for the next four years, Grady worked at the Western Union, Postal Telegraph, railroads, fired furnaces and worked as a shoe salesman.

After Dr. Ross' graduation from Vanderbilt in 1923, he opened his offices in Charlotte in the Independence Building on August 15th, for the practice of general dentistry.

Dr. Ross advocated and practiced the insertion of dentures immediately after the extraction of teeth as early as 1933. This was a revolutionary idea, at that time, though a general practice today.

In 1939, Dr. Ross was ready to limit his practice to Oral Surgery and he went to New York University for the training and study in this field.

Many clinics and lectures were given by Dr. Ross, some of which were to the North Carolina Dental Society, South Carolina Dental Society, Southern Dental Association, Five State Post Graduate Clinic in Washington D.C., American Dental Association in Houston, Texas, and the Federation Dentaire in Rome, Italy.

He is a former President of the Charlotte Dental Society, a member of the Second District and North Carolina Dental Societies, American Dental Association, American Society of Dental Anesthesiology, Southeastern Society of Oral Surgeons of which he is a charter member and former president, North Carolina Society of Oral Surgeons which was organized in the home of Dr. Ross, and the North Carolina Society of Dental Anesthesiology and its first president. Dr. Ross is a member of St. Johns Baptist Church, Charlotte Country Club, a Mason and Shriner, American Legion, Mecklenburg County Wild Life Club and former president. He is a former member of the Charlotte Rotary Club.

Dr. Ross' love for children and young people knew no bounds. Having had such a struggle to get his own education, many a young man and young lady has his college degree, due to the generosity and the interest of Dr. Ross.

What kind of character does he have? He is fair, sincere, loyal, generous, kind, humble, and has a keen sense of humor. He is widely known for the stories that he tells.

He has two daughters as follows: Jewel Mae Ross, who married Wilbur Reid Caldwell. He died in 1977. They had two sons, Wilbur Reid Caldwell, Jr. and David Ross Caldwell. Ross was killed in an automobile accident October 24, 1980. Reid married Susan Martin of Charlotte and they have one son, William Reid Caldwell.

Robbie Lee Ross married Ezra Preston Andrews Jr. They are divorced. To them were born three children. Ezra Preston Andrews, III, Robbie Lee Andrews and Grady Ross Andrews. Preston married Catherine Helen Davis of Charlotte and they are parents of two daughters, Natalie Stuart Andrews and Catherine Melissa Andrews. Robbie married Christopher Wayne Davis of Greensboro, they have a son, Michael Christopher Davis. Grady is a bachelor.

After her children were grown, Robbie Lee Ross Andrews married a former high school sweetheart, Herbert Conrad Bridges of Charlotte.

— Mrs. Grady Ross

JAMES ROSS

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The research for the early Rosses in Rutherford County show the name spelled as Ross, Rose, Ruse, and Russ. Clerks, in those days, spelled names as they sounded to them.

The Rock Cut Section, about three miles north east of Shelby, is where the Moses Ross family "burying ground"; is located. Along with other tombstones, one inscription reads:

James Ross
Hannah Ross
Died May 2, 1829, aged 95 (born 1734)
Died April 11, 1835, aged 90 (born 1745)

It is logical to believe that they were parents or grandparents of Moses Ross, for several reasons. The 1790 census of Rutherford County, Morgan District, lists two men by the name of James Ross, each with a male under the age of sixteen. No other Rosses were listed in the County. Bible records show that Moses was born 1785. The 1800 census lists the two James Rosses, both forty-five and up, but only one as having a male 10-16, which could have been Moses. However, two William Rosses had males of Moses approximation. By 1810, Moses was listed in his own household. Other Rosses listed were, George, George, and Solomon on page 430. On page 343, were James, James Sr., James Jr., Samuel and Moses. None of the above Jameses were old enough to have been the James born 1734. No other Ross household, from 1810 through 1840, showed anyone of James' and Hannah's ages. It is assumed that, because of their advanced years, they were living with one of their daughters or granddaughters, married names unknown.

Moses and James Ross were chain-bearers when a survey of 300 acres of land was made for James Ross on July 21, 1793. It was in "Rutherford County on the headwaters of Hickory Creek, both sides of said creek joining Criders line, joining William Hanes land, including own improvement and the land the Meeting House is on and round it for complement, granted to self" (1779-1795 — S.S. 962.1, unindexed book at Raleigh). This is the same land that Moses Ross devised to his daughter, Easter Lettie Ross Hardin, and she gave fifteen acres of it for Ross Grove Baptist Church.

In order to try to establish the relationship between James and Moses, an important deed found is: "August 14, 1814, James Rutherford to Moses Ross, land on Hickory Creek (volume 22-23, page 420)", which is the same land James Ross bought on February 2, 1801 from Joshua Earles. No sale was found for this land and how James Rutherford received the land is unknown.

The Reverend Sherman Ross prepared an Historical Sketch of the Ross family which was read at the Ross family reunion at Waco on September 6, 1958. He wrote: "Something over 200 years ago, three Ross brothers came over from Scotland, Ireland. One of the brothers went West and Moses came here to North Carolina, and as to where the others went, there is no record. To our great grandfather, Moses, that came over from Ireland, his grandmother wrote in his Bible:" "When I

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am dead and gone — remember me and Mother. I may meet you in heaven. My days is not many. I am going to heaven. God told me so. God bless. I will see you there." Does this mean that the grandmother of Moses was Hannah of the tombstone record? She outlived James.

Much research has been done in an attempt to distinguish between the two James Rosses in Rutherford County of the early census reports. Research continues to hide documentary proof that James was the father or grandfather of Moses. The closest is Moses approximation in the 1790 and 1800 census reports, of James Ross and Moses Ross' being chain-bearers in James Ross' survey, and Moses acquisition of James Ross' land through James Rutherford, plus the grave in the present Cleveland County of James Ross (1734-1829) and his wife, Hannah (1745-1835).

— Mrs. Grady Ross

JAMES ROSS

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James Ross (Osborn, Moses) was born August 19, 1844 and died June 29, 1879 in Cleveland County. He is buried in the Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. On October 9, 1866, he married Marsilla Parsade Patterson, daughter of Samuel and Nancy Emeline London Patterson. His parents were John and Barbara Whittier Patterson. Emeline's parents were Henry and Mary Elam London, both of Virginia. Marsilla Parsade Patterson Ross was born November 23, 1845 and died March 4, 1920. Her grave is in the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery at Earl, a few miles south of Shelby.

James went to Wilmington with his father and uncles and volunteered in the Confederate States of America forces on March 2, 1863. He was a private in Company F, 56th Regiment North Carolina Infantry. The War Department records in Washington show that he was in a hospital October 31, 1863 and again, on May 19, 1864. Union prisoner of war records show that he was captured April 1, 1865 at Five Forks, and imprisoned at Point Lookout, Maryland. He was released June 17, 1865. James lost a leg in the War, but it did not deter him from walking from Petersburg, Virginia, with a forked stick and swimming the Catawba river to his home.

James was an industrious, hard working,



determined, and ambitious man. He was also a good manager. Although he lived only sixteen years after the war, he provided well for his family. The personal property he left to his widow, listed on three pages of court records, consisted of all the household furniture, silver, books, large amounts of farm equipment, live stock and the crops. He owned his farm and left \$1,100.00 in gold, a sizable sum in those days.

The children of James and Marsilla Parsade Patterson Ross were four sons and two daughters.

Robert Marion Ross, born July 9, 1867, died August 12, 1941 in Colbert, Georgia. He was the bank president. On December 9, 1903 he married Maude Crowder. Their two sons were Fay Gaffney Ross, whose wife was Myrtice Stewart and Matthew Yates Ross, whose wife was Josephine Faucette. The latter were parents of five children, Matthew Yates Ross, Jr., whose wife is Frances Garmon. Their children are David Stephen, Virginia Frances, and Julia Mrie Ross. Betty Josephine Ross, husband Harold Ray and children Daniel Glenn Ray, Karen Joe Ray and Dean Ross Ray. Martha Ruth Ross, husband LeRoy Gregory and children Elaine Gregory and Linda Kay Gregory. Marian Ross, husband Melvin Pair and children Marylou Jean Pair, Sandy Machille Pair and Chris Pair. Bobbie Marian Ross, husband Bobby Dickens, children Charles Marion Dickens and Richard Vance Dickens.

Landrum Beatty Ross — See Section for him.

Columbus Patterson Ross, who changed his name to Charles Ross, born March 11, 1872, died March 1936 in Grantwood, New Jersey. He was first married to Elizabeth M. Baker on June 18, 1902. No issue. Second marriage was to Eva Blanch Tilton. They had one son, Charles Ross.

Laurynn Ross was born October 18, 1874 and died November 14, 1874.

John Latham Ross, born November 26, 1876, died March 27, 1954 in York, South Carolina. On November 3, 1894 his first marriage was to Missouri Green. She was born September 21, 1878 and she died June 12, 1979, over a hundred years of age. They were divorced. The names of his second wife and children are unknown. John Latham and Missouri Green Ross were parents of six sons and eight daughters; Patterson Carl Ross married Grace Holland, daughter died as a child; Raymond Miller Ross married Bertha Ware; Infant daughter, Margaret Olar Ross married Ambrose Grigg; John Latham Ross, Jr. married Lonnie Mae Lovelace; Nannie Lee Ross married Melvin Clyde Lovelace; Ginelie Ross married Hillard Thrift; Josephine Ross married Jasper Grigg; Lawrence Ross married Ruby Camp; infant daughter; Clyde Marion Ross married Bertha Wilson; and J. Fred Ross.

Mary James Ross, born December 13, 1879, five and half months after the death of her father. She died 1967 in Akron, Ohio, at the age of 88. Her marriage in Grover, South Carolina was to John R. Hamrick on September 23, 1898. They were parents of one son and two daughters, Louis Pless Hamrick who was killed in an automobile accident at the age

of 32, Lucille and Rae Hamrick. No issue of these three.

Sources: Family records

— Mrs. Grady Ross

LANDRUM BEATTY ROSS 953

Landrum Beatty Ross (James, Osbourn, Moses) was born November 29, 1869 in Cleveland County and died April 20, 1952 in Union Mills, Rutherford County, North Carolina. He is buried in the Baptist Church Cemetery, Union Mills. His first marriage was to Amanda Ola Shuford on February 8, 1891. She was the daughter of John Jacob and Maggie (Margaret) Rippey Shuford. Ola Shuford Ross was born November 8, 1870 in Cleveland County and died September 15, 1929 in Charlotte. She is buried in the New Hope Baptist Church Cemetery at Earl. Landrum's second marriage on December 31, 1935 was to Enza Elizabeth Smart of Union Mills, Rutherford County, North Carolina. They had no children.

Landrum was born at a particularly bad time for the South, just four years after the close of the War Between the States. The South was devastated, with no Marshall plan to help, no seed to plant, no animals to work the farm and, the Carpetbaggers running rampant all over this once proud and beautiful land. Never in the history of this country has a nation, as was the South which was in its Constitutional right to secede from the Union, been as mistreated and abused as was the South by the United States government. This government has furnished money, arms, medicine, grain, and the best of technology to every nation which has been conquered by the United States and some of our bitterest enemies. They are today, leading world powers. None of that was done for the South. It's citizens were raped, mansions and court records burned, and people were left without food or shelter. The male citizens were disenfranchised for ten years. The Reconstruction period was long, hard, and sad. Making bread for the table was a day to day struggle for many. It was in this environment that Landrum was reared. Landrum eked out a living on his mother's farm near Earl for some years. He felt the educational advantages were limited at Earl, so he moved his family to Shelby on December 20, 1906, in order to give his children a better chance at an education in the public schools. He bought their house at 405 North Washington Street from Ike Kendall for \$925.00.

Ola and Landrum Ross were parents of seven sons and two daughters: Infant son. Robert Marion Ross, whose wife was Ray Putnam, daughter of Marion and Margaret Anthony Putnam of Shelby. They had two sons, Robert Marion Ross, Jr. and William Putnam Ross. Marion Jr.'s children are Robert Marion Ross III, Rebecca Gibson Ross Palmer, wife of Gary Palmer and Shirley Ray Ross. William married Lola MacWhirter of Charlotte. Their children are Roger Putnam Ross whose wife is Lynn Chastain of Atlanta, and Joy Edna Ross. James Martin Ross, struck by lightning at age five. Dr. Grady Lee Ross, see section on him. Orie Livingston

Ross whose first wife was Nora Cathey and his second wife is Ethel Hartis. No issue. Iola Ross, whose husband is John M. Farrell, no issue. Landrum Heywood Ross, first married to Catherine Armour, divorced and second wife is Louise Hart. They are the parents of two children. Sharon Ross Robertson and Michael Heywood Ross. Sharon is the wife of Richard Roberson. Their children are John Samuel Roberson and Erin Louise Roberson. Margaret Elizabeth Ross who married Huell H. Roseberry. Their three children were Jane, John Huell, and Elizabeth Ann Roseberry. Jane's husband is Landrum Beatty Ross. Arthur Methvin and their children are David, Brian and Laura Jane Methvin. John died a child. Elizabeth's husband is Max Costa. Kermit Solon Ross whose wife was Helen Loretta Kozmor. No issue. Kermit was in the Navy during World War II. He enlisted on December 27, 1943 and was discharged November 6, 1945 at Lido Beach, Long Island, New York.

— Mrs. Grady Ross



Lee Roy and Nina (holding Elizabeth) Bridges Camp

LEE ROY and NINA BRIDGES CAMP ROSS

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Lee Roy Dixon Ross was born April 16, 1897 to Lizzie Lillian Camp and Rueban C. Ross. His grandparents were Dickson and Sally Sanders Camp and Moses and Mary Ledford Ross. His parents separated when he was three or four and he lived with his Camp grandparents and mother and started using their name.

He grew up on a farm and learned to work at an early age. At age five he took a clock apart and put it back together and it ran. He had a natural knack for fixing any mechanical thing from the smallest watch to an automobile. There was little opportunity for schooling. He had several years and could read and write, but school was boring. If he had had the opportunity to go, he would probably have been a dropout (I'm sure he was a dyslexic such as Einstein). He had a grandson diagnosed as a dyslexic and this is certainly inherited. With a limited education he read everything and especially the Bible. He was certainly a man ahead of his time in thinking, his ability to predict the future and his outlook.

After he left Margrace Mill because of allergies, he earned his living by many ways; he was a mechanic, watch repairman, had a saw mill and sold wood, produce, made molasses

and farmed. I remember molasses time, lots of the young people could come to taste and chew on a piece of cane. Most of the neighborhood kids came to our house to ride bicycles or to go places with my daddy in his truck . . . very few people had cars in those days. Several credit him with teaching them to be mechanics and one distinguished gentleman told me that he wished my daddy had been his daddy . . . because my daddy taught him so much and his daddy couldn't do anything. He always had time for a child, and if he was out with his truck selling produce, he always gave every child an apple. He was a victim of cancer of the bone and was such an optimist that he never stopped believing that he would overcome it. On the day he died he wanted me to go to town and get a jar of coffee that he had heard about on TV, but he never got to try it.

Nina Bridges Camp was the daughter of Luther and Minnie Huffstickler Bridges. She was the oldest of twelve children. Her grandparents were: Albert and Martha Kennedy Huffstickler, and William and Sara McGee Bridges. She learned responsibility early and was working in the cotton mill at about age 7. At one time while she was very young her family lived near the old Linwood College in Crowders Mountain and one of the students gave her a very pretty china doll which she kept and we still have. She was born August 22, 1907 and died February 12, 1949. She lived a very short life but a life full of caring for other people. After marriage she never neglected her crippled mother and elderly grandparents. She was a faithful member of Grace Methodist Church in Kings Mountain and made sure her children attended.

Children of this marriage are: Elizabeth Lee, married to William P. Anthony of Kings Mountain, and grandson Neal Ross Anthony.

Reba Frances married first to George Joy; and then Frank Conner who lives in Baltimore, Md. Her children are Kimberly Stein; Donna, Jill and Viola Joy.

Son, Miles Richard Camp, married Mary Herron and was the father of four children: Sara Ann Camp Carpenter, David, Robert and Randy Camp. Richard drowned at Lake Wylie in a boating accident in 1977.

Roy and Nina are buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church between Kings Mountain and Shelby, along with many of his relatives.

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony

MOSES ROSS

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Moses Ross was born April 16, 1785, and died November 21, 1878 in Cleveland County, North Carolina. His first marriage was to Mary Spurling on September 8, 1808 in the County of Rutherford. His second wife was Rachel Bookout. They were married in Lincoln County on September 18, 1819. The bondsman was John Bookout. This is the only record of Moses in Lincoln County. It seems that he merely went there to get married. Rachel Bookout Ross was born May 15, 1804 and died April 29, 1863.

P.O. Ross, grandson of Moses, and son of Noah Webb Ross, wrote a letter dated August

22, 1942, in which he stated that his "grandfather and two of his brothers came to this country from Ireland and all three settled close to where Ross Grove Church now stands. Grandfather settled permanently but his two brothers moved up in Burke County and from Burke they moved to Virginia and from Virginia they came to Gaffney, South Carolina where they settled permanently. They lived here to be old — as to being in the Revolution War, grandfather and his two brothers came to this country just after the Revolution."

There is a Ross family cemetery on land that Moses owned. It is in the Rock Cut section about three miles north east of Shelby. About thirty years ago, the only tombstone inscriptions legible were: James Ross, Hannah Ross, died May 2, 1829, aged 95 (born 1734) died April 11, 1835, aged 90 (born 1745). Moses Ross, died November 8, 1878, aged 93 years, 7 months, 5 days. Eliza Ross, died March 8, 1871, aged 52 years (born 1819). Elizabeth Nowlin, died January 6, 1848, aged 22 years (born 1826). Elizabeth Propst, died January 5, 1855, aged 69 years (born 1786). Elizabeth Ross, died May 10, 1835, aged 10 years (born 1825). Marion Ross 1813, died August 18, 1833. Laura E. Ross, born 1821, died November 21, 1821. It seemed that there were other graves but the identification markers had disappeared through the years.

On August 18, 1814, James Ross sold to Moses Ross one hundred acres of land on Hickory Creek. On March 9, 1818, Moses bought forty acres from James Rutherford. Moses continued to buy parcels of land and, on May 21, 1850, he and his wife sold 600 acres on the waters of Buffalo to D.H. Bookout.

Moses devised his will on April 4, 1867, leaving his land and entire estate of two hundred and ten acres to his three daughters, Julia, Easter Lettie, and Eliza Ross. The will stated that he had given his sons all he intended them to have. Julia and Eliza were deceased by March 17, 1877, so Moses added a codicil, giving everything to his daughter, Easter Lettie Ross Hardin, wife of Able Hardin. Not having children of their own, they adopted two children, John Calvin Ledford and Mary Alice Ledford who married J. E. Blanton. Their descendants have the Moses Ross Bible. Since so many lineal descendants of Moses Ross are interested in this Bible, it would be a magnanimous gift to the Archives and History Department of the state of North Carolina if the Blanton family would place the Bible there, so that many descendants would have access to it.

Moses and Rachel Bookout Ross were parents of four sons and four daughters:

Osborn Ross — See section for him.

Eliza Ross, born July 7, 1828, died March 8, 1871;

Perry Ross, born November 18, 1831, died in Quinton, Arkansas, Married October 11, 1860 to Margaret L. Morrison.

Moses Calvin Ross, born June 13, 1835, was killed August 29, 1862 in the Second Battle of Manassas, married Mary Crowder July 26, 1855. They were charter members of the Ross Grove Baptist Church.

Easter Lettie Ross, born June 26, 1837, died December 21, 1915. She married Able Hardin December 17, 1871. No issue, but adopted two children mentioned earlier. Easter Lettie Ross Hardin donated fifteen acres of land for the Ross Grove Baptist Church. She was known as a "saintly lady"; Julia Ross, born February 14, 1841, died December 7, 1869; Noah Webb Ross, born October 21, 1843, died March 5, 1907. Married December 25, 1866 to Elizabeth Jane Wilson. The 1870 census shows they had two children, Abner M. Ross, aged 2, and Plato O. Ross, aged 5 months. Noah volunteered in the Confederate States of America forces with his father, brother and nephew in Wilmington, North Carolina; Margaret Caroline Ross, born July 3, 1846, died April 29, 1864.

— Robbie Gillis Ross

MOSES ROSS

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Moses Ross was born April 16, 1785 in North Carolina. In 1808 he married Mary Spurling, daughter of John Spurling. There is no record of children born of this union. Mary must have died early, for in 1808 he married Rachel Bookout (b. May 15, 1804 — d. April 29, 1863). They were the parents of eight children:

Osborne (b. May 3, 1823 — d. May 5, 1863) married a first cousin Easter Lettie Bookout. He died of measles at Goldsboro while in the Confederate Army. Their children were: James married Marsella Patterson; Elizabeth married Martin Ledford; John moved to Mississippi, Martin went to Arkansas, Annalizer married John Hord and Moses married Mary Ledford (see additional article).

Elizabeth Ross born 1828 died 1871 and was buried in the Ross Family Cemetery "Rock Cut". She never married.

Perry Ross, born 1831, married Margaret Morrison. After he came home from the Civil War, he and Margaret went to Quitman, Arkansas where he died in 1905. They had no children.

Moses C. Ross, Jr., born 1835, was killed at Manassas, Virginia in 1862 fighting in the Civil War.

Easter Lettie Ross, born 1837 married Able Hardin. They had no children but they adopted two; Alice and ?. Easter Lettie inherited most of her father's estate and deeded some of this land for what is now Ross Grove Baptist Church on Highway 18 outside of Shelby, N.C. Easter Lettie and Able Hardin are buried at Ross Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. Descendants of Moses Ross meet at this Church on the last Sunday in September for a reunion each year. Relatives welcome.

Julia Ann Ross born 1841 died in 1869. She never married. She is also buried at "Rock Cut" family cemetery.

Noah Webb Ross born in 1843 married Elizabeth Jane Wilson; they were parents of eight children: Albert Moses born 1867, married Alice Myers Proctor; Plato O. Ross born 1870, married Julia Camby; George A. Ross born 1872, d. 12-6-1886; Melinda M. J. born 1873, married Sam Camby (father of Plato's wife);

Fannie Laura Ann born 1876, married William Kertis White; C. C. born 1878, (Margaret) married Barry C. Hamrick; Sallie Aline Ellen born 1881, married William Yoder; Noah Wright Ross born 1883, married Georgia ----- and Noah Webb Ross married Nancy Regina Harmon the second time and they were the parents of four children: Reuban Jacob Forest born 1891 married Elizabeth Ramsey; Lettie Ula Belle Ross born 1897 married Tom Ramsey; Ada Maude Matine born 1900 married Cecil Jenkins and John Lester Crowell Ross born 1903 married Mary Lou Houser.

Elizabeth Jane Wilson Ross died 11-27-1886, nine days before her son George died.

Moses Ross was a large land owner in Cleveland County and we believe this was from a land grant. Buried in the Ross Cemetery located across from the present home of the Paul Weathers Family or what remains due to destruction by time, elements and with some help by local farmers who continued to edge closer in, the cemetery has almost disappeared. This is on the old Shelby Airport Road off Highway 18. There is a stone which bears the names of James Ross and Hannah Ross. We believe these to be the parents of Moses Ross born in 1785.

We find many records of James Ross in the late 1700's and early 1800's. He signed many records of the day as well as helped with surveying. He was also a land grant holder. In Moses Ross will he states that at the time it was written he had only 215 acres left in 1876. He was leaving this to Easter Lettie, since he had already divided up all he was giving to his sons.

I have been told that he was a tall man with a long white beard and that he always rode a white horse. There are many descendants throughout Cleveland County as well as surrounding counties and states.

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony

MOSES and MARY LEDFORD ROSS

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Moses Ross was the son of Osborne and Easter Lettie Bookout Ross. He was born October 30, 1852. He was the grandson of Moses and Rachel Bookout Ross. His father was in the Civil War and died of measles at a Confederate Hospital in Goldsboro, N.C. His mother was the daughter of Levi Bookout, and a first cousin of her husband. He had a brother James who married Marsella Patterson, a sister Elizabeth who married Martin Ledford, brother of Mary Ledford Ross, a brother John who went to Mississippi to live, a brother Martin who went to Arkansas to live with other members of the Ross family who went west; and a sister Annalizer who married John Hord.

Mary Ledford Ross was the daughter of Ellis Ellsbury and Frances Hoyle Ledford. She was the grand-daughter of Lewis and Fanny Thacker-ton Ledford. Lewis Ledford had a plantation in Cleveland County. His will lists several slaves he owned. Her brothers were Martin who married Elizabeth Ross, Jacob, David, Louis M., John P. and William R. and sister Nancy.



Moses and Mary Ledford Ross Family. Front row L to R: Moses, Mamie and Mary. Back row L to R: Evans, Forrest, James, Florence and Lee. Not pictured — Reuban C.

Moses and Mary L. Ross were charter members of Ross Grove Baptist Church and later joined New Prospect Church where they are buried. Their children were: Florence Ross born in 1871 who married Braum C. Dobynes. Florences' children are: Lois, who married Frank Keslich and moved to West Chester, Pa., Kermit, Tyson and Iberia who married William Kressly and lives in Lee, Florida. Lee Ross was the second child of Moses and Mary and he married Ada Lovelace first and their children were: Grady Lee Ross who married Elsie Putnam and lives in Grover, Carrie Gertrude, who married Walter Randall and lives in Hickory, N.C. After Ada Ross died, Lee married Laura Wright Wallace and their children are: Venry Ross, deceased, Edna, wife of Pinkney Cook of Grover, Fred of New Smyrna Beach, Fla., Mildred who married Oliver Lowman and lives in Hilderbran, N.C. and Hubert.

Son Reuban C. Ross was born in 1877 and married Lizzie Lillian Camp the first time. They had a son Lee Roy Dixon who married Sara Nina Bridges. He grew up in his Grandfather Dixon Camp's home and used the name Camp instead of Ross. After the marriage broke up he went into service during the Spanish-American War and went to Cuba. Later he married Sara Elizabeth Tallent and they had William Howard Ross of Asheville, single, who retired from the National Art Gallery in Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of Julliard School of Music and teaches advanced students. Yates Ross of Daytona Beach, retired from Dan River, Danville, Va. as head chemist, also single. Fred Ross who married Gladys Cook and lives in Yadkin County. Lloyd Glass, retired who lives in Cincinnati, Ohio. Daughters Alda Williams and Grace Hair both live in Orlando, Fla. Reuben married Flossie Burn the third time and preceeded her in death in 1958. He is buried in Moncure, N.C. where he was living at the time.

James Ross was born in 1879 and married Amanda Howell. Their children are: Blanche who married Lawrence W. Hicks, Maurice Ross who married Faye Bell, Millison Ross who married J.D. Ledford, Hershall Ross who married Edna Hoffman, Rev. Sherman Ross who married Irene McNeely, L.J. Ross who married Irene Walker and Clive Ross who married Mary Lou McNeely. Amanda died in 1921 and James died in 1929. Most of their descendants live around Shelby, N.C.

Evand Ross was born March 15, 1881 and married Amanda Conner born June 19, 1881

and was the daughter of one of Shelby's merchants. Their children are: Ethel who married Joe Camp and has five grandsons who are ministers. Nora married Frank Ware. Thelma married Clarence Watterson. Geneva married Demsey Falls. Cilia married Earl Falls. Horace married Maxine Phillips. Louise married Harvey Lee Stroupe. Lawrence married Lois Lovelace. Elzie never married and is now deceased. Bessie married Arthur Anderson. I remember Evan riding around town on his horse. He died in 1953 and Amanda died in 1972. They are buried at Oak Grove Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, N.C.

Forest Ross married Elsie Rumpfelt. They lived on a farm near Kings Creek, South Carolina. Their children are: Stella m. Richard Earnhart; George Ross m. Edith Jones; Margaret m. Elwood Beam; Louise m. Floyd Hopper; Ruth m. J.B. Wallace; Pauline m. Floyd Boheler; Helen m. ; Claude m. ; Nell m. Chambers; Mable m. Howard Allen, and Charles Eugene m. Chris.

Younger child Mammie married Rev. James Self and they had one daughter, Jessie, who married Allen Armstrong, and lives in Bessemer City, N.C.

— Elizabeth Camp Anthony

OSBORN ROSS

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Osborn Ross, (Moses) was born May 3, 1823 in Cleveland County, which was Rutherford County at that time. He died May 5, 1863 in Goldsboro, North Carolina, where his body is interred. On May 1, 1842 he married Easter Lettie (Hettie) Bookout, daughter of Levi and Prothania Parker Bookout. She was a niece of her husband's mother, Rachel Bookout, Ross, wife of Moses Ross. The inscription on her tombstone at New Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery at Waco, about five miles north east of Shelby, gives the death date as 1892.

Osborn, his son James and two brothers, Moses C. and Noah went to Wilmington and volunteered their services in the Confederate States of America military forces. Another brother, Perry, may have volunteered also. Osborn served in Company F, 56th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry. He enlisted March 2, 1863 and was deceased from measles, two months later in a hospital in Goldsboro. A claim for his effects was filed by E.L. Ross, widow.

The widow and heirs, four sons and two daughters, sold the eighty eight and one half acres which they inherited, to Abna Lattimore Freedman on January 6, 1870.

The sale of land and the 1850 census record for Cleveland County lists the children of Osborn and E.L. Ross as: James Ross, see section for him. Elizabeth Ross, born September 17, 1845, married Martin Ledford, no issue. John Ross, born April 23, 1847. He left Cleveland County in a wagon and settled in Kossuth, Mississippi. Martin Ross, born October 10, 1848. Died in Arkansas, south of Little Rock.

Annialyse or Annalizer Ross, born May 22, 1851. Her husband was John Hord. She died eighteen miles south of Cornith, Mississippi.

Moses C. Ross, born October 20, 1852 and died March 30, 1923. His wife was Mary Dorcus Ledford, daughter of Buck Ledford and sister to the above Martin Ledford. Their children were Florence, Lee, Reuben, James, Evans, Forest Edgar, and Mamie Ross, whose husband was Jim Self. Their daughter was Jessie A. Self.

— Mrs. Grady Ross

ROUNTREE

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From a Family History of Rowntree and Rountree (1521-1953) by Joseph Gustave Rountree II.

"According to tradition, the first person to have this name was a child who was found under a tree called "Rowan Tree," or mountain ash tree, growing in Yorkshire, England. The child was a boy and was dressed in fine clothing. He was found on the estate of a nobleman who took compassion on the child and raised him as his only son, naming him "Rowantree" after the tree under which he was found. The origin of the child he did not know and never found out. This boy's descendants now run in the thousands, and they live in all parts of the world. I believe they are all sturdy, honest, law-abiding persons, as I have never heard of a bad Rountree or Rowntree.

This boy could possibly come from Norway or Denmark, as the Vikings settled and colonized Yorkshire, England in the 15th and 16th centuries. The Rowan Tree was held sacred by these Norsemen — their conception of the world being a huge Rowan Tree, within whose embrace lay all living things, people, and animals."

A 19th century claim to fame came about when Judge Rutherford Harrison Rountree and his daughter, Elizabeth (Patsy), were among the passengers on a stage running between Mammoth Cave and Cave City, Kentucky when they were robbed, the judge of a very valuable heavy key-winding gold watch that was a present to him from the Governor of Kentucky, and his daughter of a valuable diamond ring and a plain ring with the name "Patsy" engraved inside.

A \$500 reward was offered for the arrest and conviction of the robbers. A suspect, J.J. Hunt, was tried and convicted, though Judge Rountree and others had their doubts that this was the robber. Soon afterwards Bob Ford shot and killed Jesse James. When the judge saw his picture in the newspaper, he recognized Jesse James as one of the robbers. Jesse was wearing the watch when he was killed — and his wife the gold ring with "Patsy" engraved inside. The diamond ring was never recovered. At last account Judge Rountree's grandson of Kentucky had the watch. The Governor issued a pardon for J.J. Hunt on May 1, 1882.

The Rountrees of Grover begin their heritage in Emmanuel County Georgia beginning with Andrew Jackson Rountree (1853-1912) and Mary Mozelle Coleman (1857-1912) married in 1876. They had three daughters and eight sons. Their second child, Charles Ross Rountree (b. 3-29-1879 — d. 5-20-1950)

married December 21, 1904 to Emma Iris Parrish (b. 4-22-1887 — d. 9-20-1957). They had six sons and two daughters. Their second son, Glenn Ross Rountree (2-26-1911) married Effie Jeanette (Jackie) Harry (10-31-1919) of Grover, North Carolina, Cleveland County, on February 8, 1942. They have children — Jacquitha Eugenia (Mrs. James) Reid, 1942; William Harry (1944); Joel Ross (1949); Charles Glenn (10-11-54 — 10-14-54); and Holly Holmes Rountree (1957). Any of these descendants are eligible for membership in the following: Magna Charta, Order of the First Crusade, Knights of the Garter, Daughters of the Barrons of Runnemede, Colonial Dames, Sons of the American Revolution, Daughters of the American Revolution, Children of the American Revolution, Hueguenot Society, and other hereditary societies.

There are at least nine Revolutionary Soldiers from which they are descended.

Sources: Media Research Bureau, Washington, D.C., Univ. of Texas Archives.

— Jackie Rountree



Rountree Coat of Arms

FAMILY OF GLENN ROSS ROUNTREE

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Glenn Ross Rountree, son of Charles Ross and Emma Parrish Rountree, was born in Emmanuel County, Georgia. He grew up there and attended school at Emmanuel County Institute. He spent some time while in his teens playing baseball in Galveston, Texas.

In 1938 he was employed by Atlantic Greyhound Lines in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Jeanette (Jackie) Harry was born in Grover, N.C., Cleveland County. Her parents were Charlie and Effie Holmes Harry. She attended Grover School, and graduated from Blacksburg, S.C. high school after which she attended Woman's College of the University of North Carolina in Greensboro — now UNCG. She graduated in 1940 and began teaching that same year in the Business Department of Clemmons High School in Forsyth County.

Mutual friends and co-workers introduced Glenn and Jackie. They were married and lived

in Winston-Salem until January, 1950 at which time they moved to Georgia and lived there until August. It was then they moved home to Jackie's hometown of Grover. Once when they had visited in Grover from Winston-Salem they went down to the 'ole home place. It was love and longing for at first sight for Glenn. So, on July 1, 1958, the 'old home place became the new homeplace for The Rountrees.

Glenn was employed by Minette Mills until 1979 at which time he retired. He also operated a service station in Grover until 1966. He has been caretaker of the Grover Cemetery and is still in charge of the sales of cemetery lots. He is an active member of State Line Lodge #275 (Masonic), and a charter member of The Grover Lions Club. He was a Grover School Board member and has been a Sunday School teacher and Camp Counselor for young people's groups.

While the Shiloh and Dixon Presbyterian Churches shared the same pastors, Glenn joined the Dixon Church to be their choir director. While there he was an elected elder. He presently is a member again of Shiloh Presbyterian Church.

Shortly after he moved to Grover, a nephew, Charlie, 111, renamed Glenn "STUMP" and Stump has stuck with him ever since. His by-line while operating the service station was "Let Stump Do It."

Once an avid sportsman, hunter and fisherman, his ardor is now directed towards the preservation of animal life of all kinds. Thusly, there are houses, gourds and condominiums for all variety of birds all over the yards of the 'ole home place, to say nothing of the yard full of kitty-cats.

If so desired, information about Jackie Rountree may be found in articles throughout the Harry Family articles within The Cleveland County Heritage Book. Jackie was Jeanette, Jane, or Jenny Jack until her older sister, SaDelle, went to N.C.C.W. (North Carolina College for Women) and roomed with a girl named Jackie. When SaDelle came home from



G.R. Rountree — 1926



G.R. and Jackie Rountree — 1975

college she started calling her little fat sister "Jackie."

Stump and Jackie Rountree leave four living children and five grandchildren, as of 1982, to be a part of The Heritage of Cleveland County.

Sources: Personal knowledge.

— Jackie Rountree

JEANETTE (JACKIE) HARRY ROUNTREE

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I didn't know that warm summer day as I walked across my yard to meet a young lady the effect she would have on my life. Her name was Jeanette (Jackie) Harry Rountree. She moved into my life as a friend. Time was to prove she was a friend to many from all walks of life, not just to me.

Friend — A person you can share your everyday thoughts and cares with; to talk to of children; to brag a little of their accomplishments or to share your failures with. One who was there in times of sorrow to give comfort and love. One who remembers your birthday, your children's birthdays and yea all of Grover's birthdays and even beyond. Who writes

you when you are away from home to tell you of the joys and happiness, of the sickness and sorrows of home. But just most of all she cares for you.

There are many facts to Jackie's life I learned as the years passed. Her Christian witness in all its ways — Elder in our church, Sunday School Superintendent, Teacher, Bible School Leader, President of Women's Work, Circle Leader and Editor and publisher of our church letter. It goes out to touch more than 300 homes with her love and faith. Her Bible study leadership in our Circle over the years has had a profound effect on the lives of all who have heard her. Jackie is one who lives her Christianity from day to day. It is there in her love and caring for others. Especially in the concern for the elderly. Her visits to the shut-ins, the sick, sorrowing, or just a friend who needs a lift. The person who needs a lift to church, the doctor — whatever, she is there. To me she is the embodiment of the word Christian.

Good citizen? Where do I begin? Red Cross, Bloodmobile, Election Board, Girl Scout Leader, PTA, Woman's Club, which all these things entail; giving of her time and talents. Her interest in Cleveland County Historical Society has

been one of encouragement and help from the start. Not only her own work but she has been the legs and wheels for the work done by Mrs. Bessie Harry over the years.

An on-going of loving, caring and serving. I'm glad it has touched mine. My life is richer for having crossed the yard and met a friend one day in May.

— Beatrice Jones Cockrell

CHILDREN OF GLENN ROSS and JEANETTE (JACKIE) HARRY ROUNTREE

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Glenn and Jackie had five children: Jaquitha Eugenia, William Harry, Joel Ross, Charles Glenn, and Holly Holmes.

Jaquitha was born in Winston-Salem, North Carolina November 25, 1942. She started school there with the "bumper crop" of World War II babies. The schools were so crowded they held two shifts every day. For six weeks she went to school in the morning and for six weeks in the afternoon. For a few months she went to school in Metter, Georgia, and to Grover School second grade through the seventh. She finished Shelby High School in 1961, and was a participant in the Sub-deb activities that same year.

She was in the first freshmen class at St. Andrews Presbyterian College in Laurinburg, North Carolina, and graduated there in 1965. She taught in the Business Department of Red Springs, North Carolina high school for the year 1965-1966.

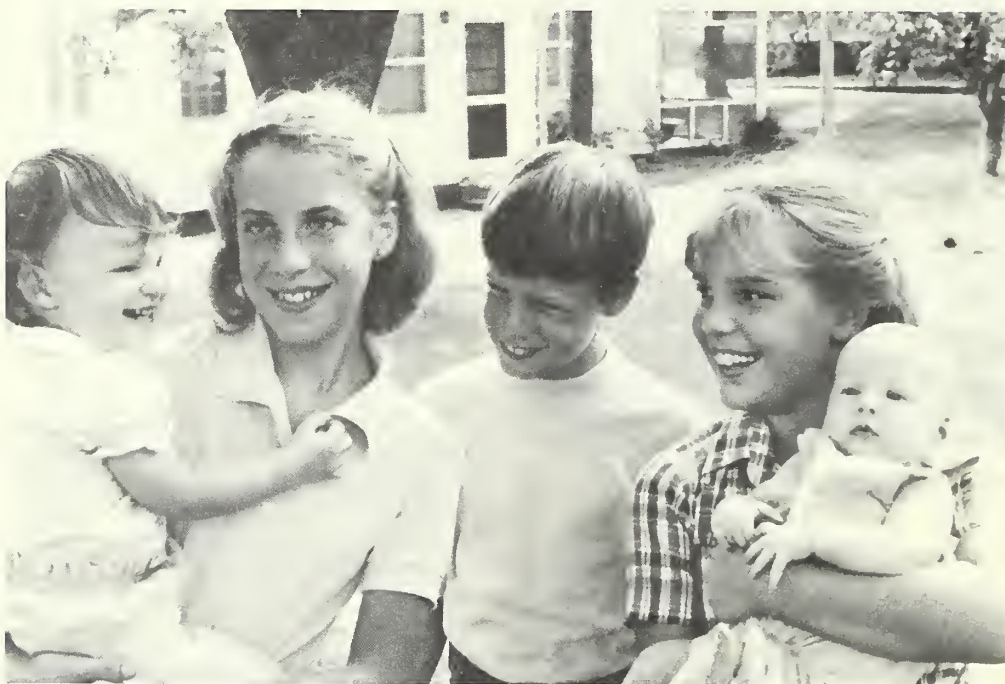
While in Red Springs she met James Richard Reid, oldest son of Mary and Richard Reid of Pilot Mountain, North Carolina. Jim, a North Carolina Highway Patrolman was transferred to Kings Mountain in 1966. He and Jaquitha were married August 20, 1966, and have made their home in Kings Mountain ever since. They have one daughter, Jenny, and one son, Jon.



Jeanette (Jackie) Harry Rountree in the Garden of Gethsemane



Children of Glenn and Jackie Rountree. L to R: Joel, Holly, William and Jaquitha



Grandchildren of Glenn and Jackie Rountree. L to R: Katy, Jenny, Jon, Laura holding Josh

Jaquitha teaches at Kings Mountain Senior High School. They are members of the Boyce Memorial AR Presbyterian Church in Kings Mountain.

Those who knew him prior to his army days called William Harry Rountree "Bubba." Since then he encourages the name "Bill." He was born in a Gastonia hospital and lived in Grover with his grandparents for his first month. Then he went home to Winston-Salem, N.C. where he lived until he was five years of age. On his fifth birthday (b. 5-21-44) a baby brother, Joel Ross Rountree (b. 5-21-49) joined the family.

After living a few months later in Metter, Georgia the family moved back to the mother's hometown of Grover, N.C. This was the latter part of August. Grover School still had the split session of starting the school year in mid-July, going six weeks and letting out six weeks in September and October for cotton picking. So,

Bubba started his school career a month late.

He went to the Grover and Shelby schools, graduating from Shelby High School in 1962. He finished Presbyterian College in Clinton, S.C. as a Second Lieutenant in 1966. He and his wife, Virginia Crutchfield of South Bay, Florida lived in Petersburg, Virginia, Ft. Devens, Massachusetts and in Shelby. They have one daughter, Laura Elizabeth Rountree, who lives with her mother and stepfather, Bill Hall, and young brother, Charlie, in Lakeland, Florida. In 1967-68 Bill spent a year in Vietnam. He has been employed by Minette Mills in Grover and Walhalla, S.C., and with Burlington Mills in Clarksville, Virginia. He is now with Armtex in Gastonia. He and his wife, Jo Ann Foster, and step-daughter, Jaquitha Huskey, live slightly over into the Gaston County line. He is a member and elder in the Shiloh Presbyterian Church.

Joel Ross Rountree was born in Winston-Salem, N.C. and lived there for about eight months at which time his family moved to the country near Metter, Georgia. In August of that same year, 1950, they moved to Grover where Joe, his wife, Patsy, their daughter, Katy, and son, Josh, still live.

Joe attended the Grover and Shelby Schools, graduating from Shelby High in 1967. He graduated from Davidson College as a Second Lieutenant in 1971. He completed his army duties at Fort Sills, Oklahoma and Fort Bragg, N.C. after which he attended Appalachian State University and received a Masters Degree. Subsequently, he has received two more degrees from Gaston College.

Joe and Patsy, daughter of D.L. and Maude Sellers Smith, of the Tryon Community near Kings Mountain, both teach in the Kings Mountain Schools, Joe at the high school (Social Studies), and Patsy (Special Education) at East Elementary. They are members of Shiloh Presbyterian Church where Joe is an elder.

Charles Glenn Rountree was born early in the evening of Monday, October 11, 1954. He lived until early in the morning of Thursday, October 14, 1954.

Holly Holmes Rountree was born Monday morning, September 16, 1957 at Kings Mountain Hospital. She lived in the house in Grover in which her mother and three uncles had been born. When she was nine months old her family moved to the country to the 'ole home place where her great-great-great grandfather had lived.

By the time Holly started to school, Grover and Bethware schools had consolidated with Kings Mountain schools. She finished high school there in 1975. She was a Sub-Deb that same year. That fall she entered Appalachian State University from which she graduated in 1979. She has taught (Library Science) at the Lingerfeldt K-6 in Gaston County Schools.

Holly's home is still at the 'ole home place where she still enjoys the rocks, the woods, the creek, the wildlife and many, many kittycats and one dog; and muses over the lives of the many folks whose home had been at the old home place.

Holly makes a "great" aunt for her three nieces and two nephews. She teaches a kindergarten class at Shiloh Presbyterian Church where she is a member.

Source: personal knowledge.

— Jackie Rountree

DAVID WYETH ROYSTER

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David Wyeth Royster (born December 26, 1893) was the son of Dr. Stephen Sampson and Olive McBrayer Royster. He was married June 26, 1919 to Margaret Hamrick McMurry, born April 20, 1896. To this union were born David Wyeth Royster, Jr., (born June 22, 1923 and Elizabeth Anne Royster (born January 30, 1927).

David Wyeth Royster was born in Mooresboro, North Carolina but moved to Shelby in 1910. After graduating from Shelby High School, he attended the University of North Carolina, graduating from the New Bedford

Textile College in Mass.

He and his father built, and operated the Olive Hosiery Mill for over ten years. After selling the mill he joined his father in the Gulf Oil Distributorship of Cleveland and Rutherford Counties. After his father's death, he was President of Royster Gulf Oil, and the Royster Transport Company.

He donated years of service to state and national trucking associations. He was a director of the American Trucking Assoc. and a director of the National Tank Truck Carriers Associations. He served as director and President of the North Carolina Motor Carriers Association.

He was appointed by Governor Dan Moore to the State gasoline and Oil Inspection Board. He actively supported the North Carolina Traffic Safety Control.

Governors Gardner and Hoey appointed him to the North Carolina Railroad Boards. Five other governors successively appointed him to serve approximately thirty years on the State Mental Board of Controls.

In 1962 a two million dollar hospital and administration building was given his name in honor of his service and time spent in planning the new building.

He also served on the boards of trustees for Cleveland Memorial, and Royster Memorial hospitals.

An active Democrat, David Wyeth served for years as chairman of his local precinct and in 1972 he was honored by his party with a big county meeting at which his Carolina classmate, Senator Sam Ervin, Jr., spoke of the special way he had served the Democrats not only the county, but the state and nation.

Governor Luther Hodges appointed him to the North Carolina Tax Study Commission. Governor Moore appointed him to the Governor's Advisory Committee of the Piedmont Crescent.

His other civic activities in the State included a directorship with the North Carolina Citizens Association and a past presidency of the North Carolina Railroads.

Locally he was a former member of the Shelby School Board for about twenty-five years, Director of Shelby Chamber of Commerce, Director of the First National Bank, Vice President of the Cleveland Savings and Loan Association and former member of the Shelby Parks and Recreation Board. He was a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, a Mason, Shriner, member of Gardner Webb's Advisory Board, Trustee of Furman University and served on the Shelby Board of Alderman.

It would be amiss if one failed to mention his love of sports. In high school he was manager of the baseball club. At Carolina "that place next to Heaven" he became a life long fan of all sports and was a member of the Ram's Club many years.

Although he never ran for any State political office, he was extremely interested in politics, education, and liberal in response to charity. A friend to any and everyone.

He died on December 21, 1973 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery. His wife Margaret survives, as well as his son David Royster, Jr., and wife Annabelle Ziegler Royster, his chil-



David Wyeth Royster

dren Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Burgin, Mr. and Mrs. William S. Porter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Roach and David Royster, III. His daughter, Anne Royster Taylor, and husband James Brock Taylor, Jr. and their children Elizabeth Anne Taylor, Alice Pender Taylor, James Brock Taylor, III and Margaret Royster Taylor.

Sources: Raleigh News & Observer, Shelby Daily Star, and family history.

— Mrs. James B. Taylor, Jr.

HORACE RALPH ROYSTER

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Horace Ralph, or Ralph as he was called, was born August 15, 1895 and died in 1969 in Mooresboro, North Carolina. He was the younger son of Doctor Stephen Sampson Royster and Olive Bruce McBrayer. His family moved to Shelby in 1910 after his father sold his pharmacy in Mooresboro, N.C. to become more involved in his increasing medical practice. They moved to a new and beautiful Greek Revival style home at 413 South Lafayette Street in which Ralph lived until his death January 9, 1969. He was a graduate of Shelby High School and continued his education at North Carolina State University. While there he became involved in many activities which are characterized by the following passage taken from his senior yearbook.

"H.R. Royster, Preacher, Hank Roving"

Textile Major, Sec-Treas. Tompkins Textile Society, Mgr., Baseball Team, Sigma Nu

"Yep. Preacher is from Shelby; and the funny part of it is that he admits it, and even revels in it — but some things are beyond human conception. Preacher is a cotton-mill man from the ground up, and even before he finishes his course here he becomes one of the big dogs in a mill, but we hear him tell of the days he spent sweeping the lint out. We believe him to be the best-natured man on the Hill, for he eternally had a good word for everyone, and thus he has gained a great number of friends here, as we are sure he will out in the great world beyond."

After his graduation in 1918 he served in France during World War I and was with the Army of Occupation in Germany. Following his military service Ralph came back to Shelby to work with his family business. He was Treasurer of Royster Oil Company and Vice-President of Royster Transport Company. Earlier he was with the Belmont and Double Shoals Textile Mills. A firm believer in land as an investment, he was associated with his father and brother Wyeth in many real estate projects. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Shelby and the American Legion.

His personal interest included a vast knowledge of European history, the American Railroad system, raising peacocks, Legion baseball, and his friends at the Shelby Cafe. It was not unusual for him to rise early and eat breakfast, go to work; then go to the Shelby Cafe and eat another breakfast so he could converse with his friends. An avid believer in the medi-

cinal properties of lithia water, I can remember making Sunday afternoon drives in his 1948 Chevrolet to Lithia Springs so we could replenish his stock.

In 1924 he married Kathleen Mattison of Greenwood, S.C. They had two children; Stephen Sampson II and Mary Louise Royster. Stephen Sampson II married Betty Lou Sutton and they have three children; Stephen Sampson III, Susan Sutton, and Michael Ralph Royster. Stephen Sampson III married Victoria Ramsey of Jacksonville, Florida in April of 1972. They have two daughters; Laura Allison born June 27, 1977 and Erin Elizabeth born October 27, 1979. Susan and Michael are not married despite the efforts of all their concerned friends.

Mary Louise Royster married James Sartin Wilkins and of this union there are four children: John Douglas, William Sartin, Stephen Ralph, and Franklin Royster Wilkins. Douglas Wilkins married Julia Bell of Asheville, N.C. in August of 1982.

Ralph Royster is buried in the Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, N.C. and his wife Kathleen Mattison Royster who died February 19, 1982 is buried beside him in the family plot.

Sources: Family members, 1918 Agromeck, obituaries.

— Michael R. Royster

HORACE TUCKER ROYSTER, JR.

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About 1700 Horace Tucker Royster, Jr's great-grandfather William Royster immigrated from Wales, and settled in Jamestown, Virginia. Later on his father, Horace Tucker Royster Sr. came to Granville County, North Carolina to live.

Horace was born September 25, 1838 and grew up near Oxford, N.C. He married Mary Elizabeth Royster (Born 1843) descended from another line of Roysters and Robards who, as colonists came from Wales and settled in Goochland County, Virginia. Later they too, moved to Granville County, N.C.

Horace Jr. in 1872, after receiving an excellent education, followed his father as a railroad builder. His father was President of the old Raleigh and Gaston Railroads, so in the family's tradition Horace Jr. took the contract to build the Western North Carolina Railroad.

The project started with high promise but the cost of such a job had not been fully anticipated by the backers of the road, and payments came more and more slowly as Mr. Royster pushed the line from Hickory over the difficult terrain to Old Fort, N.C.

Then the finances cracked and Royster, who had financed the work himself, where payments came more and more slowly found his personal fortune swept away.

Horace, ashamed to go home and admit failure, came to Shelby with his family. He and his wife taught school. Later on they opened a private boarding school in Rutherford County. They ran this for some years after which Horace became the first Superintendent of Education of Cleveland County.

One of his jobs as Superintendent was to



David Wyeth and Margaret McMurry Royster on 50th wedding anniversary



Royster Family Christmas — 1981

give certificates to those who wished to teach. In the Centennial Issue of the Shelby Star in 1940, W.E. White wrote an article about how the educational system had changed since 1882. There was no well equipped office and no stenographer in the Courthouse. So all prospective teachers went to Horace Royster's home (near Casar) for test. Mr. White said his father wanted to get his certificate, so he rode up to the Royster home. Upon his arrival he found Superintendent Royster and his son Stephen Sampson sawing timber with a cross-cut saw.

Mr. Royster stopped his sawing activities and gave him the examination orally. The prospective teacher was asked to spell "separate," "divided" and other difficult words; and then he was given some other "high light" questions that he was expected to teach. For example "name and define the parts of speech" "how would you divide one fraction by another," "name and give the location, and tell some of the products of the different Continents." After listening to Mr. White's answers Superintendent Royster wrote the date and gave him a First Grade Certificate to teach in Cleveland County Schools. Mr. White said Superintendent Royster was a well educated man and people of his type laid the foundation for our wonderful educational system of the present day.

On June 7, 1880 Mary Elizabeth Royster died leaving Horace with five children Stephen Sampson, Janie Robards, Willie Jones, Katherine Helena, and Thomas Satterwhyte Royster. Thomas was a tiny baby and Horace's sister, Mrs. John Jones took him to live with her. Stephen Sampson was about fourteen and his father left him in Casar to help a friend on his farm.

Some time later Horace and his daughters moved to Georgia, and there he was married again. To this union there were three more children, Norman, Herbert and a daughter named Indiana Royster.

Superintendent Royster died May 17, 1908, and is buried beside his wife Mary Elizabeth in the cemetery at the Methodist Episcopal Church South at Pleasant Grove in Rutherford County.

Sources: Wills, deeds, *Shelby Daily Star*, *Family Bible*.

— Mrs. D.W. Royster

MARY ELIZABETH ROYSTER

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Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Royster, born 1843-1880 daughter of Colonel Stephen Sampson and Jane Robards Royster of Granville County, and wife of Horace Tucker Royster, Jr. died in Cleveland County on June 7, 1880, the thirty-seventh year of her age.

She joined the Episcopal Church when only twelve years old, and lived a consistent Christian life, devoted to the ordinances of that church, the one of her infant baptismal vows, and the one in which worshiped her devoted parents, brothers, and sisters. She remained a true and sincere member of the Episcopal Church up to the summer of 1878 when she united herself to the Methodist Episcopal



Mary Elizabeth Royster

Church, South at Pleasant Grove in Rutherford County, N.C. under the ministry of Brother George F. Pound.

This change was made after mature thought and much prayers, unsolicited by anyone. (I speak knowingly because at that time I was enjoying the hospitality of her pleasant home, made doubly so by her sprightly and cheerful disposition).

A protracted meeting was in progress at that time and many souls were happily converted to God, many of whom were several young students and boarders of "The Royster School."

After uniting her destiny with the Methodist people she, at all times entered upon the work of her Master with marked zeal, was a constant attendant at the protracted, quarterly, and camp meetings, which she enjoyed to overflowing.

Mrs. Royster had a superior mind, observed with great exactness, and reasoned soundly. Her taste was elegant, and her opinions were wise and useful. She enjoyed the mirthful and elegant, and had a heart answering to every note of joy; but was ever practically wise and meditative. Wherever she went all could safely go. She was a useful member of the church, quick in work, sound in counsel, advancing in spirit. Her influence was felt in all departments. She was a sound woman in the highest sense, tranquil, modest, lovable and attractive. She accomplished much without seeming exertion. She was fully prepared to die. Her mission on earth was complete and quietly and victoriously she yielded up the ghost and slept in the arms of her Saviour.

Her mind was lucid and undisturbed. She noticed minutely every passing affair; directed domestic matters; spoke of her burial. She requested that white alone should be used, it suggesting to her mind purity. Her last days were crowned with constant joy, her death triumphant "Being Borne" — as she avowed to weeping friends, to a loving and devoted, yet heart broken husband and disconsolated children.

She requested that her minister Brother C.A. Gault, should preach her funeral from Matthew 24:44, omitting the adverb "Be ye also ready: for in such an hour as ye think not, the Son of man cometh." using the beautiful and expressive hymn "There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stain."

Her funeral, though the notice was short, was attended by many friends among whom were those who had received instructions from her as students to pay their last respects to one they loved.

Mrs. Royster graduated in Warrenton, N.C. in 1862 at the Female Collegiate Institute taught by Graves and Wilcox, afterward receiving a higher polish at the LaFabe School in Richmond, Virginia.

Mrs. Royster leaves a devoted husband and five children, two boys and three girls, to mourn their loss.

After arranging all her earthly affairs, she requested her husband to keep the children with himself that they would be a check in times of temptation, and being raised together would have the greater affection for each other.

She told her sorrowing husband to "Train these children, my husband for God, and let us form an unbroken circle in Heaven."

This tribute was written and given at Mrs. Horace Tucker Royster, Jr.'s funeral by her brother-in-law John Jones-June 1880.

Sources: John Jones letter.

— Mrs. D.W. Royster

STEPHEN SAMPSON ROYSTER

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Dr. Royster's great-great-great-grandfather, William Royster immigrated from Wales and settled in Jamestown, Virginia in 1700. On his mother's side, his ancestors were said to be of French descent, but as far as it's been traced the first John Robard, col-



Granny and Grandpa McBrayer. Front row L to R: Martha Blanton McBrayer, David W. Royster, Jr., David McBrayer. Back row L to R: Ollie McBrayer Royster, David Wyeth Royster.

onist, from Wales settled in Goochland County, Virginia in 1710. Both the Roysters and Robards came to Granville County, North Carolina in the early 1700's.

When Dr. was five, his father and mother, Horace Royster and Mary Elizabeth Royster, came to Cleveland County (1872). Horace took the contract to build the Western North Carolina railroad. This project failed and Dr.'s parents set up a private boarding school. Later his father became the first Superintendent of Education in Cleveland County.

Dr. believed the way to make money was to work for it. He recalled his own struggles, following his mother's death in 1880. He took a job plowing for \$6.00 a month, also any other job he could get regardless of salary.

He studied at Bell's Military Academy. On his twenty-first birthday he took the Master Masons degree, and at the same time he got his pharmacy degree. Prior to that he had worked in a drug store in Shelby paying all the \$11.00 per month for board and lodging. He utilized his gift of penmanship at night by copying legal papers in the office of John R. Wells then Clerk of Court, in this way he managed to buy his clothes.

With borrowed money and with Dr. C.O. Champion as his partner he opened a drug store at Mooresboro, North Carolina in which he held interest in for twenty years. He took leave from the drug store to attend the Tennessee Medical College. After his graduation he went to the New York Post Graduate Medical School. So limited was his money he walked the two miles between hospitals to save carfare. Regardless of hardships in starting he had a flourishing medical practice in conjunction with his drug store. He was also surgeon for the Southern Railway for many years.

On December 21, 1892 he married Olive Bruce McBrayer (born August 25, 1872) (died September 23, 1949) daughter of David and Martha Blanton McBrayer. Two sons David Wyeth Royster (born 1893 — died 1973) and Horace Ralph Royster (born 1895 — died 1969) were born in Mooresboro, North Carolina.

Dr. had a heart attack, and gave up active practice. In 1910 he moved to Shelby then a town of 1500 people to enter business. He built the Royster block on southside of Courthouse and later the Belk-Stevens block, the Olive Hosiery Mill which he and his son operated successfully for ten years. Other real estate investments made him one of the largest property owners in the county.

During the ravishing "flu" epidemic (1917) he "pitched-in" and treated over 500 patients (never losing one, he said). He bought the Gulf Oil Distributorship rights for Cleveland and Rutherford Counties in 1926. That was the family's major business interest thereafter. He was never too busy to look at, or buy a piece of property, or help some youngster get a business started when he felt the fellow was willing to work.

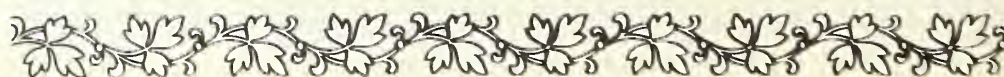
He served the City, as alderman, many years on the Board of County Commissioners, being it's chairman at the time of his death. Prior to that he had been recognized as the oldest active Chamber of Commerce President



Stephen Sampson Royster



Home of Dr. S.S. and Olive McBrayer Royster on South Washington Street, Shelby



in the nation.

Dr. Royster was instrumental in establishing the Royster Memorial Hospital (1949) at Gardner-Webb College. Now the building is Royster Dormitory. He was chairman of the original board of the Cleveland Memorial (Shelby) Hospital serving almost twenty-five years. He was of invaluable assistance in the business administration. He was a prophet in his concern that the Doctors keep adequate records of their hospitalized patients. Also in buying adequate land for all foreseeable future expansion. Many people remember him best for the beautiful arm full of his radiant roses he carried to patients every Sunday morning. He joined the Oasis Temple in 1910, and when the Shriners and their Ladies met in Shelby (1946) Holt McPherson wrote the following about Dr.

"Don't let those graying hairs on the fringe of that bald head fool you, for under them is a steel-trap brain packed with a fire and enthusiasm that is the envy of men half his age. If you ask him the secret of his long and active life, he'll attribute it to his non-use of liquor, tobacco, coffee — things which he's convinced shorten life — and the fact he refuses to worry — "worry" says this dean of Cleveland County Shriners and Masonry "kills folks."

He died of a heart attack on August 13, 1948. Mrs. Royster died a year later (September 23, 1949). They are both buried in Sunset Cemetery. David Wyeth and wife, Margaret; Ralph and wife, Kathleen; four grandchildren, David, Jr., Anne, Stephen, III, and Mary Louise Royster survive.

Sources: Family records, *Shelby Daily Star*.

— Mrs. D.W. Royster

THE WYTE ROYSTER FAMILY

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On what must have been the hottest day of 1939 June 13, the entire community of Fallston came out to see their first church wedding in the newly remodeled Friendship Methodist Protestant Church when Wyte Deston Royster and Nathalee Lackey were married in a ceremony performed by her grandfather Rev. William Dixon Reed of Greensboro. The village school teacher and the most eligible handsome batchelor were indeed the attractions.

The wedding party was mostly a family affair. Wyte had as his best man his brother-in-law, W.J. Wortman from Morganton; his ushers were Dr. Austin Lackey and Dr. Walter Lackey, uncles of the bride, D.S. Hamrick and Ralph Royster, his cousin. The bride's maid-of-honor was her sister Imogene Lackey; bride's maids were Mrs. Austin Lackey and Mrs. Walter Lackey, her aunts; Mrs. W.J. Wortman, the groom's sister, and Cerelda Lackey, the bride's sister. Junior bridesmaids were cousins, Coy and Ellen Peeler. Train bearers were Dale Lackey and Billy Wortman, cousin and nephew.

Wyte was the only son of George Sylvester (born Dec. 8, 1882 — died July 16, 1958) and Hessie Sweezy Royster, (born Dec. 16, 1888 — died July 10, 1968) who was an excellent seamstress. In fact she made all the dresses, except for the Junior attendants, for the wed-



Nathalee Lackey and Wyte Royster Wedding

ding party. His father was a life deacon in Fallston Baptist Church and served several terms on the Fallston School Committee. He was sort of a community advisor as neighbors came for his opinion on their problems.

The bride's father, John Lackey (born Dec. 27, 1891 Died March 29, 1962) was a farmer whose chief relaxation was coon-hunting. He always kept several good hounds. As a young man with the preacher's daughter Buna Brint Reed (born June 11, 1893 — died March 19, 1929) along with his brother Frank who was in love with the sheriff's daughter, Fuschia Lackey. They worked out a plan for the exchange of love letters under the steps of Friendship Church. Both couples were later married and sadly both brides died before their thirty-fifth birthdays within three months of each other.

John later married Pearl Shrum, (born November 14, 1896 — died June 12, 1952) daughter of Lincoln County Commissioner, J.H. Shrum, who proved to be a wonderful mother to his three daughters: Nathalee, Cerelda, and Imogene. John and Pearl always had the best and earliest garden, which they shared with their neighbors and friends.

Wyte (born June 8, 1912) and Nathalee (born Aug. 15, 1912) had three children: Hesta Brint — born Jan. 14, 1942, was graduated cum laude from Wake Forest University; married Bob Anderson, a RPI (now VCU) graduate and a furniture designer. They have three children; Cynthia Diane — born Nov. 29, 1964, Richard Brent — born Dec. 28, 1966, and Susan Elizabeth — born Sept. 22, 19

Hesta is Director of Christian Education for First Presbyterian Church in Martinsville, Va. where they live.

Willia Caroline born June 29, 1944, also a graduate of Wake Forest University, is married to Charles C. Ervin and is executive vice-president of The Ervin Company of Charlotte where they live.

John Sylvester born, Jan. 1, 1951, was graduated from Western Carolina University, married Lorraine Mattero, a Magna cum laude graduate of WCU. They have two children; Bryan Christopher born July 3, 1974 and Laura Lee born July 4, 1977.

John is a Cleveland County Farm Bureau Insurance Agent and lives in Shelby.

Nathalee Royster retired in 1972 after teaching 34 years. Wyte retired in 1975 after 23 yrs. as insurance salesman.

— Nathalee Royster

ROBERT LEE and NINA CABANISS RUDASILL

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Robert Lee Rudasill was born to E.A. and Lillian Smith Rudasill on November 24, 1903 in Shelby, North Carolina. Robert attended school in Shelby, North Carolina, finishing high school there. He was an outstanding football player. Robert was better known as Bobby.

Robert L. and Nina Cabaniss were married January 13, 1930. They lived out in the county with Nina's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T.P. Cabaniss. Nina helped her father operate a general merchandise store, and Robert drove into Shelby working at Lily Mills Company. He and his father made display cabinets for thread.

On September 13, 1931 Robert Smith Rudasill was born to Robert and Nina Rudasill. This was the first Rudasill grandson in the E.A. Rudasill family.

Robert Smith Rudasill married Betty Ann Essery of San Antonio, Texas on January 7, 1955. They have two lovely daughters; Audrey Gale Rudasill and Peggy Ann Rudasill. Audrey Gale Rudasill married Paul Jensen of Salt Lake City, Utah, December 30, 1981.

A daughter, Ora Belle Rudasill was born to

Robert Lee and Nina Rudasill on December 27, 1932. Ora Belle Rudasill married Glen Trivett September 2, 1956. They have two sons, Victor Glen Trivett, born April 29, 1957. Victor Trivett married Debra Davis and they have two sons, Shawn and Jet Trivett. Bryan Lee Trivett was born May 12, 1959.

Another daughter, Barbara Ann Rudasill was born to Robert L. and Nina Rudasill on September 10, 1934. Barbara Ann Rudasill married Gene Benjamin Blanton on August 7, 1955. They have three children; Reuben Benjamin Blanton, born January 7, 1961, Byron Rudasill Blanton, born December 8, 1962 and Nina Lynn Blanton, born September 10, 1967.

Thomas Michael Rudasill was born September 15, 1938 to Robert Lee and Nina Rudasill and he died January 7, 1939.

Robert Lee Rudasill spent a lot of time helping the alcoholic. He carried them to A.A. meetings in and around Shelby. He also carried numbers of men and women to Hebron Colony and Grace Home, Inc. at Boone, North Carolina, where they were taught Bible, helping them to get their lives straightened out. At Robert Rudasill's death, June 5, 1973 there was a beautiful organ placed in the Chapel at Hebron Colony as a memorial to him. Robert Lee and Nina Cabaniss Rudasill were members of Zion Baptist Church.

Nina Cabaniss Rudasill worked in the Cleveland County Tax Listing Office for twenty years. After Robert's death she went to work at Grace Home in Boone, North Carolina, as a Counselor.

Sources: Family Bible.

— Nina C. Rudasill

THE SCHENCK FAMILY

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The history of the Schenck family in Cleveland County, N.C., begins with Henry Schenck who resided at Garner's (Gardner's) Ford in upper Cleveland County.

Henry Schenck was a direct descendant of one Michael Schenck whose ancestors were Swiss Mennonites who, due to religious persecution, had settled in the Palatinate section of Germany. The German name "Schenck" which the family pronounces "Shank" is translated in English as "cupbearer": the officer of the royal household who served the wine to the king.

The immigrant Michael Schenck settled in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in the early 1700's about ten miles from the Susquehanna River. The grandson of Michael Schenck, also named Michael, was born February 15, 1771, and moved from Lancaster County, Pa., to Lincoln County, N.C., about the year 1790. A merchant and trader, he established the first cotton factory south of the Potomac about 1813, thus beginning a tradition of involvement with textiles by the Schenck family that continues until today. This Michael Schenck married Barbara Warlick, May 11, 1801 and in 1816 became partners in the Schenck-Warlick Mill with her brother, Absalom Warlick.

Michael Schenck died in Lincoln County, N.C., March 6, 1849.

Henry Schenck of Cleveland County, N.C. was the oldest son of Michael Schenck and Barbara Warlick. He was born July 1, 1802. "He married Sarah Ramsour and he resided at Garner's Ford in what was then Rutherford County until his death. He was a very successful merchant and farmer and accumulated a good estate for that locality." He was a devoted member of the Methodist Church. He had but one child, Henry Franklin Schenck.

Henry Franklin Schenck was born at Garner's Ford, November 29, 1835. He attended school at Cokesbury, S.C. and at Shelby, N.C. At the age of eighteen he was a merchant in Catawba County, and in the following year was chosen colonel of a North Carolina militia regiment. This military rank he held when the War of the Secession began and after raising a company in Cleveland County, which became Company F of the Fifty-Sixth North Carolina Regiment, he was commissioned its captain May 16, 1862, was promoted to major July 31 of the same year, and served until illness (tuberculosis) obliged him to retire September 1, 1863.

During the early years of the reconstruction era Major Schenck worked his farm and conducted a small mercantile business in Cleveland County, and later he established a flour mill and cotton gin. The old grist mill site he owned was in No. 9 township of Cleveland County, located on Knob Creek, about half a mile from the junction of that creek with First Broad River. The water power was utilized for the operation of the crude equipment of a cotton mill, which began operation in 1873, and the mill village that grew up around it was for years known as "Cleveland Mills."

In 1888, a new factory was built about two miles south of the older mill on the First Broad River. At the same site, Major Schenck, as he was respectfully known, or more affectionately, "the Major," also established and named the town of Lawndale.

Over an expanding industry Major Schenck maintained his careful supervision until his death. A successful industrialist, he likewise exerted his influence in public affairs. He was elected a member of the State Legislature in 1886. For eight years he was moderator of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association. He was a Mason and belonged to the United Confederate Veterans. He also is credited with building the first summer home in Blowing Rock, N.C., now a resort.

Major Henry Franklin Schenck married Lucretia Lattimore, member of a prominent Cleveland County family. Her great-grandfather, John Lattimore, was one of the earliest settlers of the county and was one of the rugged mountain men who defeated the British and Tories in the battle of Kings Mountain, where he was wounded in the thigh. He carried a British bullet the rest of his life.

Major Schenck died in 1915 having sired the following children: John Franklin, Minnie and Maggie.

Sources: *The Living Past of Cleveland County* by Lee B. Weathers; Family records; Oral history; Honorable David Schenck, *Historical Sketch of the Schenck and Bevans Families*, (Greensboro, N.C., 1884), p. 20.

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JOHN FRANKLIN SCHENCK

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John Franklin Schenck, son of Major H.F. Schenck and Lucretia Lattimore was born at Lawndale, N.C., April 17, 1865.

From early student days at Bell's preparatory school in Kings Mountain, through attendance in institutions of higher learning, John Schenck displayed exceptional aptitude in literary studies and in oratory. Among his scholastic attainments was the winning of a medal for literary excellence upon graduation from Wake Forest College in 1884, and the award of the Mangum medal for oratory from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he graduated two years later with the degree of Bachelor of Philosophy. Passing the state examination in law, he was admitted to the bar, practicing in Shelby and Durham, N.C. for two years.

Mr. Schenck returned to textiles to become associated with his father in 1890 in the management of the Cleveland Cotton Mills, at Lawndale, a corporate name later changed to Cleveland Mill and Power Company. Upon the Major Schenck's death in 1915, John F. Schenck became President of this mill and of another mill, Lily Mills Company, of Shelby, an added family enterprise organized in 1903, and named for his wife, Lily Moore.

Enjoying an exceptionally fine labor-management relationship, a particular contribution on the part of Mr. Schenck and his associates was in supplying high school facilities to the areas of the mills at a time when few of these schools were in operation anywhere in the state.

John Schenck, in association with his father, Major H.F. Schenck, built the narrow gauge railroad known as the Lawndale Dummy which carried Cleveland Mills products, and later, passengers, between Lawndale and Shelby. The railroad was a particular item of affection for Major Schenck and his grandchildren.

John Schenck, a man of strong conviction and inventiveness, is credited with several patents relating to the textile industry. He also organized the Lawndale Telephone Company, the first such service in the county and was Vice President of the First National Bank and the Union Trust Company of Shelby. He found himself antagonistic at most points to the policy and programs of President Roosevelt's "new deal." He was an active member of the

Baptist church, a Knight Templar Mason and a Shriner.

On April 30, 1891, John Schenck married Lily Moore, daughter of Sam and Lydia (Crouch) Moore. Sam Moore was a prominent Texas rancher and landowner credited with establishing the town of Moulton, Texas, where he reared his family and conducted his business.

Lydia Crouch Moore was a descendant of the Winters family known in Texas history for their participation in the Battle of San Jacinto, a battle for Texas independence.

Mr. and Mrs. Schenck had four sons: John Franklin, Jr., Hal Emerson, Samuel Moore and Jean Winter.

The following are descendants of these four sons.

John F., Jr. married Evelyn Pyle and their children are: John F., III, born July 20, 1921, married Betsy Roberts, (Children: John F., IV, Susan, Randolph, Evelyn, James).

Newlin Pyle, born August 16, 1927, married Rachel Ann Spangler, October 1, 1949, (children: Hal Emerson, born August 17, 1951; Mark Benjamin, born August 29, 1954; Ann Leslie, born April 9, 1957).

Michael, born April 5, 1933, married Joanne Scott Gaston, September 1961, (children: Michael, born May 12, 1963; Ann Margaret, born August 10, 1964; Catherine Scott, born May 20, 1966).

Samuel Moore married Charlotte Ansley Wilkins, July 2, 1923. Their children are: Ansley Moore, born January 16, 1928, married John Clinton Newton, Jr., December 22, 1947, (children: John Clinton, III, born December 6, 1949; Charlotte Ansley Schenck, born October 11, 1952; Robert Schenck, born October 6, 1957).

Samuel Moore, Jr., born June 22, 1929.

Jean Winter married Corinne Crowell, September 12, 1922. Their child is: Sandra Moore, born June 4, 1946, married Richard Kendrick Dedmon, January 25, 1975, (child: Susannah Schenck, born May 2, 1979).

Hal Emerson married Adele Masterman and died leaving no heirs.

Sources: *The Living Past of Cleveland County* by Lee B. Weathers; Family records; Oral history; James R. Young, *Textile Leaders of the South* (Anderson, S.C., 1963), p. 177.

— Sandra S. Dedmon

JEAN WINTER SCHENCK

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Jean Winter Schenck, youngest child of John Franklin and Lily Moore Schenck, was born in Lawndale, N.C., April 27, 1897.

He was educated at Piedmont School in Lawndale, Georgia Military Academy (now Woodward Academy) and Georgia Institute of Technology, where he was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

Following in the traditions of the Schenck family and at his father's request, Jean Schenck left Georgia Tech. to become Secretary-Treasurer of Lily Mills Company, established in 1905 and named for his mother. He later became President and in 1966, Chairman of the Board of Lily Mills. He remained active in



Jean Winter Schenck

this company all of his life. He was instrumental in organizing thread organizations in Cuba, Dominican Republic and other foreign countries. He also served on the Board of Directors of Continental Manufacturing Corporation in Manila, Philippines.

Mr. Schenck was on the Board of Directors of Belding-Hemingway Company and a Director of the Thread Institute of America. He served on the Board of Trustees of Brevard College and on the Board of Directors of the Children's Home Society of North Carolina. He was a Director of First National Bank of Shelby, N.C.

Mr. Schenck was a member and former President of Shelby Rotary Club and Shelby Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the Newcomen Society in North America and the American Textile Manufacturing Institute.

During World War I, Mr. Schenck served in the U.S. Navy.

Growing up in Lawndale was a fun filled and exciting experience for the young Jean Schenck and his three older brothers. Some of his fond recollections were of riding the "Lawndale Dummy", the train built by his father and grandfather, visits from Texas relatives and the two-day horse buggy trips to Blowing Rock, N.C., where he often spent his summers.

The John Schenck home was often filled with friends, business associates and relatives. Lily Schenck, with the able assistance of her beloved housekeeper, Miss Lucy Oates, was a gracious hostess.

On September 12, 1922, Jean Schenck married Miss Corinne Crowell of Lincolnton, N.C., the daughter of a prominent surgeon, Dr. Lester A. Crowell and Mary Jane Crowell. Miss Crowell was a graduate of Brenau College.

For a time after their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Schenck boarded with Miss Mattie Blanton in Shelby, N.C., where they joined Central Methodist Church. They later built a home in Cleveland Springs next door to his brother, Dr. Sam Schenck.

As in his father's home, this house was

often filled with friends, relatives and business associates. As active members of Central Methodist Church, Mr. and Mrs. Schenck for many years entertained that church's pastors.

The Schencks also had a summer home in Blowing Rock, N.C., and had many happy times there, particularly with their daughter, Sandra Moore Schenck.

Mr. Schenck was a lover of the out-of-doors and enjoyed golf, bird hunting and training his dogs. With his typical good nature and sense of humor he trained the dogs to say a blessing before their meals and to flip a biscuit off their noses.

He also enjoyed horse-back riding and showing with his daughter.

In 1970, Mr. and Mrs. Schenck built a home on what was to become Moss Lake and at the edge of his Fairview Farms where he raised Shorthorn Cattle as a hobby.

Jean Winter Schenck died July 26, 1978 at the age of 81.

At this writing, Mrs. Schenck still resides at Fairview Farms; she has one grandchild, Susannah Schenck Dedmon, daughter of Sandra Schenck and Richard Kendrick Dedmon.

Sources: Family records, Oral history.

— Sandra S. Dedmon

J.V. (JACK) and RUTH R. SCHWEPPE FAMILY

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John Vogeley Schweppe was born October 8, 1916, Tarentum, Pennsylvania, the only son of Walter and Ethel Vogeley Schweppe. A 1907 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Walter Schweppe, was the youngest of eight children born to Dietrick and Bernadine Schweppe, who had immigrated to the United States from Essen, Germany. Upon retirement as Works Manager for Franklin Glass, Walter Schweppe served two terms as Mayor of Butler, Pennsylvania. Ethel Schweppe was the only child of Washington Roebling and Mary Flick Vogeley and was a graduate of a private woman's college near Washington, D.C. Mary Schweppe Hoffman, wife of Paul B. Hoffman, was the second born and only daughter of Walter and Ethel Schweppe.

Jack Schweppe was raised in Butler, Pennsylvania, and in 1936 graduated from Washington and Jefferson College. While in college, he was a scholarship basketball player and a member of Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity. Among various assignments as a Navy Officer during World War II, he served as Commanding Officer of a rocket detachment in Brunswick, Maine and was discharged as a Lieutenant Commander.

In 1946, Jack Schweppe joined PPG Industries (formerly Pittsburgh Plate & Glass Company) as a Foreman in the Creighton Glass Manufacturing Plant. In 1951, with the fiber glass industry then in its infancy, he became the first Production Superintendent of the first PPG Fiber Glass Plant located in Shelbyville, Indiana, and later served as Plant Manager of the Shelbyville Plant. During the years in Indiana from 1952 through 1958, he was active in Church and civic affairs. Significantly, he was



John V. Schweppe, Jr. Family: Front: Left to Right: David II, John III, Mark Linderman. Back: John Jr. and Stuart.

a third generation elder in the Presbyterian Church with service to the Lord on the sessions of the three Churches to which he belonged during his adult life.

In 1959, the Schweppe family moved to Shelby, North Carolina, where he held the position as the first Plant Manager of PPG's Shelby Fiber Glass Plant until 1975 when he was promoted to a staff position at corporate headquarters in Pittsburgh. The assignment in Pittsburgh involved international travel with responsibility for site selection for future plants and licensing of PPG fiber glass technology. With six patents in fiber glass manufacturing technology and a career spanning the birth and growth of fiber glass manufacturing, he was widely regarded as a pioneer of the industry.

During his years in Shelby, Jack Schweppe was again active in the church and civic work both on the local and state levels. He was instrumental in forming a Boy's Club of America Chapter in Indiana and once again in Shelby. On the state level, he served as a charter trustee for the North Carolina School of Science and Mathematics; Chairman of the Duke University Medical Center Advisory Board and President of the North Carolina Citizens Association. After an overwhelming struggle waged with the same courage and spirit reflected throughout his life, Jack Schweppe died at Duke University Medical Center on June 8, 1981. His body rests alongside that of his son, David, in the City of Shelby, Sunset Cemetery.

Ruth and Jack Schweppe were married on September 19, 1942, in Butler, Pennsylvania. Ruth Elizabeth Ruby, born April 10, 1921, was the youngest child and third daughter of Willis McClain and Della Weigle Ruby. Willis Ruby, one of twelve children, was the son of Harrison and Abigail Graham Ruby and a descendant of Patrick Graham, a native of Ireland, first settler of Jefferson Township, Butler County, Pennsylvania, and veteran of the American Revolution. Prior to his death in 1955, Willis Ruby

was a successful independent oil producer whose oil lease holdings lie under what is now Lake Moraine. Also born to Willis and Della Ruby were Madeline R. Bixler, Willis Eugene Ruby, and Lois R. Oesterling. Ruth Schweppe, born in Prospect, Pennsylvania, was raised in Butler and attended Beaver College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Four children were born to Ruth and Jack Schweppe. John Vogeley, Jr., was born June 26, 1946, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. A graduate of Washington and Jefferson College and University of North Carolina School of Law, he and Frances Stuart Macomson were married in Shelby on August 17, 1968, and are parents of three sons, David McClain, II, born October 29, 1971; John Vogeley, III, born October 22, 1974; and Mark Lindeman, born November 9, 1977.

David McClain (September 1, 1949 — January 20, 1967), was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. An outstanding student, athlete, and musician, he was killed in an automobile accident and the tennis stadium at Shelby High School was built and named in his memory.

Willis Ruby (Bill), born April 20, 1954, in Shelbyville, Indiana. He served with distinction as President of the Shelby High School Student Body during a year of unrest and was graduated from Duke University. He and Martha Moore Rankin were married in Concord, North Carolina, on January 7, 1978.

The fourth child and only daughter, Sara Ruth (Sally) was born in Shelbyville, Indiana, on September 3, 1955. After becoming a state ranked number one junior tennis player, she earned a scholarship to Florida State University, where she graduated with a degree in music therapy. Following her marriage to Charles James DePaolo, III, on September 2, 1978, she became a successful teaching tennis professional.

Source: Family Bible, State and National Magazines.

— John V. Schweppe, Jr.

PERMELIA ANN ESTHER GREEN'S SCRUGGS ANCESTORS

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Permelia Ann Green's family was Samuel Hawkins; Selena Hawkins married Richard Scruggs; Elizabeth Jane Scruggs married Reuben Hamrick Green. Permelia Ann Esther Green married Andrew Jackson Green. To this union were born six girls and one boy.

Sources: family records.

— Ollie Connie Green

BASIL D. and MARTHA J. MARTIN SELF

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Basil D. Self (1811-1866) was born in Lincoln County, now Cleveland County, the son of John Self who was born in Va.

His first marriage was to Anna Lackey (1815-1848) a daughter of James Lackey and Jane Winters Lackey. Their children were: Cephas Self (b. about 1839), Zacheus Self (b. about 1842), Effie Self (b. about 1843) and an infant (1848) unnamed. Just a few days later, Anna died also.

Basil's second marriage was to Martha J. Martin (1833-1909) a daughter of Rubin Martin. Their three children were: Solomon Sylvester, Andrew J., and Sarah Elizabeth.

Solomon S. (1861-1919), was born in Lincoln County, now Cleveland. He was a farmer, school teacher, and a grave digger. He was well known for his accuracy in digging graves. On 24 Jan. 1892, he married Lillie Margaret Navy (1872-1924) a daughter of Peter Cornish Navy and LaRue Hamy Chapman.

Solomon and Lillie were members of Kadesh Methodist Church in the Belwood community and both are buried in the church cemetery. They had eleven children: Ruffin J. (1893-1898); Mittie Lee (1895-1975) who married Evans S. Weaver; Nelson Greer (1897-1976) who married Docia May Wright; Sibbie Frances (1898-1945), married Everette G. Alexander; Ollie Mae (1900-1981), married Rufus L. Dedmon; Clarence Madison (1902-1960), married Celia Champion; Sarah Jane (b. 1903) married John Fibra Poston; Claude Daniel (1904-1957), married Kathryn S.; Roy Houser (1905-1966) married Louise Murrell; Hester Etter (b. 1907) married Louie W. Sellers; and Bertha Lou (b. 1910) married Harvey E. Crawley.

Andrew J. Self (b. about 1866) married Louise Wright and they had five children: Clemmie Alonzo (1888-1973), married Annie Elizabeth Beattie; Henry Clayton (b. 1896), married Luzena Willis; Ray (b. 1898) married Mildred Huss; Odus Dixon (b. 1901) married Selma Dellinger. A daughter died as a young child.

Sarah Elizabeth (Lizzie) (1869-1921) married William Warlick (Bill) Dixon (1861-1910) and they had the following children: Henry Warlick Dixon (b. 1885) married Irene Harris; Ruffin Claude Dixon (b. 1886) married Sally Alexander; Martha Adeline Dixon (b. 1888)



John V. Schweppe Family. Seated left to right: Jack, Ruth, Sara Ruth (Sally), Willis Ruby (Bill), Standing: John Jr. and David McClain.

married Lem Williams; Hattie Susan Dixon (b. 1890) married Lee Boggs; Benjamin Edgar Dixon (b. 1892) married Blanche Philbeck; Thomas Clarence Dixon (b. 1894) married Mattie Blanton; Guy Roscoe Dixon (1895) married Lucy Lutz; George Dewey Dixon (b. 1897) married Creola Self; Clyde Hoyle Dixon (b. 1899) married Velma Houser; Maude Amelia Dixon (1903) married Marcus Simmons Gantt; Marvin Yates Dixon (b. 1905); Paul Dixon (b. 1909 — d. 1909); infants died in 1904, 1908, and 1907. Sarah Elizabeth S. & William Warlick Dixon are buried in Kadesh Methodist church cemetery.

Sources: Personal knowledge, Cleveland County Cemetery survey.

— Mae Self Cabaniss

NELSON GREER SELF 975

Nelson Greer Self (b. 25 Jan 1785 d. 15 Mar 1976), was born in the northern section of Cleveland County. The third child of Solomon Sylvester Self (b. 1861 — d. 1919) and Lillie Margaret Navy (b. 1872 — d. 1924). Nelson's grandparents were: Basil D. Self (b. 1811 — d. 1866) and Martha J. Martin (b. 1833 — d. 1909). His great-great-grandparents were John Self, born about 1777 in Virginia; and Larue Hamy Chapman Navy and Peter Cornish Navy, both of Burke County, NC. The great-great-grandparents were Joshua Chapman and Sallie Tallent Chapman and James Navy (1791-1849) and Martha Rayfield Thurman (d. 1865).

On December 21, 1916, he married Docia May Wright (b. 22 Jun 1895 — d. 20 Feb. 1943) at the home of her parents; James Berry Wright (b. 1845 — d. 1933) and Eliza Ann Eskridge, (b. 1858 — d. 1948). Her grandparents were James Wright, born in Virginia about 1817 and Elizabeth Newton Wright, born also in Virginia about 1817; and Richard Calvin

Eskridge (b. 1827 — d. 1857) and Margaret (Peggy) Hendrick. The great-great-grandparents were: William L. Eskridge and Roxanna Bailey Eskridge; William (Bill) Hendrick who married Charity Love, both of Virginia.

Nelson's second wife was Florence A. Epley. Nelson was a building contractor and farmer. His farm was part of the O. Max Gardner farm four miles east of Shelby, known as the "More Per Acre" farm. The Sterchi building at the corner of Lafayette St. and Marion St. in Shelby and the *Shelby Daily Star* Office building on E. Warren St. are two of the buildings he helped construct. There are numerous homes throughout the county he built.

Docia's expertise was in sewing and home-making.

When they moved in to the Elizabeth Church community, they joined Elizabeth church and became active members. Both are buried in the church cemetery.

Their six children are: Coleman Franklin, J.B. Buford Lee, Sarah Louise Self Norman, Kathleen Self Wolfe, and Mableen Self Cabaniss.

Coleman, (b. 1917) married Laura Mae Borders (b. 1916), the daughter of Mike L. & Donna Cline Borders. A son, Ronald Coleman, (b. 1942) married Jeanette Vess (divorced) and had two sons: Barry Coleman Self, (b. 1966) and Ronald Coleman Self (b. 1968). Coleman and Laura's daughter was Donna Kay Self (b. 1944) and on 22 May, 1965, she married Richard Darnell Reynolds of Charlotte, NC. Their daughter is Tracey Darnell Reynolds (b. 1967).

J.B., (b. 1918) married Willie C. Willis (b. 1917), the daughter of Clem and Emma Newton Willis. Their first daughter was Marcie Jane (b. 1940) who married Dr. Thomas B. Nolan (d. 1978). The next child was Nancy Eloise (b. 1942) and married John B. Waldrop, Jr., of Greenville, SC. Elizabeth Jane Waldrop

(b. 1964) and William Jason Waldrop (b. 1969) are their children. J.B., Jr. (b. 1951), married Cathy Elaine Bailey (b. 1951) of Greensboro, NC. Their children are: Joseph Bradley Self (b. 1976) and Kelly Elaine Self (b. 1979).

Buford Lee Self, (b. 1920) married Sara Elizabeth Borders (b. 1923) the daughter of Herbert & Laura Falls Borders. Gail Elizabeth (b. 1948) was their first child. She married John Daniel Dove, Jr. (b. 1948). John Daniel (Jay) Dove, III, (b. 1969) was their firstborn and his sister, Laura Kay Dove was born 1972. Buford Lee, Jr. (b. 1950) married Betty Jean Patterson and they have two sons: Buford Lee III, (b. 1978) and Robert Logan (b. 1981). Carolyn Dianne Self (b. 1954) married Robert Boyd Tate and have a son: Jackson Boyd Tate, b. 1981. Wanda Lynn Self, (b. 1957) is single and Kimberly Ann Self (b. 1962) is unmarried also.

Sara Louise Self (b. 1922) married James Alexander Norman (b. 1925) a son of D.B. & Ida May Harrill Norman: Their only son is Michael James Norman (b. 1945) and he married Connie Diane Hunt (b. 1947). Timothy Wayne Norman (b. 1969) and James Richard Norman (b. 1970) are their sons.

Kathleen Self, (b. 1928) married James Oliver Wolfe (b. 1925), a son of J. Lloyd & Jeannette Harmon Wolfe. Three daughters were born to "Kat" & Jim: Deborah Lynn Wolfe, (b. 1951), and she married Jerry Dean Harris (b. 1946) a son of B.J. & Katie Jolly Harris. Debby and Jerry have two children: Jonathon Kirk Harris (b. 1973) and Emily Katharine Harris (b. 1977). Betsy Anne Wolfe (b. 1957) married Joe Darnell (b. 1954) is the son of B.F., Jr., & Mozelle Darnell. Pamela Self Wolfe (b. 1961) is unmarried.

Mableen Self (b. 1928) a twin to Kathleen, married Joe Turner Cabaniss, Jr. (b. 1927), a son of Joe Turner Cabaniss & Gertrude Mae Beam Cabaniss. Mae Kathleen Cabaniss, (b. 1954) married to Richard Graham Merrell (b. 1952) of Hendersonville, N.C. His parents are Graham Franklin & Helen Williams Merrell. They have two children: Emily Kathleen Merrell (b. 1978) and Mark Richard Merrell (b. 1980). Conni Cabaniss (b. 1956) married Dale Edwin Willis (b. 1956) is a son of Edward H. & Margaret Dover Willis. Crystal Cabaniss (b. 1959) is unmarried. Chris Cabaniss (b. 1962) married Linda Faye Garrison (b. 1961) a daughter of Paul David Garrison, Jr., and Nora Frances Thornburg of Lincoln County, N.C.

Sources: Personal knowledge, and family Bible records.

— Mae Self Cabaniss

GEORGE A. and SARAH E. MORROW SELLERS FAMILY

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George A. Sellers was born March 10, 1833 to Michael and Lydia Sellers, who had nine other children: Nancy Sellers Guyton, Caroline Sellers Blanton, Lydia, Susan, Julia Ann, Mary, Henry, William, and Michael.

They lived in Union County, South Carolina

during the time Henry, William, Michael, and George were in the Confederate Army during the Civil War. Henry and Michael were wounded in 1863 in the Richmond, Virginia area. William was killed near Richmond, and Henry was killed at Petersburg in 1864.

George was in the Confederate Army during the Civil War from 1861-1865. Grandfather George always told that he went through four years of war without a "scratch" because he ran faster than the minie ball. Grandfather, a colorful old fellow, one night while camped near the enemy line, decided to steal the enemy's flag. He was told — "That's impossible." Grandfather came back carrying the enemy's flag.

In another event, grandfather had just a little bit too much "toddy" and an ugly English bulldog had bitten him on the leg. He decided that he would teach the canine a lesson or two in aggression and expediency, so he grabbed the dog up by his ears, and bit him across the nose. I think, the bulldog learned his lessons rather quickly.

On November 1, 1863 he was married to my grandmother, Sarah Elizabeth Morrow, and later moved to the old Dixon School area in Kings Mountain, near the Kings Mountain Battleground. They had six children: Mattie Sellers Wells, Elizabeth Sellers, Susan Sellers Harmon Logan, Lillie Sellers Love, Michael, and William.

Mattie Sellers was born 1869 — died 1941 and was married to John A. Wells in 1889. They had five children born into this union: Vane, Ethel Wells Bookout, George, Michael, and J.K. Wells.

Sarah Elizabeth was born April 1867 and died December 1891.

Lillie Matilda (1879-1956) was married to Lewis Agustus Love.

William Baity (1865-1944), was married to Rosanna Blanton in 1892. Eleven children were born to them: William Ambrose (1898), George Henry (1901), Avalona Sellers Gordon (1893-1970), Lillie Jay McMurry (1894), Agburt (1904), Julia Sellers Smith (1906), Essie Sellers Bennett (1908), Eva Sellers Bolin (1910), Alice Sellers Eubanks (1915), Vera Sellers Bridges (1917), and Jim (1912).

Michael (1872-1917) married Maggie McKenzie (1877-1953) in Austin, Texas. They had eight children: George William (1899-1937), Van Alexander (1900-1964), James Michael (1902-1966), Henry Franklin (1903-1972), Kirk Patrick (1906), Charlie Andrew (1908), Sallie Nettie Sellers Bennett (1910), Logan (1916).

Susan Sellers (1874-1958) was married twice. The first time she married Edward Harmon, and there were three children born into this union: Paul E. Harmon (World War I), Pearl Harmon Love, and Mary Harmon Randall.

She was married in 1904 to John Jackson Logan, my father, and they had five children: Thomas Gaffney (1905), Albert Pinkney (1907), Mattie Logan Ginther (1910), William Bryan (1913-1968), and Lula Logan Hardin (1918).

Mother was a loving, caring person to her family and friends. She was always ready to

lend a helping hand to all those in need. Her favorite songs were *Amazing Grace* and *Sweet By and By*.

Many members of this family were buried in the Bethlehem; Kings Mountain; Old Shiloh, near Grover; Austin, Texas; and Bethany, York, South Carolina.

Sources: family Bible, personal papers and letters, interviews with family members, and memories.

— Lula Logan Hardin

THE JOHN WESLEY SHEPPARD FAMILY

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John Wesley Sheppard (1849-1927) was the third son of Samuel and Mary Williams Sheppard and was born in Rockingham County, N.C. His family came to Cleveland County in 1845 via wagon train.

Although his parents were Methodist, he joined Bethlehem Baptist Church when he was a young man and was a charter member of Grover Baptist Church (now First Baptist of Grover).

In 1874 John married Elizabeth Jane Etters (1856-1922), daughter of Henry and Mary Howell Etters. Henry had fought in the Civil War and had lost his right arm at the Battle of Petersburg, Va. He was a farmer and had a large farm east of Grover. Mary Howell was born in the Zion Baptist Church Community north of Shelby and had come to Grover with her family as a child. In addition to Elizabeth, Henry and Mary Etters had two sons; neither of them lived to maturity.

John and Elizabeth got part of Henry Etters' farm and acquired several adjoining tracts as well as his mother's farm on Long Branch. When he married he was working at the gold mines near Kings Mountain. He continued to fire a boiler at the mine for thirty years. He and his family also farmed.

In 1906 they bought a farm from George Hughes. This farm had been previously known as the Westbrook Farm and was located in the Antioch Community in Cherokee County, S.C. They moved there from near Grover in 1907. They continued to live there until their deaths and were buried in Grover Cemetery.

Their children are as follows:

Alsie Ida (1875-1959) married William Frank Randle (1871-1956), son of William and Susan Ross Randle, in 1893. They lived and farmed near the Southern Railway east of Grover. They attended Bethlehem Baptist Church and were buried in the Church Cemetery.

Alex (Sam Henry) (1877-1953) married Maggie Rosana Randle (1873-1950), sister of William Frank Randle (above) in 1896. They farmed in the Grover area and were buried in Grover Cemetery. Alex and Maggie had twelve children.

Charles Henderson (1879-1944) married Leona Roxana Dedmon (1881-1963), daughter of Hezekiah and Roxana Weathers Dedmon, in 1900. They had three children and were buried in Grover Cemetery. "Charlie" and "Rocky" lived between Grover and Kings Mountain where the old Shelby to York road crossed the Southern Railway. He farmed and

served as the Constable and Deputy Sheriff of Number Four Township for forty years. After their family grew up they moved to Grover and later to Kings Mountain.

Robert Calvin (1881-1929) never married and was buried in Grover Cemetery.

John Pinkney (1884-1938) married Julia Gertrude Fellers (1882-1980) of Columbia, S.C. John was a conductor for the Southern Railway and died while on duty in Charlotte, N.C. They had no children and were buried in Elmwood Cemetery, Columbia, S.C.

Dock Sigford (1887-1955) married Maggie Leonora Spake (1890-1953), daughter of James S. and Alice Leonora Dedmon Spake of Shelby, in 1912. He was also an employee of the Southern Railway and lived in Greenville, S.C., and Spencer, N.C. After he retired they returned to Shelby to live. They had five children and were buried in Ross Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Shelby, N.C.

Katie Jane (1889-1961) married John Fulton Stanhope Goforth (1874-1957), son of Preston "Bud" and Mary Elizabeth Anne Ormand Goforth, in 1906. They lived and farmed in York and Cherokee Counties, S.C. until they moved to Grover in the late 1920's. They had twelve children and were buried in Grover Cemetery.

Mattie Sue (b. 1891) married Andrew Jackson Spake (b. 1889), son of William George and Susan Roxanna Irvin Spake of Shelby, on Thanksgiving Day in 1912. They have farmed and reared their family on N.C. Highway 150 northeast of Shelby. Aunt Mattie is the only surviving child of John and Elizabeth Etters Sheppard. They have ten children and have been married for seventy years.

George Carroll (1894-1955) never married. He served in the U.S. Army during World War I. He was a farmer and lived with his nephew Basil Sheppard. He was buried in Grover Cemetery.

Sources: Personal knowledge.

— Charles Edward Sheppard

THE SAMUEL SHEPPARD FAMILY

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According to my grandfather, Charles Henderson Sheppard, his great-grandfather, William Sheppard of Rockingham County, N.C., immigrated to America from Ireland.

William Sheppard and Sally Oliver were married in Rockingham County on January 17, 1809. Little is known of the family except through census and tax records. The 1820 Federal Census reveals that there were four sons and one daughter at that time. Only two of the sons are now known: Audie, who went West, and Samuel, who brought his family to Cleveland County. Mrs. A.J. Spake (Mattie Sue Sheppard) told me that her father, John Wesley Sheppard, who was one of Samuel's sons, said that he could remember when his grandfather died, for he was five or six years old. This would mean that William died about 1854.

Samuel Sheppard (1816-1863) and Mary Polly Williams (1823-1883) were married

about 1844. While living in Rockingham County, the family grew with the additions of William, James, and the twins, John and Nancy.

Samuel and Mary joined a wagon train heading West in 1854. In southeastern Cleveland County Mary became too ill to continue the trek. They dropped out of the train and camped for some time at the Harmon home, which was near the present location of Claude Harmon's Store between the City of Kings Mountain and Buffalo Creek on US Highway 74.

Family tradition maintains that Samuel and Mary had close relatives who continued with the wagon train and that they had planned to continue their journey the following year. Samuel rented farm land and waited for a year. However, when the appointed time came to travel, they had changed their minds. Mrs. A.J. Spake told me that her father, John related to her that his mother, Mary said, "This is a good place to live. Why not settle here?"

From the time of their arrival until the outbreak of the Civil War, they lived in the El Bethel Community. During these years three more sons were born: Samuel ("Doc"), Cicero, and Thomas.

In 1856 Mary's sister, Elizabeth Williams, came to visit and married a neighbor, B.H. Ware, who was killed while serving in the Confederate Army in 1862.

The eldest son, William, just sixteen years old, joined the Confederate Army and went to war. The family left Cleveland County and moved to York County, S.C. (now Cherokee Co., S.C.) in 1862. They lived on a farm on the south side of Kings Creek which joined the Houser farm and is now a part of the Kings Mountain National Military Park. In January of 1863 Samuel died of brain fever. About ten days later the second son, James, died of the same ailment. Both bodies were returned to El Bethel Methodist Church for burial.

In 1864 Mary bought a farm in Number Four Township on Long Branch and lived there until her death in 1883. Her farm was more recently known as the Kirk Dixon farm and is now a part of Archdale Farms. Mary was buried at El Bethel.

The members of Samuel and Mary Sheppard's family were as follows:

William R. (1845-1902) married Amanda Adeline (Addie) Whisonant (1854-1888), daughter of William and Namina Whisonant, of York County, S.C. He was a member of Co. "G," 4th Reg. N.C. Troops, CSA and was wounded in the War. They had six children. "Addie" and their son Luther were buried in El Bethel Church Cemetery. William was buried at Greenback, N.C. In 1890 he married Dovey June Beam Royster.

James H. (1846-1863) was buried in El Bethel Cemetery.

John Wesley (1849-1927) married Elizabeth Jane Etters (1856-1922), daughter of Henry and Mary Howell Etters of Grover, in 1874. John was a prominent farmer and owned considerable farmland in the Grover area. In 1906 he purchased a farm from George Hughes in Cherokee Co., S.C., and moved there in 1907. They had nine children and were buried in Grover Cemetery.

Nancy Jane (1849-1870) married John Dix-

on. They were buried in the Sheppard Family plot in El Bethel Cemetery.

Andrew Cicero (1856-1917) married Frances Caroline Etters (1859-1912) in 1881. They lived in Gastonia and were buried there in Hollywood Cemetery. They had eight children.

Samuel G. ("Doc") (1858-1933) married Sarah Roxanna Blackwell (1865-1942). They had four children and were buried in Hollywood Cemetery, Gastonia, N.C.

Thomas O. (1861-1921) married R. Caroline Allen (1853-1918). They had five children and were buried in El Bethel Cemetery.

Sources: Personal knowledge

— Charles Edward Sheppard

THE LESTER WILSON SHORT FAMILY

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Lester Wilson Short, founder and owner of Short's Boat and Motor Service and Shoco, Inc., came to Shelby, North Carolina, from Hickory, North Carolina, in 1934 to work at Cleveland Cloth Mills. He was born in Burke County, North Carolina, September 19, 1912. His parents were Walter Collie Short and Zepie Clontz Short. His brothers and sisters were Anne (Canipe), Vera Knox, Marshall E., Vernon, Larry, Pauline (Davis), Janelle (Pope), and Billy Joe. Before World War II he was employed by Kester-Groome Furniture Company as a salesman and later manager of their Cherryville store. During the war he served in the Quartermaster Corps as a 1st Sergeant from 1943 to 1945. After the war he traveled as a salesman for Shelby Supply Company before going into business for himself.

He was married November 21, 1936, to Betty Louise Austell (b. May 11, 1918) of Shelby, North Carolina, who was the daughter of Claude Love and Sue Borders Austell. Her brothers and sisters were Gertrude (Crowder), Harry, Max, Claude Love, Jr., James Everett, and Dorothy Bell.

Jerry Allen Short, older son of Lester Wilson Short, was by a former marriage. Jerry was born February 28, 1933. He was married March 30, 1962, to Rose Lambert (b. October 27, 1931) of Nora, Virginia. Their two sons are Taylor Allen Short (b. March 19, 1967) and Gary Franklin Short (b. October 17, 1969). Jerry graduated from Shelby High School, attended Western Carolina College, and graduated from East Carolina University at Greenville, North Carolina. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during the Korean War. He is employed as a budget and finance coordinator for the U.S. Government at Fort Monroe, Virginia.

Dale Albert Short, son of Lester Wilson Short and Louise Austell Short, was born March 26, 1949. He was a Shelby High School graduate, attended Campbell College, and graduated from Wake Forest University in 1971. He served in the United States Army Reserve from 1971 to 1977. Dale is Vice President and Sales Manager for Shoco, Inc. and Short's Boat and Motor Service. He was married August 14, 1971 to Anne Putnam Trammell (b. June 5, 1948). Anne was the only child of Daniel H. Trammell and Madge Put-

nam Trammell. Their two children are Adam Dale Short born February 13, 1977 and Stuart Douglas Short, born March 30, 1979.

Lester Wilson Short, Louise Austell Short, Jerry Allen Short, and Dale Albert Short were all originally members of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, North Carolina. Jerry later joined a Methodist Church in Virginia and Dale joined an Episcopalian Church in Shelby, North Carolina.

Photography and Bottle Collecting have been the hobbies of Lester Wilson Short. He is a member of The American Legion, The Elks Club and The Cleveland Country Club.

Louise Austell Short has been active in civic affairs of Shelby. She has served as President of the Shelby Junior Women's Club, The Junior Charity League and the Sustaining Auxiliary of the League. She has also served as a director of the Cleveland County Community Concert Association, The Shelter Home, the Cleveland Country Club, and the Gardner-Webb Bulldog Club. She is treasurer of the Cleveland Guards Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and treasurer of the Broad River Genealogy Society. She is a member of the Benjamin Cleveland Chapter of the DAR, the Shelby Woman's Club, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She is also employed in business with her husband as Secretary and Treasurer of Shoco, Inc. In 1955 she received the Business and Professional Women's award for the WOMAN OF THE YEAR. She sang in the First Baptist Church choir a number of years and is a member of the LOVE Class. She attended Asheville Teachers College and graduated from Salisbury Business College.

— Mrs. L.W. Short

GEORGE HAMPTON SIMMONS FAMILY

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In reporting his death on June 19, 1932, the Cleveland Star referred to George Hampton Simmons as "a gentleman, farmer and ginner of great repute". His father Squire Samuel Sills Simmons, born August 20, 1818, in Rutherford County (Cleveland since 1841) and Elizabeth Ann, daughter of William L. and M. Bailey Eskridge were married on August 18, 1840 by Rev. Drury Dobbins.

Four brothers Lee, Albarnus, Pleasant and Monroe volunteered into the Confederate Army. On June 16, 1861 his father was conscripted into service and was killed on July 1, 1861 at Marvin Hills, Virginia. Lee and Monroe received many honors for valor and distinguished services. Only Monroe returned from service and went to South Carolina. The widowed mother, with three daughters and a son eight, married Chandler London.

Mr. Simmons had three sisters, Eunice Jane (Jennie) married Caleb Andrew Thornburg, of the Dallas section, in Gaston county. They became the first residents of Bessemer City. They celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary there on January 4, 1945, two years after he had been honored as the oldest active Mason in North Carolina at the age of

93. Olive (Ollie) married George Parker of Double Shoals area who died soon after. She married Pink Williams of Lawndale and lived in the area. Mollie married first a Hobbs, then a Hartful from the Blacksburg, South Carolina area who returned to New York after her death.

On February 27, 1876 Mr. Simmons was married to Josephine (Josie) Perlina Martin, daughter of James Martin and wife Martha Mooney (Mauney) by the Rev. A.C. Irvin. The family lived in the Pearl Community (the present W.L. Simmons residence on Highway 226 North, 6 miles northwest of Shelby). Mr. Simmons operated a large farm. The first area post office, "Pearl", was operated from his residence. Mail arrived each Thursday from Blacksburg, South Carolina by horse carriage. He also operated a cotton gin, corn mill and shingle mill. Mrs. Simmons was well known for her good food. They had eight boys and three girls.

George Frank went to Paris, Texas where he married Pearl Hix. He opened and operated a wholesale grocery. They had one son and one daughter.

Mary Elizabeth married G. Pinkney Irvin, son of Rev. A.C. Irvin, a prominent farmer in the area. They had four sons and five daughters.

Burgin Albarnus who died at the age of seven, Pleasant Elijah who died as a child of six weeks and Thomas Leavenworth settled in Rocky Mount, North Carolina after finishing school and opened an insurance agency. He married Roy Lovelace and had one daughter.

Derwood Belmont (Dullie) married Mayme Cabiness, daughter of Esse Cabiness of the Swainsville community. They settled in Spencer where he operated a furniture store. They had three sons and two daughters.

Johney Fred married Rosa Isabelle, daughter of Marcus M. Mauney. They joined brother Frank in Texas, and returned to the Union section of the county in 1919, where he operated a saw mill and farmed. They had two boys and two girls.

James Lawrence lost an arm and was disfigured in a cotton gin accident at the age of ten. He attended Law School at Harvard, then practiced in Rocky Mount, North Carolina. He never married.

Katie Jane married John A. Wells of Mount Paran community near Earl, North Carolina. He was cotton buyer and secretary of the Dover Mill. He was manager of the Dover farms until his death in 1937. The marriage produced one son and two daughters.

Wilbur Lee married Margaret Louise Mauney (sister to Rosa). They farmed and operated a dairy near the home. After Mr. Simmons' death in 1932, they moved in and cared for his mother until her death in 1946 when they sold their home and bought the home place. His wife died in 1957. In 1959 he married Alma Mauney Spangler, sister to his first wife and widow of Chivous Spangler. The first marriage produced two boys and a girl.

Martha Madeline married Daniel Thurman Horn, son of James Alexander Jackson (Cobb) Horn. He was a prominent and successful farmer near Lawndale. The marriage produced two sons.

All Mr. Simmons' children attended grammar school at Zion and the Piedmont Academy operated by Professor William David (Billy) Burns.

Sources: Family Bible, tombstones, newspaper articles and relatives and friends of the family.

— Fred Martin Simmons

ERNERT ERWIN SINGLETON

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Ernest Erwin "Chick" Singleton was born Feb. 5, 1916 in Morganton, N.C. son of Marcus Gamewell and Mary Ann Gurley Singleton of Burke County, N.C.

After graduation from Morganton High School, he attended Boiling Springs College, in Cleveland County. He joined the Shelby National Guards, entering the army September 1940 with Company K 120 infantry, Fort Jackson, S.C.

Married Cora Ann Austell, born Feb. 29, 1920, daughter of Cora Ann Magness and James Petty Austell, Sr. of Shelby, N.C. They have one son James Marcus (Toby) Singleton born August, 1938. Now lives in Warrensburg, Missouri with wife, Sharon Stutler Singleton, and a son, Adam Neal Singleton, born May 23, 1981.

Erwin Singleton entered military service prior to World War II, serving for over thirty-three years. He did duty in England, Porto Rico, The Azores, Belgium and France. Also he did combat in many other European Countries during World War II, receiving five campaign stars and other decorations. He continued service throughout the Korean War and the Vietnam conflict. Ending his career after seven years assignment in Goose Bay, Labrador, retiring May 1972. He has continued to live in Shelby since retirement.

Sources: Erwin Singleton's military papers.

— Ann Singleton



Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Marvin Smith, Ernest Sherrill and Melba Ferne

THE FAMILY OF ERNEST MARVIN SMITH and FERNE ATCHLEY SMITH

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Ernest Marvin Smith was born in Stanley County, North Carolina, March 6, 1910, a son of Rev. James Marvin Smith and Nancy Elmira Morton Smith. He was a member of a large family, seven girls and three boys. He graduated from high school at Wingate College where he did two years of his college work. He completed his college work at High Point College graduating with a Bachelor of Arts Degree. He also studied at Wake Forest College and Southwestern Seminary. He met Edna June Ferne Atchley during their college days at Wingate and they were married June 17, 1936. Two children were born to this union: a son, Ernest Sherrill Smith born May 9, 1941; a daughter, Melba Ferne Smith born August 14, 1948. Both are still living.

Ernest Marvin Smith was licensed to preach in June 1930 by the North Albemarle Baptist Church, Albemarle, N.C. and ordained March



Rev. Ernest Marvin and Ferne Atchley Smith, Dover Church Pastor for Twenty-eight years.

28, 1935 by the Wingate Baptist Church, Wingate, N.C. He served numerous churches in North Carolina including churches in Union and Anson Counties, the North Park Baptist Church (now Lexington Avenue) in High Point and the McAdenville Baptist Church in Gaston County. He was called to the Dover Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C. December 2, 1945 and continued to pastor this church until June of 1974. During the time he was pastor of Dover Baptist Church, he led in the renovation and enlargement of the church auditorium, the building of a new Sunday School Annex, and a new pastorium.

In addition to serving as pastor of the Dover Church for more than 28 years, Rev. Smith served as Moderator of the Kings Mountain Association, President of the Kings Mountain Baptist Pastor's Conference, President of the Greater Shelby Ministerial Association and served as a member of General Board of the Baptist State Convention for two terms or a total of seven years. After his retirement, he was elected Pastor Emeritus of the Dover Church and served as supply and interim pastor in churches in this area.

Edna June Ferne Atchley Smith was born in Knoxville, Tennessee June 11, 1914, daughter of William Walker Atchley and Ella Frances Parrott Atchley. They later moved to Erwin, Tennessee where she spent her childhood and finished high school. She came to North Carolina to attend Wingate College. She graduated Cum Laude from High Point College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree and did graduate work at Western Carolina and Appalachian Universities. In addition to being an efficient pastor's wife she was a successful educator. It was under her leadership that the Cleveland County Program for Exceptional Children was established during the administration of Superintendent Horace Grigg. She began in the classroom at the Polkville School in 1960 and was elected Coordinator of the Exceptional Children's Program for the county in 1967 and continued to serve until 1977.

The son, Ernest Sherrill Smith, graduated from Shelby High School and Mars Hill College and attended North Carolina State University where he studied electrical engineering. He is now associated with the International Telegraph and Telephone Communication Systems in Raleigh. He married the former Sandra Mosteller of Shelby. Sandra has a secretarial position with the Brotherhood Department of the Baptist State Convention, Raleigh. They have two sons, Gary Brian Smith, born January 20, 1968 and Kenneth Bradley Smith, born September 25, 1972.

The daughter, Melba Ferne Smith, also graduated from Shelby High School and Mars Hill College where she received the Bachelor of Arts Degree. She later received her Master's Degree in education from Hunter College in New York. She is employed by the Mecklenburg School System in Charlotte and is married to Dr. Gordon Edwards who is on the staff of the Rehabilitation Hospital of Charlotte.

Rev. Smith's hobbies are reading, walking and maintaining the home at 502 Stroud Road, Shelby, N.C. Mrs. Smith's hobbies are music, arts, and crafts.

Sources: Family Bible, Birth certificates, Marriage certificates, license and ordination certificates.

— Ernest Sherrill Smith
and Melba Smith Edwards

MINOR W. SMITH FAMILY

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Tracing the Smith family from Cleveland County's formation originates with Minor W. Smith. He was a farmer, sawmiller, and mill owner, living on considerable acreage north and east of Sharon Church to the river.

The Revolutionary War Captain, Minor W. Smith, traceable to England was said to have lived in the Wilkes area from which he disappeared after the War, emigrating to the Tugalo District, S.C. Here his grandson, Minor W. Smith, married Jane Berry Kennedy, whose family reportedly had received a royal land grant. Captain Smith's son, Clater, appears in the 1800 Rutherford County census and his will of 1822 names children Elizabeth, William S., Minor W., Sarah, John, Charles C. and Clater S. (even with the passage of 200 years since their naming, many of these names are in current Smith family usage.)

The August 1841 Cleveland County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions lists "that the sum of \$15.43 be paid . . . to Minor W. Smith for plank for the Court House in Shelby." Deeds in this session also mention Minor W. Smith. The January 1843 sessions appoints an overseer of the road leading from Smith's Mills to Zoar Meeting House.

Of Minor and Jane's eleven children only four names, Jacob, Mary Ann, Thomas and Richard B. are identifiable with the possibility of a Robert B. and an Ellen as fifth and sixth names. Minor Smith's daughter, Mary Ann, married Coleman Doggett (March 8, 1841 first court at William Weathers house named Cole-

man Doggett Justice of Peace for the County). The 1850 census lists children of this marriage as Sarah, Frances, Minor M., James R.R. and George. Minor Doggett married Judith Margaret Blanton, 11th child of First Cleveland County Sheriff, Charles Blanton and Judith Hamrick. Their third child George, and Agnes Haliburton being the grandparents of Maude Doggett Arey, grandmother of my wife, Rebecca Carol Arey.

To assist future searchers of family connections (even aiding those who may wish to disapprove kin with some of us) I list the following family groups and dates: Loyd B. Smith (3-11-35-) wife, Rebecca Arey (6-24-38-), children Kimberly C., Loyd Jr., Scott W., Seth A. Robert F. Smith (2-7-33-) wife, Doris Moore (1-15-38-), children Shannon, April, Robert Jr., Laura. John Wylie Smith (12-24-09-) wife, Helen Anthony (12-20-12-), children Robert F. and Loyd B. Charles Robert Smith (1-15-89 — 12-28-53) wife, Laura Jane Jones* (1874 — 10-24-33), children John Wylie, infant daughter unnamed, infant son unnamed, Charles James (6-28-18-). James Avery Smith (12-31-1868 — 4-15-1938) first wife, H. Jane (9-15-1866 — 5-29-1902), children Charles R., Solon, Will, Marion Butler, Wiley E., Essie, Sally. Second wife, Maggie Glascoe (1-14-1871 — 10-13-1921). Third wife, Ancie C. (12-18-1894-). Charles C. Smith (3-7-1833 — 11-30-05) wife, Sarah D. Smith (4-11-1833 — 1-17-1906)

Sources: Federal Records, Waltham, Mass., Cleveland County Court House Records, Rutherford County Court House Records, Cleveland County Cemetery Book, 1830, 1840, 1850 Census, Sharon Church Cemetery. * See March, 1841 Court of Pleas and Sessions appointing Edmund Jones commissioner to run the line between Rutherford and Cleveland. Later naming him Trustee of Public Buildings.

— Loyd B. Smith



The James Avery Smith Family

THE ADAM PHILIP and ELIZABETH SARAH ALLEN SPAKE FAMILY

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The Spake family of Cleveland County traces its history back to Adam Spake. No records are known at this time that tell who his parents were or whether he moved to Cleveland County from another location. Adam Spake married Elizabeth Sarah Allen, sometimes known as Sally, daughter of William G. and Mary Wilson Allen.

Although no definite information is known about Adam Spake's ancestors, some information has been found about his wife's family. Elizabeth Sarah Allen was born July 18, 1821. Her father, William Allen born August 7, 1788 — died August 3, 1871, was the son of John and Mary Allan, in what was then Rutherford County. (Note that on the census record, William Allen's name was spelled Allen, and in his will, his father's name was spelled Allan. In each case, some one else did the writing, thus the difference in spellings). John Allan was "sick and weak in body but perfect in mind and memory" when his will was written on the 15th of October 1827. He mentioned in that will his "beloved wife Mary Allan," sons and daughters Mary Bradly, John, William, Lemuel, Willis, Nancy Morris, Carter, James, Sally Mayfield, and Mary Brisson. That original handwritten will is located in the North Carolina Archives in Raleigh.

Sally's mother was Mary Wilson Allen born April 17, 1784 — died December 14, 1853, daughter of John Wilson, Sr. and Margaret Wilson. John Wilson, Sr. evidently was a rather successful farmer, for in his will he mentioned "the plantation" and other real properties, as well as horses, cattle, sheep, negroes, farming utensils and implements, as well as the usually-mentioned household and kitchen furniture and beds and bedding. Children mentioned were Elizabeth; Mary, wife of William Allen, to whom he willed one hundred dollars; James, John, Samuel, and Thomas. John Wilson, Sr. also lived in what was then Rutherford County. His will is dated July 3, 1822, probated October Court, 1822.

Sally's great-grandfather was William Wilson, also of Rutherford County. His will mentioned his "well beloved wife Dianna Wilson" to whom he left "one hundred and seventy acres of land with the plantation and dwelling houses on it and as much of the stock and furniture as she pleases." He also left various gifts of land and money, dollars to sons, "shillings sterling" to others to children Moses, Pheby, James, Robert, Mobley (Molley?), John, Salley, Nancy, William, Thomas and Jane. His will was dated December 7, 1806 and was probated in January session of Court, 1807.

The census record of 1850 shows that Adam Spake and Elizabeth Sarah Allen were married within the year and were living in the household of William and Mary Allen. An indenture had been found for seventy and three-fourths acres of land from William G. Allen to Adam Spake and his wife Elizabeth Sarah,



The Adam Spake Home, circa 1897. Front row L to R: Maggie Spake Sheppard, Hezekiah Dedmon holding Mack Spake, Roxanna Weathers Dedmon, Leenie Putnam Wilson, David Wilson, Emily Wilson. Back row L to R: Miller Spake, Philip & Sally Wilson Spake, Fanny Spake Hord, Jimmy and Nora Dedmon Spake, Willie & Elizabeth Spake Wilson. On porch: Starling Wilson.

dated March 4, 1856. This land is in Cleveland County in what is now the east side of Shelby on Hickory Creek, yet they were still in his home when the 1860 census was taken on July 13. William Allen's wife, Mary, had died December 14, 1853, so they were probably living with him so he would not be alone.

Then came the War between the States, and as was the case with most men his age, Adam Spake fought in that conflict. He was taken prisoner and, as the story goes, because he was a gunsmith, he was put to work repairing guns for the Union forces and was fed, clothed, and treated better than some prisoners, thus he survived his imprisonment and was released on June 20, 1865. That release describes him as having light complexion, brown hair, hazel eyes, and being five feet, ten inches tall.

Adam returned home to his wife and family and took up farming again. He and his family, including eighty-one-year-old William G. Allen, retired, are listed in the 1870 census in Township #6.

In the *Ross Grove Baptist Church, 1881-1956* booklet, A.P. Spake is listed as a charter member, as superintendent of Sunday School 1890-91, and as church clerk 1885-89. He and his wife later moved their membership to Elizabeth Baptist Church and were active there.

Grandchildren of Adam Spake still living today tell stories of how they gathered at the grandparents' home for good times. Dona Spake Hord remembers friends and neighbors bringing picnic lunches and gathering at the spring for a day's outing. The house was located on what is now Crescent Avenue in Shelby, across from the spring, about three-quarters mile from Hickory Creek. It is pictured elsewhere in this book.

Adam Spake died September 16, 1893. His will is also in the North Carolina Archives in Raleigh. His wife, Sally Spake, died October 24, 1896. Bodies of both are buried in the Elizabeth Baptist Church cemetery.

Children of Adam Philip Spake October 27, 1827 — September 16, 1893 and Elizabeth

Sarah Allen Spake, July 18, 1821 — October 24, 1896, were (1) Mary Jane September 14, 1852 — December 4, 1898 who married James William T. Hendrick October 21, 1847 — February 22, 1928; (2) Larkin Monroe Spake (b. 1855) who married Louisa Allen and lived in Atlanta, Georgia. He died there and was buried in Villa Rica; (3) William George December 13, 1857 — March 16, 1935 who married Susan Roxana Irvin January 11, 1861 — September 13, 1940; (4) Sarah Elizabeth b. April 4, 1862 who married William P. Wilson; (5) Adam Philip, Jr. September 29, 1864 — December 28, 1933 who married Sarah Wilson October 7, 1857 — October 1, 1917 and Kate Gold; and (6) James (Jimmy) Samuel January 20, 1868 — December 1, 1919 who married Nora Dedmon October 18, 1872 — September 15, 1929.

Sources: Wills, Tombstones, Census records, Oral tradition, Family Bible

— Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord

THE WILLIAM GEORGE and SUSAN ROXANA IRVIN SPAKE FAMILY

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William George Spake, third child of Adam Philip and Elizabeth Sarah Allen Spake, was born December 13, 1857. He lived with his family in the home of his grandfather William Allen when he was a very young child. Later his grandfather lived with George's family on Hickory Creek in Cleveland County, where George learned farming from his father.

As a young man George married Susan Roxana Irvin. To keep his son from returning to Georgia where son Monroe lived, Adam Spake told George that if he wanted to farm, he (Adam) would help get things started. So with the help of family and neighbors, they cleared a place, cut logs, and built two log stables and a two-room house with one chimney. This became the first and only home of George and Roxana. They were married on December 22,



William George Spake Home located where Bost Bakery now stands. L to R: William George Holding son Lonnie, Susan Roxana, Lillian and Andrew. Man in background unidentified. 1895.

1881 and as the years passed and their family grew, so did the house, until it became the large family home remembered by many as being where Bost Bakery is now located.

Susan Roxana Irvin was the daughter of Ancil Jackson (October 2, 1815-September 14, 1895) and Elizabeth Beam (March 13, 1817-September 16, 1895) Irvin. She was born January 11, 1861, one of nine children. Her four older brothers fought in the War Between the States. John and Amos died; James and Abraham Christopher returned. A.C. entered the ministry and became a well-known Baptist preacher in Cleveland County. Roxana's sisters were Margret Easter Irvin married Frank Gold, Ellen Irvin married Cicero Wilson, Elisabeth Rachel Irvin, and Claudia Beam Irvin.

Roxana's grandfather was James Irvin. In his will dated 16 March 1845, James Irvin mentions his "dear wife Rebecca Irvin" and his "nine children and one granddaughter (namely) Sarah Workman, Susannah Irvin, Abraham C. Irvin, Rachael Early, Patsy Webb, James W. Irvin, Hannah Hardin, Ancil J. Irvin, Betsy Mason and my granddaughter Margosa Susannah Irvin daughter of John Irvin deceased . . ."

Roxana's mother, Elizabeth Beam Irvin, was the daughter of Christopher August 3, 1784-1849 and Margaret Gordon Beam January 24, 1793-May 7, 1873. Her grandfather was John Teeter Beam 1732-1807, the first Beam to settle in America. His ancestry dates back to Michael Beam b. 1702 of Hamburg, Germany, and Sarah Rudolph, whose family, according to *Sketches of the life of J.T. Beam and His Fifteen Children*, by A.R. Beam, 1897, traces its ancestry back to about 1300, also in Germany.

At this writing, four of the nine children of George and Roxana Spake are still living. They are ages seventy-seven to almost ninety-three. They have varied memories of the early life they shared with their parents. Andrew Jackson Spake, the oldest son, is now almost ninety-three years old. He tells of going to school at the first Elizabeth School, a one-

room wooden building that stood on the same grounds that the present Elizabeth Baptist Church now stands. He walked to school, and in cold weather his mother would tie a veil over his face to help cut the cold winds.

Lonnie tells of his memories of their Uncle Abe (Rev. A.C. Irvin) riding horseback to their house on Saturday, attending church conference, buying groceries, preaching on Sunday, then riding home again. He remembers Uncle Abe's preacher friends also staying at the Spake home.

It seems that the home was open to lots of visitors through the years, including friends of the children, visiting preachers, and even bridge-builders Hawthorne and Abbott, who built the second bridge across Hickory Creek at the foot of the hill.

Daughter Dona has memories of her brother Andrew sitting on the banister of their front porch reading the Bible to her. When asked his age, Andrew answered, "Oh, about six. I was just learning to read." Dona's Uncle Abe's Bible-reading and prayer time with the family during his visits stand out in her memory too.

Margaret, youngest daughter, tells of all the weddings. All five girls and their cousin Lou Irvin, who lived there several years, were married in the parlor. She laughed about picking flowers to decorate the parlor for the wedding of sister Lillian. After courting Willie Wilson for fourteen years, Lillian sprung the news of the wedding on her sisters by telling them that if they wanted to see her get married, to get dressed in an hour. The children hurriedly picked flowers to decorate the parlor, not knowing that before time for the wedding, all the flowers would close. They were poppies whose blooms closed toward evening. Margaret said her wedding to Herbert Long was "very plain . . . just enough present to sign the license . . . because I was the last one, don't you know."

One highlight of their youth was going to parties every week or two at their home or homes of cousins or neighbors. They had a good time playing "wink" and doing such

things as popping corn, cooking peanuts, and making molasses candy.

Back home they remember the good food their mother cooked and all the honey they enjoyed from the beehives their father tended. George Spake was a man of medium height, with dark brown hair and brown eyes. Andrew remembers him without a mustache, but all the other children and grandchildren remember a mustache as a trademark. Another characteristic was that he liked to dress up, but never liked to wear a tie.

They all remember their mother's pretty blue eyes. She was always a little heavy and wore her hair in a knot on top of her head, and wore a long dress with a white collar. Her brown hair turned gray and was remembered that way by all her children. Most of all she is remembered for her gentleness and kindness.

After William George died (March 16, 1935), Susan Roxana went to live with Irvin and Mabel and with Margaret and Herbert. She died September 13, 1940. Bodies of both George and Roxana are buried in the cemetery at Elizabeth Church. They were members of Elizabeth for many years.

Sources: Family Genealogy Sheet, Family Bible, Wills, Conversation with Family Members, Tombstones.

— Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord
and Dorothy Carol Hord Hawkins

THE WILLIAM GEORGE and SUSAN ROXANA IRVIN SPAKE FAMILY

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William George and Susan Roxana Irvin Spake had nine children. Thomas Abram died at the age of two. The others grew to adulthood, married and had families.

Josie Ella was born October 20, 1882. She married Durwood Belmont Hughes (January 28, 1876 — November 8, 1959) on August 8, 1908. Her sister Margaret says it was "a grand affair with lots of people present. Uncle Abe married them." Josie had one son, William Sanford. She died September 23, 1958.

Annie Elizabeth (January 8, 1885 — December 26, 1962) married John Ellis Roberts July 14, 1880 — Feb. 6, 1953 in a home wedding on December 24, 1913. The bride in her long white wedding dress posed for a photograph with the groom and all the guests. That photo is still in the possession of the Roberts family. Annie's children are Annie Laura, Emma Irene, Buena Mae (Bonnie), and John Elgin.

Andrew Jackson, oldest son, was born April 29, 1889. He tells of plowing his favorite mule named Jack, and helping his father on the farm. They raised corn, cotton, and potatoes, and he thought that was "the only way to make any money." Andrew married Mattie Sue Sheppard (b. September 25, 1891) on November 28, 1912. He farmed as an adult too. Their children are Everette Lamar, Elizabeth Sue, George Wesley, Mary Ruth, Charles Andrew, Bobby Irvin, Martha Jane, John Ray, and Henry Jackson. One child died in infancy.

Bertha Lillian was born September 30, 1891 — died March 7, 1968. She was known

for the amount of news she could write on a postal card. She also never let anyone leave her home after a visit without taking a gift of potatoes, jam, jelly or something else she had made. She married Willie Wilson (November 11, 1891 — Mary 28, 1968) on April 27, 1921. Their children: Sue who died November 8, 1979, Jane, Billy, Jimmy and Beth.

George Alonzo, known to family and friends as "Lonnie" was born August 11, 1894. He was the only son to serve in World War II. He was supply sergeant in France and made friends with a french family who insisted that he stay at their home. He remembers sleeping on that "good feather bed." He married Emma Pratt McGill (January 14, 1899 — September 21, 1962) and from that marriage were born Joe McGill, William Gene, and Rebecca Ann. His second marriage was to Kate Borders Roberts (November 25, 1898 — September 7, 1979), on June 12, 1963. On July 14, 1978 he married Verie Randle Cline (b. July 16, 1906).

Dona Blanche was born August 11, 1897. She remembers as a child the days that "Mama would wash our faces and hands, put clean dresses on us, and we would all walk back to the railroad and up to Cousin Lou's house, Albert Dedmon's in Ross Grove Community. We'd stay all day and visit. Then late in the afternoon, we would walk home. We had such a good time!" Dona married Raymond Dewey Hord on September 15, 1920. Their children: Mary Sue, Elizabeth Elaine (November 7, 1923 — February 14, 1924), Dorothy Carol, Horace Blainey, and a son who died in infancy.

Irvin Monroe was born March 5, 1902. He, like his father and brothers, was a farmer. He married Mabel Whisnart on March 2, 1927. Mabel tells of her wedding to Irvin at the home of Preacher Lowe on what is now Highway 74-A East, near Elizabeth Church. Snow was so deep that they had difficulty getting to the preacher's house. Being unable to go anywhere for a honeymoon, Irvin took his bride back to the home of his parents where they found a big roaring fire in the fireplace of their room — a nice warm welcome to the new couple, who lived there a few years. Mabel says that Grandma Spake was one of the finest persons she has ever known. Children of Mabel and Irvin are Robert Irvin and Barbara Ann.

Margaret Susan was born January 18, 1905. She has always been known to remember many details and has been a valuable source of information for those wishing to learn about the family. She is a fun-loving and vivacious person who married Walter Herbert Long (September 24, 1903 — December 25, 1973) on May 20 1925. Children of this marriage are Rachel Louise, Max Eugene, Hugh Brevard, and Edwin Wayne.

Sources: Family Genealogy Sheet, Family Bible, Conversation with Family Members.

— Mary Ruth Dedmon Hord
and Dorothy Carol Hord Hawkins

ABB SYLVESTER SPANGLER FAMILY

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Abb Sylvester Spangler was born January 25, 1901. He was the son of James Webb and Emma Spangler. They owned a farm across the river from Double Shoals Mill. Abb was living with his parents and helping on the farm at the time of his fathers' death April 22, 1925, and being the oldest of four children still at home he stayed there and managed the farm for his mother.

Abb and Mittie Warlick were married November 17, 1926. They bought the farm in 1928 and his mother lived with them until her death January 7, 1964.

They had four children, three girls and one boy. The oldest child Mary Ruth, born November 10, 1927, married Roy Dedmon, January 1, 1949. They have one son Rodney Kevin, born June 29, 1960.

Lillian Doris was born February 5, 1930. She married Carl Dedmon, April 16, 1950. They have two children. Alice June was born July 16, 1953 and married Edward Yarboro, December 13, 1980. Richard Carlson was born December 11, 1956, and married Marjorie Fesperman October 20, 1979.

Sadie Marilyn was born October 30, 1931 and married Donald Wright, September 2, 1951. They have two children and three grandchildren. Robert Neil was born August 9, 1953. He married Lynn Price, July 15, 1973. They have two children. Wendy Carole born May 10, 1976. Wesley Neil born September 18, 1980. Rhonda Joy was born October 23, 1955. She married David Hamrick, August 17, 1975. They have one son David Ryan, born Jan. 5, 1977.

James Clarence was born December 11, 1934. He married Carolyn Branton, October 16, 1966. They have two sons. Gregory James born June 2, 1971. Grant Carson born August 30, 1974.

Abb was a kind, good-natured man and made lots of friends. He was a member of Double Shoals Baptist Church. He died from a heart attack November 20, 1980, and was buried in the church cemetery where he had attended all of his life.

Sources: Family sources.

— Mrs. A.S. Spangler

ABSALOM (ABNER, AB) B. SPANGLER

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It is not known the exact date the Spangler family came from Pennsylvania via Virginia to North Carolina, but it was somewhere around the turn of the century — 19th century, that is.

Absalom Spangler, ancestor of all the Cleveland County Spanglers was born c. 1810 or 1811 in North Carolina. His brothers evidently moved to other areas but Absalom married and chose to settle in what would eventually become Cleveland County North Carolina. He married Martha "Sally" or "Patsy" London in the early 1830's and to this union at least nine children were born:

Sarah J. m. James B. Harris (believed to have gone to Texas), Jonathan Spangler married Barbra Hendrick, William Neal Spangler married Elmira Elliott, Mary Ann Spangler married A. Frank Connor, James Webb married Charity Margaret Wilson, Martha Elizabeth Spangler married twice 1 m. Judge G. (J.S.) Haney 2 m. Newton A. Campbell, David S. Spangler — died as a child, Trannia (sp?) — evidently died as a young child, Reuben Alexander Spangler married twice 1 m. Lola Branton 2 m. Minnie Le Weathers.

Absalom was a farmer who lived just north of Shelby on land which now may be partially within the city limits. After his first wife died in the mid 1850's, he married her widowed sister, Lucinda London Glascock (June 9, 1861). There were no children to this union.

In a little more than a year after his second marriage, Absalom, at the age of 50 plus, entered the Civil War (Co. E 12th Regiment Infantry, CSA) December 1, 1862 serving in the same company with son William and the same army as son Jonathan (Co. F, 56th Infantry). Absalom entered as a substitute for Samuel J. Green.

The Spanglers in Cleveland County are descendants of Absalom's sons — Jonathan, William and R.A. Spangler with most of them being from the Jonathan Spangler family. Webb has some county descendants but none carry the Spangler name.

William Spangler married Elmira Elliott and they moved to Rutherford County. Of their eight children — five boys and three girls, his son Jim was the only one to come back to Cleveland County to live. The others lived in Rutherford County with five of them eventually going to Montana and one to Tennessee.

R.A. Spangler married twice — 1m. Lola Branton (two children), 2m. Minnie Lee Weathers (seven children). Of these nine children, Will and Ernest were the only boys to have offspring carrying the Spangler name to live in Cleveland County. R.A. was a farmer living in the northern part of what is now Shelby on some of the land owned by his father Absalom.

Jonathan Spangler, the second child and first son of Absalom and Martha, married Barbra Hendrick, September 23, 1856. They had four sons and a daughter — John Thomas "Tom", William Schenck, Martha Missouri, James Webb and Abson Dixon "Dick" with Dick being born six months after Jonathan's death.

Absalom left a long list of descendants with some of them now in the seventh, eighth and ninth generation. Absalom lived to be some 70 plus years old, dying September 9, 1872. During his lifetime his country grew from a child to almost time to celebrate its' one hundredth birthday. During this time the United States fought both the Mexican and Civil Wars, the gold rush took place and Cleveland County was formed in 1841 from Rutherford and Lincoln Counties.

— Theresa Lowe



ABSON DIXON "DICK" and NANNIE PATIENCE GREEN SPANGLER

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Abson Dixon "Dick" Spangler (July 5, 1867 — November 17, 1946) was born six months after his father died from blood poisoning in the wound he received in the Civil War. Dick, the fourth son and fifth child of Jonathan and Barbra Hendrick Spangler, never knew his father except through the memories of his mother. He grew up in the Double Shoals Community of Cleveland County, North Carolina and when he was twenty years old he married Nannie Patience Green on December 1, 1887.

Patience "Patie" (September 3, 1867 — April 20, 1925) was born in Boiling Springs, Cleveland County, North Carolina. After her parents, John and Sarah Green, died, she came to stay with her married brother, J. Mac Green, in the Double Shoals Community. Before long she met Mac's brother-in-law, Dick Spangler. After a courtship of about a year they married.

Dick acquired land just across the river from his homeplace and there he and Patie built a home and raised their twelve children — six boys and six girls — Mary (Mrs. Chesley Hendrick), Amos Phylector "Leck", (Vera Warlick) Arthur Lee "Oss" (Lesta Eskridge), Euna (Mrs. Needham Stockton), Eva (Mrs. R.C. Laughlin), Flossie (Mrs. Clyde Cornwell), Essie (Mrs. Yates Sperling), Yates (m. Daisy Beam), Carl (m. Fannie Lou Kistler), Clemmie (m. Veva C. Yelton), Eubert (m. Edith Beam), and Novella (Mrs. Paul Dixon).

Dick and Patie were charter members of Double Shoals Baptist Church, having gone to Zion before Double Shoals was organized in 1899.

Patie was a dedicated Christian woman. According to obituary she was "one of the county's most thoroughly consecrated Christian mothers whose financial aid and personal work in Double Shoals Church will perpetuate her memory in years to come." She was "a beautiful Christian character who practiced her religion wherever she was and under all circumstances — in adversity and success, in joy and in sorrow, bending knees in silent prayer every night before she retired. The yearning of her heart being that her life would be spared till she could see her dozen children give their hearts to the Savior. This she lived to realize." She loved her children dearly. When son Carl became sick with pneumonia and just about died, she prayed that God would take her life and spare her child. As Carl began to get well, she took pneumonia and died.

Dick was a farmer and land owner. He was highly successful in his farming activities and became one of the largest land owners in upper Cleveland County. He planted various crops but his favorite was cotton. He loved to see that cotton grow and loved to talk about his mules. Dick always had a story to tell and loved to talk when anyone would listen. He could entertain anybody and was always good company to be around. As a passtime he enjoyed foxhunting. Sometimes they would even buy

fox and turn them loose.

With the large farm there was always work to be done and more than the boys could do themselves. So Dick had several tennant houses on the place and he hired them to help with the crops. Sharecropping became a way of life for the farmers. They owned the land, provided the tennants with a house, provided the seed, the land, fertilizer, etc. while the tennant provided the labor and when the crop was harvested, the profits were divided between the land owner and the tennant.

When it was time to plant, plough or harvest and the men were in the fields, Patie would cook enough food to fix baskets to carry to the hands in the fields. None were going to go hungry.

Patie died at the age of fifty-seven. Dick lived some twenty-two years longer to the age of seventy-nine. Both are buried in the Double Shoals Baptist Church cemetery.

Sources: *Cleveland Star*, Fri. April 24, 1925.

— Theresa S. Lowe

THE AMOS PHYLECTOR SPANGLER FAMILY

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Amos Phylector (Leck) Spangler, Sr. (January 21, 1891 — August 9, 1961) was the oldest son of Abson Dixon (Dick) Spangler and Patience Green. Being one of twelve children and the oldest son, he did not have the opportunity to obtain as much education as did some of his younger brothers and sisters. He remained at home and farmed with his father until he was almost thirty-four years old. On December 23, 1924, he married Vera Falls Warlick, born December 3, 1903, the oldest child of Clarence C. Warlick and Margaret Falls.

Shortly before their marriage, Leck bought a farm just across the river from where he was reared. This was the home place of Jonathan and Barbara Hendricks Spangler (his grandparents). Soon after they were married they moved to the farm into a house that had been built by an Uncle, Mac Green. Although he was plagued with stomach ulcers from early adulthood, he continued to run his farm, rising early and working late.

He was a quiet, easy-going, peaceable man, expressing quite often "It's not worth fussing over". He believed firmly that a man's word was his bond, feeling bound as much by a spoken promise as a written one.

Vera graduated from Piedmont High School and taught school for several years, but soon gave it up to have a family and to help her husband. On the farm, she did whatever the occasion called for, usually hoeing or picking cotton, their main crop. One thing carried over from childhood was her dislike for hoeing corn. She felt so strongly about this that she seldom did it, nor did she force her children to do it.

Another incident from her childhood greatly influenced the rearing of her children. While her mother was giving a younger brother some castor oil, he had a convulsion, became strangled and later that night he died. So her children never had to take castor oil, one of the

most common "cure-alls" of that time.

Leck was a life-long member of Double Shoals Baptist Church and Vera joined there shortly after their marriage. It was through the influence of this church and their family life that they instilled in their six children their Christian ideals. Of the six children: Robert E, Boyd E, Margaret, Ray W., Faye and Amos, Jr., only two have joined other churches. The other four are still faithful members of Double Shoals. Margaret joined her husband's home church, Elizabeth; and Ray and his wife joined the Baptist church in Sylva, where they now live.

Robert, born March 31, 1928, married Amy Sparks and they live in Shelby. He is owner of Burns and Spangler, Inc, Highway Contractors. They have two daughters: Kimberly (Mrs. Michael Craig) is a graduate of Meredith College and teaches school while her husband is in medical school at East Carolina. Kathy is a freshman at Mars Hill College.

Boyd, born September 23, 1929, married Joyce Williamson and works with Robert in the construction business. They live near Double Shoals and have three children; Terry married Patricia Willis and they have a daughter Virginia (Ginger). Terry works with Burns and Spangler, Inc. Wanda (Mrs. Kenneth Boggs, Jr.) graduated from Western Carolina University and is a teacher in the Cleveland County School System. Todd lives at home and works in construction work and on the farm.

Margaret, born May 9, 1933, married Billy Wilson and they farm on the homeplace of Bill's father, Willie Wilson near Shelby. They have five children: Sandra (Mrs. Michael Catching) graduated from N.C. State and is a programmer analyst, in Raleigh. Karen (Mrs. Tony Ganey) lives in Savannah, Ga. and works in an office there. Larry married Kathleen (Kathy) Hamrick and they have a daughter, Elizabeth Kathleen (Katie). He graduated from N.C. State and received his masters degree in plant protection and pest management from University of Georgia. He farms with his father. Alan attended Western Carolina, but he decided he was more interested in farming than in books. He lives at home and farms with his father and is beginning a sand business. Ann, a senior at Shelby High, plans to enter N.C. State this fall to study computer science.

Ray, born September 15, 1938, married Vida McSwain. He is a graduate of N.C. State and is Division Engineer for the N.C. State Highway Department, located in Sylva. They have three children: Gary, a high school senior, plans to enter college this fall. Lee, is in high school and Rebecca is three years old.

Faye, born January 31, 1940, married Jerry Towery and they built a house just across the road from her parents. Faye graduated from Kings Business College and is bookkeeper at Carolina Dairy. They have two sons: Ricky, lives with his parents and works at bridge construction with his father. Dixon is a sophomore at Burns High.

Amos, born January 12, 1945, married Margaret Greene, and they also built a home on the farm near his parents. Amos is employed with Burns and Spangler, Inc. Margaret is employed in the office of Shelby Medical

Associates. They have two children: Jonathan (named after his great-great grandfather Spangler) is in the first grade at Dover School and April is two years old.

Sources: personal knowledge.

— Mrs. Billy Wilson

ARTHUR LEE and LESTA VESTA ESKRIDGE SPANGLER

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Arthur Lee Spangler, "Oss", was born August 27, 1893. His father was Abson Dixon, "Dick", Spangler and his mother was Nannie Patience Green. Their home was the present Yates Spangler place. Oss had five brothers and six sisters.

He went to school at Beam's school and then Royster's school but education for his life's work took place at home for he helped farm as a boy.

Arthur Lee Spangler was married to Lesta Vesta Eskridge November 15, 1914. They went in a buggy to be married at the home of A.J. Ervin then pastor of Double Shoals Baptist Church. Selma Eskridge, Ed Spangler, Lillie Spangler and A.P., "Leck", Spangler accompanied them.

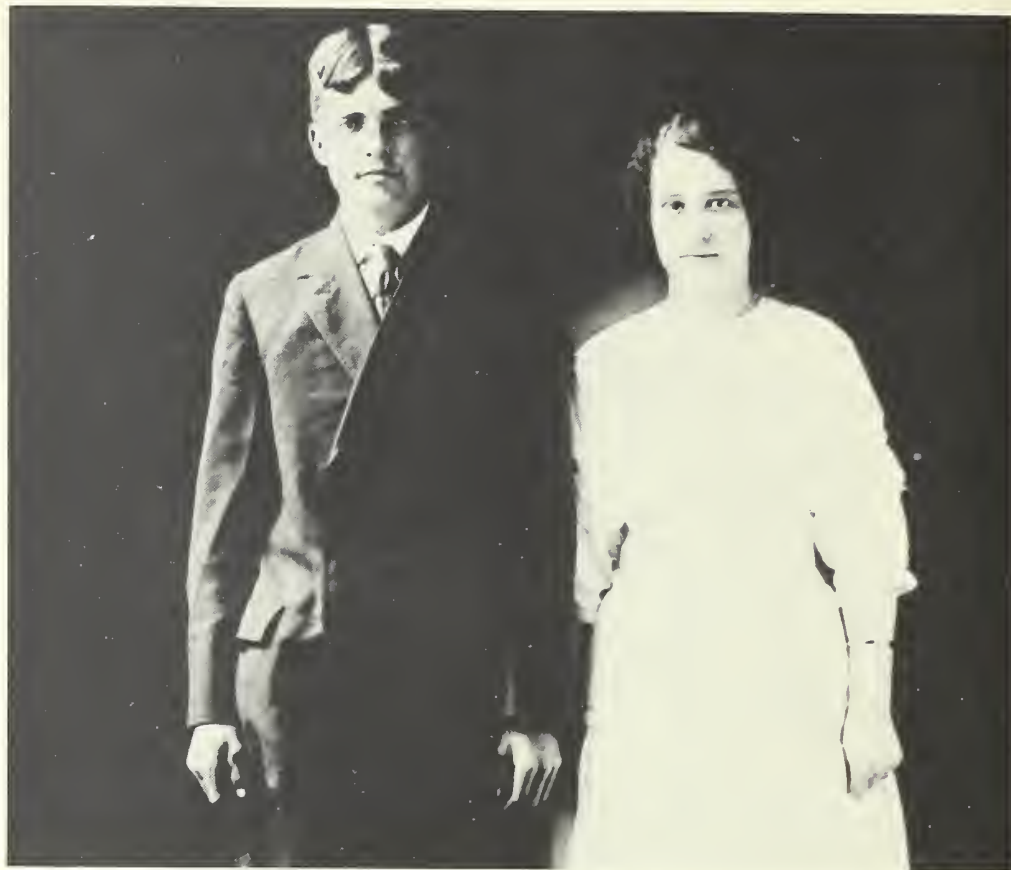
Lesta was the daughter of Millie Ida Yelton and Samuel Bailey Eskridge and born June 18, 1896.

After their wedding they returned to the home of Oss's parents and lived there less than a year. They then moved to a fifty-two acre farm on the First Broad River and located near the old Lawndale power plant. Not to be alone when it was time for the first child to be born, Lesta went to the home of her parents (near Double Shoals) to stay. Here Arthur Lee Spangler Jr. was born December 20, 1915. Worth Edwin Spangler was born September 18, 1918 but this time Lesta was able to stay at home. Hershale Eugene Spangler was also born at this place by the river November 16, 1920.

Farming cotton, corn, and wheat paid off for Oss and in 1924 he was able to move his family to a large home he had built. The new house was located between N.C. highway 18 and Double Shoals. It was here that their daughter Betty Sue Spangler was born November 9, 1927. After Betty their youngest son Samuel Dixon Spangler was born May 9, 1930.

Lesta's favorite hobbies were sewing and crocheting but Oss's favorite was hunting. He enjoyed both rabbit and fox hunting. Among those who fox hunted frequently with Oss were Ches Hendrick, Charlie Wallace, Clem Scism and Cicero Scism. There were many others who hunted with him occasionally. The hunters would take their pack to a designated place, meet and turn the dogs loose. The enjoyment then was to "follow" the race either by going to where the dogs were running or by listening as dogs crossed hollows and creeks, woods and fields. The experienced hunter knew from the sound of the pack where they were running, how close to the fox, whether the fox was treed, in a den, or caught.

However on one occasion the experienced hunters of Oss's acquaintance were taken in by a ruse. The perpetrators of this hoax were Oss



Arthur Lee and Lesta Vesta Eskridge Spangler wedding photograph — 1914.

and his two younger brothers C.D. and Carl. The three brothers were working on the Mac Gillespie house when they decided to play a prank on the local hunters. According to their scheming Oss would "see" a fox on the way home and let everyone know. The boys knew Marvin Peeler had a fox hide and they were going to make their own race. They got the hide and took it to Oss's house and soaked it in warm water to increase the smell. That night Carl and C.D. became the fox by dragging the hide, unknown to their friends who gathered in for the race. Gathering in to turn loose on this "newly spotted prey" were Clete Royster, Clem Royster, Ches Hendrick, Wheeler Costner, and Clem Scism and the one most taken in by the prank was the boys father, Dick Spangler. Hunters love a close race and due to the foot work of C.D. and Carl and the dogs hot on their trail, this was a good race. Dick Spangler walking with Marvin Peeler, who knew what was going on, became very excited by the closeness of the race. Marvin Peeler loved to tell how in a moment of excitement Dick, who had a dog named Drive, turned to him and said, "Aye G — Marvin, Old Drive is gonna catch'em!" Schenck Spangler, also taken in by the prank and excited by the closeness of the race exclaimed "Aye guinea, they're gonna catch it. I can hear it breathe!" The hunters found it was not the breathing kind when thinking their dogs had the fox treed they arrived to find only the skin of a fox hanging in the tree. Ches Hendrick was the only hunter not fooled by the joke but only because he had a dog that was not fooled by a skin. Some of the other hunters were a little angry but none were quite as outdone as Dick Spangler who threatened to whip them all.

Oss was a fun loving, free hearted man. He was thin and tall with twinkling blue eyes. He died September 11, 1961 and is buried at Double Shoals Baptist Church. Lesta lives today at their home.

Sources: Eva Spangler Laughlin, Lesta Eskridge Spangler, Euna Spangler Stockton, Arthur Lee Spangler Jr.

— Brenda Spangler Cook

THE BAILOUS F. SPANGLER FAMILY

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Bailous F. Spangler, better known by his nickname "Happy" because of his ready smile and love of people, was the son of John Thomas "Tom" Spangler and Mary Ann Greene Spangler. He was born December 9, 1885 in the Double Shoals Community of Cleveland County, North Carolina and died on September 19, 1976.

While he worked at the Seaboard Airline Railroad, he met Loula Lee Dorsey when she came to Shelby from her home in Lincoln County to work at Fannings Department Store. They were married on April 10, 1913 and went by train on their honeymoon to St. Augustine, Florida, where they drank water from the Fountain Of Youth. Loula Lee Dorsey Spangler was born September 4, 1889 and died March 5, 1980. Both Bailous and Loula lived to be 90 years of age and they were both buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

To this union was born seven children. They had fourteen grandchildren and thirteen great grandchildren. The names of the children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren are as follows.

BARBRA HENDRICK SPANGLER

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Barbra Hendrick Spangler, the daughter of William "Bill" Hendrick and Charity Love Hendrick, was born August 17, 1937 in the Double Shoals Community of Cleveland County. She lived there her entire life known in later years to family and friends as "Granny" Spangler or "Aunt Barb".

At the age of 19, Barbra married Jonathan Spangler on September 23, 1856. To this union were born four sons and a daughter — John Thomas Spangler, William Schenck Spangler, Martha Missouri "Zue" Spangler, James Webb "Jim" Spangler and Abson Dixon "Dick" Spangler.

In just a few years after their marriage, Civil War broke out among the states and husband Jonathan, as most other men, was called on to fight for the Confederacy.

Women of the south during the war had a hard life. They found it necessary to sacrifice much at home to give to the men who were fighting for a cause they believed in. Barbra, like other women of the South, received nothing from the government for there was nothing to receive. Necessities had to be grown at home or made from things already in their possession. Women dug in smoke houses for nitre to use in making gun powder. Barbra told one of her grandchildren she would dig up dirt from the smoke house floor, boil it and use the salty water. In addition to the housework, there was also the work in the fields to be done. Another worry for the women was the farmhouse raids made by the Yankees. One such raid on western North Carolina which passed through Cleveland County was made by General George Stoneman. Barbra a brave and courageous woman, often told of using a chevel from the fireplace to drive off the men during the Civil War who went about stealing people's property.

In 1865 the war ended. Jonathan had returned home in December 1864 having lost an arm in battle. In September 1865, Barbra gave birth to her third son, and fourth child, Jim. In 1867 another son Dixon was born. Six months before Dick was born his father died with gangrene in the wound he received in the War. With her husband dead, Barbra was left to raise five children alone — the oldest was ten, the youngest yet to be born.

Barbra, a very religious woman, who believed in God passionately, took all this in her stride and raised her family leaving with them the ever-present message of God as a guide, friend and source of life. Camp meetings were often held on her place and it was at one of these meetings that the very first planning for the organization of Double Shoals Baptist Church took place. The church was organized in 1899 with thirteen of it's sixteen charter members being Barbra, her five children, their spouses and two of her grandchildren. (Barbra Spangler, Tom and Maryann Spangler, Schenck and Hulda Spangler, J. Mac Greene and his wife, Missouri, Jim and Emma Spangler, Dick and Patience Spangler and Barbra's grandchildren Lou Green and John Spangler.)

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Not only did the lives of her family have its impact upon Double Shoals Baptist Church but also on the surrounding community as each of the children of Jonathan and Barbra married, settled and raised their family in the Double Shoals community and being farmers each of them instilled in their children the love of the land, the love of people and the love of God.

Barbra lived to see all of her children married and was present at the birth of each of her fifty-eight grandchildren except maybe two or three at which time she was ill herself. However she was rarely sick and never complained and took time to help when anyone needed her. In her old age, cataracts blinded her but she had them removed and regained her eyesight before her death.

She died suddenly of a heart attack, March 4, 1914, at the age of seventy-six and is buried in the Double Shoals Baptist Church cemetery. Her entire life was devoted to helping others, to her family, to her church and to God.

— Theresa Lowe

CARL MAYNARD SPANGLER FAMILY

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"Train up a child in the way that he should go; and, when he is old, he will not depart from it." This Biblical injunction was bred into the warp and woof of Carl Maynard Spangler's being and bore fruit throughout the entirety of his life. As a young child, an adolescent and a young man he toiled ardously along with his siblings on the farm supervised by his father. His father prospered and became an extensive landowner. Carl's early memories were of never-ending farm work mitigated by the love and guidance of devoted parents. The bare outline of Carl's future years proves that his heritage of hard work and training produced enviable results.

Carl Maynard Spangler born November 13, 1902 was the ninth of twelve children born to Absom Dixon Spangler and Nannie Patience Greene Spangler. Always meticulous, these Spanglers divided their children equally — six boys and six girls. Perhaps they were the fore-runners of the ERA in Cleveland County!

He attended Piedmont High School where one of his schoolmates, Fannie Lou Kistler, attracted him very much. On November 18, 1925, Carl married Fannie Lou Kistler (May 1,

John Bettis (J.B.) was born March 31, 1914. He married Maude Katherine Padgett on September 14, 1941. Their three children were Martha Katherine born April 5, 1945. She was married to Wintford Bruce Harless, Jr. on December 22, 1972. They have two children, Amy Allison Harless born May 25, 1975 and Aaron Austin Harless born March 21, 1979. John Bettis Spangler, Jr. was born June 19, 1947. He married Donna Wiffong on April 10, 1976. Their daughter Christina Jean was born August 10, 1981. Phillip Maxwell was born May 21, 1949. He married Maureen Daniels on February 21, 1971. Their son Cameron Rush was born September 25, 1971.

Marjorie Belle was born January 22, 1916. She married Clarence E. Rice in 1936. Their one son Charles Edward was born September 22, 1937, and he was killed with his mother Marjorie in a tragic accident when hit by a car on the sidewalk in Gastonia on October 5, 1938.

Robert Franklin was born March 15, 1918 in Shelby, North Carolina. He married Christine Arial on August 25, 1941. Their daughter, Marjorie Ann, was born February 24, 1942. She married Hugh O. Porter on August 2, 1964. They had three daughters. Martha Christine, August 27, 1967; Ann Marie, November 2, 1971; and Marjorie Arial on May 16, 1975.

Roy Frederick was born May 16, 1922 and died in infancy May 16, 1922.

Loula Catherine was born April 8, 1925. She was married to James Philip Porter on January 20, 1951. They had two daughters. Janet Rose Porter who married Alan Douglas Roebuck on June 28, 1975. They have two children — Catherine (Katie) Jeanette Roebuck born May 18, 1977 and James Samuel Roebuck born December 19, 1979. Nancy Carol was born February 16, 1954. She married Edwin Reid Tillman, Jr. on July 1, 1978. Nancy toured Russia with the Good News Singers in 1970. This was a goodwill singing group sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Shelby. James Philip Porter died on November 26, 1979.

William Bailous was born September 9, 1928. He married Janie Sue Pruett on August 25, 1950. They had two sons and two daughters. William Mark was born July 30, 1952. Barbara Jo was born January 23, 1954. She married Charles Leabron Rogers. They have two sons — Charles Leabron born October 10, 1971 and William Earnest (Ernie) born June 2, 1977. Susan Ella was born May 1, 1956. She married Wayne Poston and had a daughter Sasha, born November 10, 1974. Edwin Thomas was born March 11, 1958.

Mary Ann was born September 14, 1931. She married Loy Lee Trice in Texas on May 16, 1952. They had one daughter Darla Ann, July 16, 1953. Two sons — Robert Lee (Butch) was born December 9, 1956 and William Berry born March 27, 1960.

Sources: *The Spanglers of Cleveland County*, 1975, by Theresa Spangler Lowe, Tombstone inscriptions, family Bibles, and family records.

— John B. Spangler



1905), the daughter of Zimri and Lela Warlick Kistler.

In 1927, having graduated from Piedmont, Carl and one of his brothers, C. D., went to King's Business College in Charlotte. Following graduation from Kings, Carl and his wife came back to Cleveland County to farm. For the next thirty years the Carl Spanglers lived on a farm located six miles North of Shelby. The farm was quite extensive since it comprised the John Smith, Jim Peeler, and Jim Weaver farms along with a plot of land which had formerly been called the Head Place. Never a person to practice idleness, Carl Spangler supervised his farm and worked for Production Credit Association, an organization whose purpose is the lending of money to farmers. During his twenty years with PCA, he also operated a roofing business. The respect and esteem he earned from those who knew him well stood him in good stead twenty years later when he went into general construction and land development.

Not all of Carl Spangler's adult life was devoted to business affairs. His family and church were the most important aspects of his life, and he and Fannie Lou considered themselves infinitely blessed with the birth of each of their five children.

Denice Lou Spangler (born November 1, 1927) is the oldest of these children. On July 19, 1944, Denice married Roger Hornsby McKee (born September 16, 1926), the son of Broadus Lee and Gertie Spencer McKee. To the union was born one son, Roger H. McKee, Jr., on November 9, 1947. In November of 1971, Roger, Jr., married Barbara Jean Baker, the daughter of Onnie R. and Lena Putnam Baker. Two sons were born to Roger, Jr., and Barbara McKee: Bradford David (born October 18, 1973) and Brian Patrick (born July 28, 1978).

The second daughter, Dorothy Ann Spangler was born December 24, 1928, and has always been considered a blessed Christmas gift! She has been a dedicated and influential teacher at Duke University since 1953.

The first son of the family, Carl Maynard Spangler, Jr., was born May 17, 1933. On June 30, 1957, he married Norma Faye Sparks, the daughter of Rufus Edgar and Addie Crotts Sparks. Carl and Faye have four children: Susan Lynn (born August 28, 1959); Carl Maynard, III (born August 15, 1963); Angela Faye (born July 13, 1966); and Michael Sparks (born November 11, 1967). Carl and Faye carried on the tradition of sexual equality by having two boys and two girls!

Austin Donald Spangler was born to Carl and Fannie Lou on October 8, 1937. In August of 1960 he was married to Janice Maxine Gardner, daughter of Harvey Max and Lucy Wright Gardner. A daughter, LuAnn, was born to Donald and Maxine on April 20, 1964.

The baby of the family, Joseph Dale, was born on June 11, 1941. Though the youngest child, Dale soon proved that he was not spoiled! Upon graduation from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he entered the real estate business with his father. Since his father's death, he continues to work in real estate and to manage the farm for the family.

Obedient child, faithful husband, loving fa-



Carl Maynard Spangler



Fannie Lou Kistler Spangler

ther, successful business man, outstanding citizen and neighbor — these are titles which Carl Spangler earned and deserved. However, these were not the primary goals of his life. The church was a very important part of his life. He was a long-time member of Double Shoals Baptist Church where he served as Superintendent of the Sunday School for forty years. He was also chairman of the Board of Deacons and served in many other areas of leadership in the church.

In addition, Carl was civic-minded. A few of his numerous contributions were: Board of Advisors for the Salvation Army, Board of Advisors for Gardner-Webb College, and Kiwanis Club. Always, he served willingly and tirelessly wherever he was needed.

In 1958 Carl and his wife built a new home on Forest Hill Drive in East Shelby. He lived there until his death in June 14, 1977. He is buried in Double Shoals Baptist Church Cemetery. Surely a fitting epitaph for him would be the accolade which he must have already received: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Sources: personal knowledge

— Denice Spangler McKee

CARLOS REUBEN and ELIZABETH ELLIOTT CABANISS SPANGLER

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Carlos Reuben Spangler was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina on April 10, 1889 to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Spangler. They lived in the Double Shoals Community. He was from a large family, thirteen boys and four girls.

Reuben attended Piedmont School at Lawn-dale, North Carolina. He helped build the first church building for Double Shoals Baptist Church in 1901. He served as sexton for a number of years.

In 1916, C. Reuben, his brother Mal and John Scism were appointed by their church to be delegates to the Kings Mountain Association which was meeting at Waco, North Carolina. They climbed into their buggy and were on

their way. Meanwhile, in Shelby, a delegate from Zion Baptist Church, Elizabeth Cabaniss was boarding the train for Waco, North Carolina to represent her church. This was not the first meeting of C. R. and Elizabeth. It was in this same year, 1916, that a special Children's Day Program was held. Elizabeth was at this meeting also. C. R. baked his first cake for this occasion. It must have been delicious and the thing which caused Elizabeth to say "yes," for on October 11, 1917 they were married by Reverend A. C. Irvin. They had three children.

Thomas Norris Spangler was born on August 25, 1918. He entered the army in March 1943. He died December 10, 1944 while serving with the 6th Division, Army of the United States, in the crossing of the Rhine River in France. He was buried in the Double Shoals Baptist Church cemetery.

Ralph Reuben Spangler was born on May 16, 1920. He married Cleve Whisnant of Polkville, North Carolina, November 11, 1945. They have three children — Margie Spangler born July 8, 1948. She and Ken Sibley were married June 6, 1971. They have a lovely daughter, Beth Ann Sibley, born March 21, 1973.

Their son, Ronald Norris Spangler was born May 29, 1950. Ronald and Virginia Knight from Fallston, North Carolina were married November 23, 1974. They have two children — Joshua Spangler born May 7, 1977 and Katherine Virginia Spangler was born January 29, 1980.

Their other daughter, Mary Ann Spangler, was born December 31, 1957. Mary Ann is teaching math in High School.

Golda Elizabeth Spangler was born November 7, 1926 to C. R. and Elizabeth Spangler. She died October 19, 1941.

C. Reuben Spangler is a very active member of Double Shoals Baptist Church. He served as a deacon for more than thirty-five years. He also served as a Sunday School teacher and as Sunday School Superintendent for several years. In 1949, he, his wife and son Ralph, donated an organ to the church in memory of Thomas Norris Spangler and Golda Elizabeth Spangler.

C. R. and Elizabeth Spangler live on a large farm in the Double Shoals Community. They have a host of friends, nieces and nephews who love to visit them.

C. R. loves to sing and he sings now sometimes in the choir at church. He enjoys having people come to his home to sing.

C. R. and Elizabeth enjoy working with their flowers and garden. They always have something to share with their friends when they come to visit.

Elizabeth finished school at Boiling Springs. She taught school in Cleveland County.

Sources: Family Records

— Nina C. Rudasill

ERASTUS YATES SPANGLER 996

Erastus Yates Spangler, son of Abson Dixon "Dick" Spangler and his wife Nannie Patience Green Spangler, was born May 19, 1901 in the Double Shoals Community of Cleveland County, North Carolina. Yates grew up on the farm helping his father and older brothers farm the land. He attended the local community schools and then went to high school at Boiling Springs Boarding School until George Cornwell persuaded him to drive a bus to the Piedmont Boarding School. The bus, a 1910 Ford was purchased and Yates became the first school bus driver in Cleveland County and perhaps the first one in North Carolina. With this bus a new education horizon was available for those who could attend school but because of distance, money, home chores, etc. could not attend the boarding schools.

A bus like we have today? No! The bus did not have glass windows but only canvas shades to drop down over the windows in inclement weather. The bus made its route from Yates' home through the closest neighborhoods and up the road to Piedmont Boarding School in Lawndale, North Carolina. Most of the riders were a-kin since families seemed to live closer and stick together then. As the bus made its way, picking up each student, it rang with song and laughter as the students sang all the old favorite songs from home to

school and school to home. The bus had its problems too. Once, as it was going down a hill, the steering wheel came off. Another time as they were approaching the Double Shoals Bridge, which turned a sharp forty-five degree curve along side a bank, several students thought they were going to wreck and jumped off the bus.

After leaving school Yates became more and more involved in the family farming, acquiring land of his own which naturally became farm land. In November 1925 his mother died from pneumonia. The youngest child, Novella, was fifteen years old and several of the family of twelve children were not married and still at home. As the brothers and sisters married, Yates farmed the land and looked after the homeplace. At one time he and seven others owned the Double Shoals Cotton Gin. Then he and a brother, Leck Spangler, bought the others out, gaining their own crops as well as for the public.

While taking a tennant on his place to the hospital, he met Daisy Mae Beam, a registered nurse. Daisy, born December 20, 1907, was the daughter of Thomas Phillip Beam and his wife Cora Burns Beam of nearby Ellenboro (Rutherford County) North Carolina. Yates and Daisy were married April 12, 1941.

Daisy was a graduate of Ellenboro High School and received her nurses' training at Shelby Hospital, now Cleveland Memorial. She put her nursing career aside soon after her marriage to raise their family — a daughter, Theresa Spangler (Lowe) and a son, E. Y. "Buck" Spangler, Jr. She never returned to her career, but spent her time raising her family and pursuing her favorite hobby of raising beautiful flowers. Her garden bloomed from spring until frost and the blooms and plants were quite often shared with others. Many Sundays you could find floral arrangements in the church from her garden and the work of her hands.

Yates continued to farm, sometimes farming as much as three to four hundred acres of corn, wheat, other grains and the biggest crop being cotton. Meanwhile he began to invest in real estate, acquiring some rental houses and

continuing both farming and real estate until retirement from farming in the early 1970's.

Yates has been a lifetime member of Double Shoals Baptist Church and Daisy joined him there after their marriage. He is active in various aspects of the church, serving as a deacon, singing in the choir, and on various committees. His concern has always been for the well-being of the church.

Yates and Daisy live in the Dick Spangler homeplace, have two children — Theresa S. Lowe (Mrs. Bill Lowe) and E. Y. "Buck" Spangler, Jr. (m. Sherry Hord), and three grandchildren — Bradley Lowe, Donna and Paula Spangler.

— Theresa S. Lowe

EUBERT BYNUM SPANGLER 997

Eleventh child of Abson Dickson Spangler and Nannie Patience Greene Spangler, Eubert, known in his younger days as "Cube" (also E.B.) married Edith Vernelle Beam. She is the daughter of Hattie Lela Beam of Lawndale.

Eubert was born and lived most of his life near Double Shoals. He was a cotton farmer until around 1955 when cotton began to fade out because of the boll weevil. He raised cattle and began working as a carpenter with his brothers, Yates and Carl, helping build the Camp LeJeune project at Jacksonville, North Carolina. Later the farm was sold and he and Edith moved to town. They presently live at 1109 Fallston Road.

Edith spent her younger years as mother and housewife. She also worked in the fields. A very versatile woman she could complete any task she set her mind to. After all the children were out of high school, she went to beauty school. She was a beautician for about seven years. She then worked at Cleveland Memorial Hospital for ten years as a receptionist at the visitors desk and a sewing attendant in the laundry room. At seventy-one years of age she is still very active sewing, fixing hair for family and friends and taking care of her aged mother at Beam's Nursing Home.

Edith and Eubert have three daughters and one son: Eloise married Hoyle Hoyt Wright of Fallston. They have a daughter Sheila Ann and a son Jeffrey Hoyt.

Eugene "Gene" Bynum married Mary Elizabeth Elam of Shelby. They presently live in Charlotte. They have two daughters; Sharon Elizabeth, and Kelly and one son Marc.

Shirley Ann married David Phillip Greene of Lattimore. They have one daughter Phillis Ann and two sons, David Phillip, Jr. and Thomas (Tommy) William.

Sara Elizabeth married Albert Reynold Greene of Lattimore (Albert and Phillip are brothers). They have two daughters; Cynthia (Cindy) Louise and Susan Elizabeth and two sons; Scott Albert and Steven Reynold.

Sources: Personal interviews

— Sara Spangler Greene



Piedmont School bus driven by E. Yates Spangler.



FLOSSIE VIOLA SPANGLER 998

Flossie Viola Spangler, sixth child of A. "Dick" and Nannie Patience Greene Spangler, married Clyde William Cornwell, oldest child of William E. and Artie Cline Cornwell on February 13, 1921.

As a wedding gift from Clyde's parents, they were given a 35 acre tract of land near Waco, N.C.

On October 3, 1922 a daughter, Yvonne Faye, was born to them. Soon after her birth there was talk of buying another farm.

It seems when Clyde and Flossie were courting they often went for buggy rides on Sunday afternoons. They usually passed the "Ham" Williams homeplace. Both wished that someday they might live in that house and own that farm.

Now their "dream farm" was for sale. It was located in the Double Shoals community nearer to both their parents. So Clyde and Flossie sold their present farm to Yates and Essie Sperling, who owned the adjoining farm. (Essie and Flossie were sisters).

After the move to the one hundred sixty acre farm — two sons were born — William Dixon (Bill) on August 24, 1924 and Fred Eugene on June 18, 1926.

Clyde and Flossie loved their children, Double Shoals Baptist Church, the farm life, and people in general. Their home always had the welcome mat out for family and friends. Their cool screened front porch with a swing and rocking chairs was always filled with sounds of laughter and friendly conversation.

Yvonne Faye married John Warren Hoyle on December 20, 1945. They have two sons, Clyde Ernest (Ernie) born December 16, 1947 and John Douglas (Doug) born on January 17, 1962. Yvonne and Warren along with Doug live in Shelby, N.C. Ernie and his family live in Wilkesboro, N.C.

William Dixon (Bill) married Ilease Brackett on June 10, 1944. Two boys were born to Bill and Ilease, William Dixon Jr. (Dick) born July 16, 1948 and Stephen Lee born July 5, 1951. Bill and Ilease live in Charlotte, N.C. as do their boys and their families.

Fred Eugene married Betty Jean Boggs on November 30, 1947. They became the parents of a boy and a girl, Fred Eugene Jr. (Gene) was born September 30, 1950 and Ella Christine was born August 24, 1953. Fred and Betty moved to Columbia, S.C. in 1962. They along with Gene still reside there. Christine and her family live in Greensboro, N.C.

Flossie lived to see her first two grandchildren. A victim of Multiple Sclerosis she passed away on October 28, 1949. Clyde William passed on March 3, 1962. They are buried at Double Shoals Baptist Church.

Source: Personal knowledge

— Yvonne C. Hoyle

HATCHER, DAISY HAMRICK, MISSES FLORENCE and MINNIE SPANGLER 999

Hatcher Spangler was born December 26, 1910 to Schenck and Margaret Lankford Spangler. He was the youngest of thirteen children. He attended Spangler School as a young child and was a student of Professor Burns at Piedmont School.

As a boy of ten he received a bicycle which was quite different from the mule he had been accustomed to riding. As a result of learning to acquire his balance he had an accident and broke the corner of a front tooth.

Driving proved to be another experience for a lad of thirteen. He had the fundamentals down pat. It was just getting the old Chevrolet to crank! It was necessary to crank the car by a hand crank, and after giving the car too much spark the crank kicked his right arm causing a broken bone. He was taken to Shelby Hospital where a splint was applied. Hatcher recalls the arm was sore after the accident, but spirits fell when his father gave the old Chevrolet to an older brother.

The death of his father in 1928 required him to assume the responsibility of the farm and his immediate family — two sisters and his mother. Farming proved to be rough during the depression and a hard task for a lad of seventeen.

After several courtships and noted remarks about his bachelor status, he met and fell in love with Daisy Hamrick.

Daisy was born December 15, 1906, the second child of Henry Frank Hamrick and Elsie Humphries Hamrick. She attended Dorland Bell School in Hot Springs, North Carolina and was a graduate of Cliffside High School. Later she attended the school of nursing at Shelby Hospital, where she graduated with honors.

Hatcher and Daisy were married at the home of Mrs. A. P. Weathers by Dr. Zeno Wall in 1942. Their first child, Emily Sue Spangler, was born in 1944. A second child, Margaret Elaine Spangler, was born in 1949. Emily married Larry Steven Hord in 1962 and one son was born from this union — Larry Richard Hord. Elaine married Randy Alvin Shuford in 1970 and one son was born from this union — Christopher Lee Shuford.

After the birth of their children, Hatcher purchased the Schenck Spangler homeplace, where he continued to farm and raise cattle. Daisy combined a career and raising a family by her energetic nature. She was employed by Dr. Ben Gold for fifteen years and worked as a private duty nurse at Shelby Hospital, now Cleveland Memorial, until having spinal surgery in 1955. Daisy was an asset to her community by always providing a helping hand when there was a need.

Hatcher and Daisy both loved their grandchildren and Hatcher was a child at heart in that he always enjoyed attending Ringling Brothers Circus. Hatcher had a joking nature and enjoyed playing practical jokes; however all the patience in the family belonged to his wife.

Hatcher is a member of Double Shoals Baptist Church where his wife Daisy joined in

membership after their marriage. He has served on several committees in the church and is serving as a deacon. He loves to praise the Lord through song and in his love of gospel music.

Two sisters made their home with Hatcher and Daisy — Minnie Spangler and Florence Spangler.

Minnie Missouri Spangler was born May 5, 1889, the fourth child of Schenck Spangler and Hulda Crow Spangler. She attended Beams Mill and Royster Schools, one room schoolhouses. In 1917 she and a sister, Lillie, moved to Kannapolis where they worked for Cannon Mills. Minnie became sick when an outbreak of influenza occurred in 1919 and it was necessary for her to return home where she was nursed back to health. Minnie remained with her family where she took an active part in her church as a teacher. She loved the Lord and was continually educating herself by reading from His Holy Word.

Florence Novella Spangler was born January 20, 1904. She was the second child born to Schenck Spangler and Margaret Lankford Spangler. She attended Royster School and Piedmont School as a day student. She recalls riding the first school bus in the state of North Carolina. Many memories linger of the songs, jokes and friendships which were made. Florence is a member of Double Shoals Baptist Church where she served as secretary for eight years.

The Hatcher Spangler family — Hatcher, Daisy, Minnie and Florence — still reside at Route 1, Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Family

— Emily Hord

JAMES WEBB "JIM" SPANGLER 1000 A

James Webb "Jim" Spangler (1865-1925) was the fourth child of Jonathan and Barbra Hendrick Spangler. He was born, grew up and lived his life in the Double Shoals Community of Cleveland County, North Carolina.

On February 1, 1888, he married Carrie Emily "Emma" Laughlin daughter of John and Margaret Laughlin.

He and Emma were members of Zion Baptist Church until the organization of Double Shoals in 1899. Jim, Emma and Jim's brothers and sisters and their spouses along with his mother, Barbra, were eleven of the sixteen charter members of Double Shoals. "A faithful worker and generous contributor, he led a noble Christian life.

"Jim was a successful farmer, large land owner, thrifty and industrious person, loyal to his church, family and friends. He and Emma seemed to enjoy life and to enjoy each other. Many times you would pass and they would be sitting on the porch sharing a box of snuff. He didn't worry — just took life easy. If he wanted anything to eat that they didn't have or raise, he went to the store and bought it. His home was just across the river from the factory at



Double Shoals and a company store was nearby.

Jim and Emma always welcomed visits from others. They enjoyed the company of others and made them feel appreciated while they were there.

On the day his sister-in-law, Patie Spangler, was buried (Wednesday, April 22, 1925), Jim died of the same illness — pneumonia. Emma continued caring for her family, living a long life remaining in the family homeplace until her death, January 7, 1964 at the age of ninety-three. She was the last of the charter members of Double Shoals Baptist Church as well as the last of the children and in-laws of Barbara and Jonathan Spangler.

Jim and Emma had eleven children, nine of whom grew to adulthood, married and are spread out in Cleveland County and elsewhere! Laura Spangler (Mrs. Clarence Wilson) Theodore Spangler (1m. Lealia Hunt, 2m. Mae Eskridge) Edgar Spangler (m. Selma Eskridge) Clarence D. "Dol" Spangler (1m. Vangie Elliott, 2m. Lula Baird) Abb S. Spangler (m. Mittie Warlick) Vada Spangler (m. Plato Crowder) Lemmie Spangler (m. Pearl Norman) Estelle Spangler (Mrs. Andy Warlick) Veva C. Spangler (1m. Ivey Whisnant, 2m. Cline Falls)

Sources: *Cleveland Star*

— Theresa S. Lowe

THE JAMES WEBB SPANGLER FAMILY

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Laura Spangler was the first child born to James Webb and Emma Laughlin Spangler on December 30, 1889. She married Clarence Wilson February 19, 1913. They had two children. Clarence Edward born August 18, 1916. He married Evelyn Grayson and they had one son, Samuel. Samuel had two sons Jimmy and David. Laura and Clarence also had a daughter, Faye born May 14, 1918. Laura Spangler Wilson died July 27, 1973 and buried at Zion Baptist Church. She always made everyone feel at home when they visited her. Laura enjoyed life with her family.

Theodore Spangler was born May 9, 1892. He married Leila Hunt on August 6, 1914. They had two children. Dwight married Esta Hastings. They had a son, Michael. Thurman Spangler married Faye Jones and they have three children. Margie married Paul Earwood, Janice married Nelson Proctor and they have two girls, Susie and Terry. J.T. Spangler married Rachel Dalton and they had a son, Jerry. Theodore remarried Mae Eskridge. He died October 20, 1965 and was buried at Double Shoals.

Edgar Spangler was born March 9, 1894. He married Selma Eskridge. He died March 25, 1938.

Clarence D. "Dol" Spangler was born March 29, 1898. He married Evangie April 17, 1919. He later married Lula Baird on November 29, 1934. They had two children, Jimmy, born September 13, 1935. He married Beatrice Smith and had four children — Shirley, Cathey, Janet, and Gayle. Joe was born May 20, 1940. He was married to Janet Fox. They

had two children, Rex Garland and Max Edward.

Clarence Spangler died April 25, 1978. He was buried at Banner Elk.

Abb Sylvester Spangler was born 1901. See Abb Sylvester Spangler.

Vada Spangler was born 1903. See Plato Dixon Crowder.

Lemmie Spangler was born June 5, 1905. He married Pearl Norman July 31, 1931. He lives at Double Shoals.

Estelle Spangler was born June 4, 1907. She married Andy Warlick February 3, 1926. They had Gene, born January 28, 1928. He married Helen Gardner and they had two daughters. Jamie Gail married Robin Cook. He was killed in an accident. She married James "Buddy" Willis. They have two children, Brandon and Gena. Lynn married Chris Devine. They have two children David Christopher and Dana Ashley. Helen died April 10, 1961. Gene remarried Doris Connor. Carolyn Warlick was born November 8, 1930. She married David McBryer and they have three children, Kathy, Kevin, and Kay. Estelle is one of the great cooks in Cleveland County. She is a hard worker and has always opened her home to family and friends.

Veva C. Spangler was the youngest child of Jim and Emma Spangler. She was born July 17, 1910, and married Ivey Whisnant November 23, 1927. They have four children. Charles, born April 5, 1929, married Betty Neason July 31, 1949. They have three children. Donald married Nita Brackett and they have three children, Donald Joseph, Coy Bradley, Jeffrey Clyde. David is the second child of Charles and Betty. He married Ann Hughes. Elaine is their third child. She married Michael Dellinger. They have two children, Karen Michelle and Christopher Matthew. Eddie Whisnant is Veva C.'s second child. He was born July 24, 1934 and married Catherine Howie May 9, 1953. They had four children. Jimmy married Grace Koone and they had a daughter, Heather. Debra married Keith Wilson and they have a daughter, Leslie. Edwina married Jeffrey Kiser. Jake is the fourth child of Eddie and Catherine. Elizabeth is the third child of Veva C. and she was born November 30, 1936. She married Henry Hughes and they have two children, Michael and Alan. Alice Lynn was born October 13, 1950 and married Kenneth Willis and they have a son, Scott. Ivey Whisnant died May 18, 1969. Veva C. married Cline Falls. She, too, is a good cook and loves to have company. Her family is very important to her.

Sources: *Family Bible*

— Mrs. Douglas Cabiness

JOHN THOMAS "TOM" SPANGLER

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John Thomas "Tom" Spangler was the eldest child of Jonathan and Barbra Spangler. He was born August 29, 1857 (died September 11, 1939) in the Double Shoals Community of Cleveland County, North Carolina. About a month before Tom's fifth birthday, his father

joined the Confederate Army leaving his mother to take care of him and a brother.

On December 17, 1878, at the age of twenty-one he married Maryann Landrum Green, (December 1, 1862 — January 30, 1953) daughter of John and Sarah McSwain Green. To this union were born seventeen children — 13 boys and four girls, as follows: John D. (m. Maud Sprouse), James William (m. Getanna Putnum), Bell (Mrs. Curtis Weathers), Baylous F. (m. Lula Dorsey), Dicky and Macky (twins) Dicky died age 1, Macky died age 5. C. Reuben (m. Elizabeth Cabaniss), Cleo (Mrs. Henry Royster), Mal (1m. Ethel Blanton 2m. Sue Moore), Lula (Mrs. Tom Cornwell), Nealus — died age sixteen, Summey (m. Marie Allen), Clyde (m. Gladys Yelton), Chivous (m. Alma Mauney), Dather (1m. Gladys Mauney, 2m. Alma Blanton), Everette (1m. Ollie Mae Lutz, 2m. Louise Norris), Effie (Mrs. Paul Kistler).

Maryann was a very happy person. She had a good sense of humor and you never saw her get mad. She had a good voice and loved to sing. Every morning she would get up singing and sing all the way through breakfast. Anytime she had work to do in or around the house you would find her singing as she worked, many times making up words as she went along.

Tom farmed for a living, raising mainly cotton and corn. He liked good mules to work with and always traded when he got a plug. Of course they raised their own cattle, had their own milk and churned their own butter. They always had milk to spare and liked to make homemade ice cream in the summer. A welcome sign to their house was the big open fire they kept in the fireplace to heat the house. You could not sit up close because it was too hot, but it warmed you through and through as you came in out of the cold.

Christmas brought no tree or no commercialism of today's Christmases. Each had a stocking or a box at the chimney and they always got "rusty coat" apples to eat with whatever else could be afforded that year.

After several years of marriage and several children, Tom and Maryann built their own house at Double Shoals moving in before they got the steps up at the front. C. R. Spangler was about two and one-half at the time and he remembers having to crawl up on the porch without the steps. There they lived until sometime after Tom died raising fourteen of their seventeen children to adulthood.

Tom and Maryann and their oldest child, John, were charter members of Double Shoals Baptist Church which was organized in 1899. Tom gave land for the new church which was built soon thereafter.

Sources: Family records

— Theresa S. Lowe

THE JOHN THOMAS "TOM" SPANGLER FAMILY

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My grandfather, John Thomas Spangler, was the eldest of five children born to Jonathan and Barbara Hendrick Spangler. (August 29,

1857 — September 11, 1939). Brothers and sister were: William Schenck Spangler, Martha Missouri Spangler, James Webb "Jim" Spangler, and Abson Dixon Spangler.

When he was 21 years old he met and married Mary Ann Green, also of Cleveland County, December 17, 1878. Grandfather was a farmer. Grandfather was a good provider. He loved to have visitors in the home, and had a good sense of humor. He was generous with his time in assisting the neighbors in their times of need. He took much pleasure in serving those delicious watermelons to all who passed by.

Grandmother enjoyed excellent health and was the mother of seventeen children. Even though she was small of stature and light weight she managed to carry on the unending task of housekeeping, including her ability to prepare an abundance of food for the hearty appetites. It was always amazing how much food she could bake in the massive oven of the wood stove. I remember, especially the chicken pies, biscuits, potato pie and fruit pies. In between all these household chores she found time to aid in times of illness at the homes of neighbors. She was faithful to the church and she would place a few cookies or a biscuit in her purse when she went to church to give to a fretful child during the service. Grandmother lived her entire life in Cleveland County (1862-1953).

The seventeen children born to this union were: (1) John D. (1880-1949) married Maude Sprouse of Georgia, (2) James "Jim" William (1881-1947) married Jatanna Putnam, (3) Sara Bell (1883-1951) married Curtis Weathers, (4) Bailous F. (1885-1976) married Lula Dorsey, (5) Dicky Spangler (1887-1888), (6) Macky Spangler (Twin of Dicky) (1887-1893), (7) Carlous Reuben "Rube" (1889) married Elizabeth Cabiness, (8) Flora Cleo (1891) married Henry Cleveland Royster, (9) Mal A. (1892-1963) married Ethel Blanton — Following her death he married Sue Moore, (10) Lula Landum (1894) married Tom M. Cornwell, (11) Cornelia "Nealus" (1895-1910), (12) Summey Emro (1897-1979) married Marie Allen, (13) Clyde Benjamin (1899-1934) married Gladys Yelton, (14) Chivous Eugene (1901-1948) killed in Auto accident in Florida, married Alma Mauney, (15) Dather H. (1902) married Gladys Mauney — Following her death in auto accident in 1948 he married Alma Blanton, (16) Everette Lawrence (1904) married Ollie Mae Lutz — Divorced — Later married Louise Norris, (17) Effie Amelia (1906-1951) married Paul Kistler.

Sources: Family records, tombstones, *The Spanglers of Cleveland County* book, and the Media Reserch Bureau in Washington D.C.

— John B. Spangler

JONATHAN SPANGLER

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Jonathan Spangler, born August 31, 1867 in Cleveland County, North Carolina, was the second child and first son of Absalom Spangler and his wife Martha "Patsy" (or "Sally") London Spangler, daughter of Henry London. Jonathan had at least four brothers and three

sisters — Sarah J. Spangler, William N. Spangler, Mary Ann Spangler, James Webb Spangler, Martha Elizabeth Spangler, David S. Spangler, Texanna Spangler, and Reuben Alexander Spangler.

A farmer by occupation, he married Barbara Hendrick, September 23, 1856 (p. 108, *Record of Marriages, 1856-57, Cleveland County*). They had five children — four boys and one girl — John Thomas, William Schenck, Martha Missouri "Zue," James Webb "Jim" and Abson Dixon "Dick" Spangler. Of the five children, three married into the Green family marrying children of John Green and his wife Sarah McSwain Green. John Thomas Spangler married Maryann Landrum Green, Abson Dixon "Dick" Spangler married Nannie Patience Green and Martha Missouri Spangler married James McSwain "J. Mac" Green. Then James Webb "Jim" Spangler married Carrie Emily "Emma" Laughlin and William Schenck Spangler married twice — first to Hulda Crowe, daughter of Lewis Crow and after Hulda died he married Margaret "Mag" Langford, daughter of Lovi Lankforn.

In a short time after Jonathan and Barbara's marriage the trouble over slavery in the United States grew more tense. North Carolina, being called on by President Lincoln to fight against South Carolina, left the Union on May 20, 1861. In July 1862 Jonathan entered the Confederate Army as Private in Co. F, 56th, N. C. Infantry. At first he entered as a substitute for a brother-in-law, Hosea Gladden, using the money (\$700) his brother-in-law paid him for taking his place, to buy a farm for his family. Hosea, a big robust fellow, said he knew he'd get killed if he went to war. Later it became time for Jonathan to take his own place in the war so the brother-in-law had to enter also and was killed in battle a few months later. On May 20, 1864 in a battle in Virginia, Jonathan was wounded and lost an arm. He was relieved from duty December 5, 1864 because of his injury and he returned home to his wife and children.

After Jonathan returned from the war, he was plowing a field one day and there was a tree in the field in the way. He couldn't chop it down with just one arm so he prayed for an answer, and lightning struck the tree.

In 1865 the fourth child was born and then in 1867 the last child was on the way when Jonathan took blood poisoning or gangrene in his old battle wound and died. He died six months before the child was born. His death came February 4, 1867. He was buried in the Zion Baptist Church cemetery (Route 5, Shelby). His grave, being marked with a Government Confederate gravestone, reads as follows:

Jonathan Spangler
Co. F
56 N.C. Inf.
C.S.A.

Aug. 31, 1837
Feb. 14, 1867

Sources: Family Records

— Theresa Lowe

WILLIAM SCHENCK SPANGLER

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William Schenck Spangler (September 14, 1859 — July 5, 1928) was the second child of Jonathan and Barbra Spangler and the only child to marry twice.

Schenck had a good sense of humor. He loved to talk, laugh and make people laugh. He made you laugh by the things he said and the way he would say them. He also liked to play little practical jokes when the opportunity arose. He liked to fish and sometimes would use a basket or big net to catch them. Not being able to join the foxhunts because of heart trouble, he often stood out in the yard or field and listen to them. He was very musically talented — could play almost any instrument, violin, banjo, guitar, juce harp, etc., but only played for friends and family. He never sang much but preferred to contribute his part of the music through the various instruments.

He farmed for a living, planting mostly cotton, corn and wheat. There was no fancy machinery like we have today but mules pulled the plows held by man and the grain was hand cut with a reaper.

Schenck's first marriage (September 7, 1882) was to Hulda Crow, daughter of Lewis and Nancy Earls Crow. Hulda was a good cook and Schenck often bragged about her cooking, saying he could eat anything she cooked. When she became sick and died at the age of thirty-eight, she left eight children ranging in age from two to sixteen. Schenck realized shortly after her death that he could not raise these small children alone.

After a brief courtship, he married Margaret "Mag" Dulcina Lankford (May 14, 1876 — August 5, 1954) daughter of Love E. and Lucinda Evans Lankford, on November 2, 1899. To this union there were five children born plus Mag raised the eight children of Schenck and Hulda as her own.

Can you imagine what Christmas was like with a family of thirteen children? A close knit family relationship with the surprise of a little doll about six inches tall (costing ten cents at that time) and a slice of orange apiece. What memories! Today kids cannot tell you from one Christmas to the next what they got.

Schenck died in 1928 (July 5, 1928) and was buried beside his first wife in the Double Shoals Baptist Church cemetery. Mag lived until 1954 and she, too, was laid to rest beside her husband in the Double Shoals Baptist Church cemetery.

The children of Schenck and Hulda Crow Spangler were: William Grover, who married Mary Smithy; Charlie Dixon m. Augustine Poliski; Lillie Emeline, m. Charlie Carpenter; Minnie Missouri; Docia Ellion m. Cleve Grayson; Luna Lee m. Dan Gold; Lonnie Ambros m. Bessie Dawkins and Lucy May who married Earnest Elliott.

Children of Schenck and Margaret (Mag) Lankford Spangler were: George Anderson; Lura Wright; Florence Novella; Verna Victoria m. Odus Falls; Oliver Garland m. Evangeline Falls and Hatcher Haywood married Daisy Hamrick.

— Theresa S. Lowe



WILLIAM THOMAS SPARKS

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William Thomas Sparks, son of Elizabeth (Liz) Sparks, was born on his grandfathers farm north of Shelby in Cleveland County, North Carolina. After his grandfather and mother died, the farm was willed to him. He lived and died there with the farm being willed to his family at his death.

William Thomas Sparks, born September 8, 1875, died July 7, 1941. He married Dovie Ellen Lail, daughter of Peter Lail, born May 7, 1877, died February 6, 1935, and buried in the Ross Grove Baptist Church cemetery. Dovie Ellen and William Thomas had ten children.

My father was born to Elizabeth (Liz) Sparks. She was the daughter of William Thomas Sparks and Mary Sparks. She had two sisters named Katherine (Katy) and Roxanne. These three sisters were well known for their talent of fortune telling by the help of a cup of tea. They were very popular with community people who needed their future predicted to them.

The other two sisters were old maids. My grandmother evidently did marry, but her husband was sent off the the Civil War and his name was never known. She had a son and named him after my grandfather. He lived there on the farm with her parents and when both she and her parents died, the farm was willed to their only heir. There had been a brother, but he had left the North Carolina area to settle in Texas. We do not know his name or any information concerning him.

My father, William Thomas Sparks, grew up on the farm and died there. He did many things during his lifetime to make a living for his family which grew to ten children. He was first a farmer, then dairyman. He also ran a country store and had a corn mill. He was a good cabinet maker and carpenter.

He built both homes the family lived in with his skills as a carpenter. The first one was a large home of nine rooms. This home is still standing, although it is about to fall to the ground at this time. The second home my father built was a room larger. The ten room home was just up the road from the nine room house. At this time it has been refurbished and a family is living in the old home place.

My father told me many times of his different carpentry endeavors. I can very much remember him telling me of helping build the Biltmore House in Asheville, North Carolina. He told me of building the old white wood Ross Grove Baptist Church that has recently been torn down. He also helped build the Mull Memorial Baptist Church. I often think that he must have been a superb builder and carpenter to be included in the raising of such fine buildings.

As said before the union of William Thomas Sparks and Dovie Ellen Lail produced ten children. The firstborn was a son named Rufus Edgar, born February 27, 1898, died September 7, 1937. He married Addie Crotts, born November 23, 1900. They were the parents of one son and three daughters: Rufus Gerald married Laura Ann Hunter; Fidelia Ann married

William Gaither Edney; Amy Sue married Robert Earl Spangler and Norma Faye married Carl M. Spangler, Jr. The complete family still resides in the Shelby area.

The first daughter, Evelyn Nobelia, was born on May 31, 1899, died October 19, 1960. She was first married to Brodus Weathers who died in World War I. He is buried in Ross Grove Baptist Church cemetery. No children came from this first marriage. Her second marriage was to Clarence McGuirt and two daughters were born: Irene Margaret who married William Ralph Ferguson, and Edna Mae who married Walter Barnette. This family settled in the Concord section of North Carolina.

The third child of Dovie Ellen and William Thomas was a son. They named him William Austin. His birth was January 15, 1901 and he died by electrocution while working on power lines in Shelby, North Carolina. He died on June 19, 1924. He was never married, and is also buried in the Ross Grove Baptist Church cemetery.

The fourth child, a son, was named John Franklin and was born on August 12, 1903 and died April 2, 1964. He married Blanch Ethelda Earney, born January 10, 1909. There are no children from this marriage. John settled in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The fifthborn was another son, Lamar William, born August 28, 1905, died March 24, 1964. He married Nell Jackson Morris, born November 6, 1907, died March 5, 1982. They had two daughters: Nancy Ellen, married to Jack Wright, Jr., who now lives in Charlotte, North Carolina; and Dorothy Ann, married to Albert Eugene Allen. They presently reside in Shelby, North Carolina.

The sixth child was also a son, Landrum Ray, born January 4, 1907. He married Elsie Louise Edwards, born September 5, 1915. They have two daughters and one son; Donnie Caroline married to Tommy Washburn; Freddie Ray married to Martha Ann Kennedy; and Priscilla Lamar married to Dennie Williams. Ray settled in Harrisburg, North Carolina.

The seventh child was finally another daughter. She was named Junie Prue, born November 22, 1910, died March 18, 1982. She married John Logan Stamey and one daughter came from this union. Mary Ellen married Donald Cates. This family now lives in Charlotte, North Carolina.

The eighth born was another son named Everette Glen. He was born April 20, 1915. He married Lois Privette, born October 19, 1921. They have two daughters: Junie Grace married to Silas Bruce Davis and Libby DeEtta who is single. Everette resides in the Derita section of Charlotte, North Carolina.

The ninth child was another daughter named Mary Lou. She was born November 2, 1916 and married to Paul Caldwell Eddins, born February 6, 1913. One daughter, Paula Ann, was born to them. She is married to David Larry Blanton. Mary Lou still lives in Shelby, North Carolina.

The final child was another son who was named Thomas Edison, born November 6, 1922, died in October, 1979. He married Hazel Boon Gaddy, now also deceased. There were no children of this marriage.

Sources: knowledge and family Bible

— Mary Lou Sparks Eddins

THE WILLIAM THOMAS SPARKS FAMILY

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William Thomas Sparks, born 1875, died 1941, lived on a 300 acre farm five miles north of Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina. The location was on McBrayer Road and the land had been bought from a Weathers family. The surrounding farm owners were J.C. Black, Monroe Dedmon, John Cline and D.Y. Jones. This farmland was in three tracts because the farm had two creeks dividing the land into three separate tracts of land.

My great grandfather, William Thomas Sparks, and great grandmother, Mary, lived on the middle tract of land on which they had two log cabin homes. The first was on a hill near a huge apple tree and walnut tree. Their second home, also a log cabin, was down near the spring.

William and Mary had a family of three daughters and one son: Katherine, Roxanne and Elizabeth. The son or his name was never known to me. He left home to settle in Texas. I never knew anything other than the son settled in Texas and had a family. William and Mary are both buried in a little family cemetery on the farm.

Katherine, Roxanne and Elizabeth were very popular with people who wanted their fortune told. They would tell their fortunes with a cup of tea. Katherine and Roxanne never married. Elizabeth did marry but we never learned his name. He went to the Civil War never to return. Elizabeth had a son that she named after her father William Thomas Sparks.

Katherine, Roxanne and Elizabeth were also buried in the little family cemetery of the farm. I cannot give any dates on births or deaths due to the fire that destroyed their second log cabin home and all family records.

Source: Word of mouth as told to me by friends and relatives.

— Mary Lou Sparks Eddins

THE GEORGE ELZIE SPERLING FAMILY

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George Elzie Sperling was born March 13, 1871, died July 13, 1953, the sixth child of John Jefferson and Margaret Eskridge Sperling. He grew up on his father's farm in Cleveland County, Shelby, North Carolina. After attending Teacher Training school he taught for seven years in Cleveland County schools.

After this, he became an outstanding farmer in Cleveland County; along with operating a cotton gin, corn mill, saw mill, blacksmith shop and a general country store. He was one of the founders and directors of Cleveland County Fair.

He married Mary Jane Justice on May 28, 1899. She was born August 21, 1878, died October 26, 1977, the daughter of Harriet Jane Gold and John Jefferson Justice of Shelby,

North Carolina. Nine children were born to this union. She was a devoted housewife and mother, noted for her unusual skills in sewing and cooking for the family. In addition to home duties she assisted in operating the store located close by the house. She possessed a warm and outgoing personality which resulted in many warm friends who regarded her as a kind and helpful neighbor.

First child — Corinne (b. Dec. 3, 1899) married Lawson Holly Ledford (b. June 13, 1894-d. Nov. 18, 1958); home, Shelby, North Carolina. Second child — Margaret Iva (b. Nov. 27, 1902) married Norman Bennett Lee (b. June 10, 1901 — d. Sept. 14, 1976); home, Lattimore, North Carolina. Third child — George Heyward (b. Jan. 25, 1904 — d. June 9, 1970) married Inez Harris (b. Nov. 6, 1914); home, Shelby, North Carolina. Fourth child — Clara Jane (b. Jan. 17, 1906 — d. June 13, 1981) married Kent Kerner Brown (b. March 14, 1905); home, Blowing Rock, North Carolina and Vero Beach, Florida. Their children — Mary Kent (b. Jan. 8, 1936) married Bobby Lee Poteat (b. Jan. 17, 1932 — d. Dec. 29, 1979). They have four sons, Bobby Kent (b. Jan. 31, 1957), Christopher Lee (b. July 13, 1958), Mark Steven (b. May 13, 1960), Noel Patrick (b. Dec. 21, 1962); home, Fernandina Beach, Florida. Clara Jane (b. April 4, 1942) married Newland Heath Bush (b. Nov. 12, 1937); home, Ft. Washington, Maryland. Their children — Nathaniel Heath (b. Oct. 3, 1970), Rebecca Kent (b. Dec. 13, 1972). Fifth child — Madge Roberta (b. Oct. 31, 1909) married Lloyd Ray Little (b. Oct. 20, 1904); home, Shelby, North Carolina. Sixth child — Macie Gold (b. Oct. 30, 1911) married James Franklin Ormand (b. June 15, 1900); home, Gastonia, North Carolina. Their children — Rosemary (b. Oct. 12, 1932) married Dr. Carl Harold Weber, Jr. (b. July 28, 1933); home, San Antonio, Texas. Their children — Dr. Carl Harold III (b. Nov. 3, 1952), Benjamin Ormand (b. Aug. 11, 1962), Robert Buchanan (b. Nov. 14, 1963). Lt. Col. James Franklin, Jr. (b. July 30, 1934) married Alicia Smith (b. Aug. 16, 1937); home, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Children — Susan Ann (b. May 23, 1953) married Scott Cooper (b. Nov. 1, 1949); home, Aiea, Hawaii, James Franklin III (b. April 19, 1960), John Michael (b. April 19, 1960); home, Aiea, Hawaii. Seventh child — Lalage Louisa (b. Aug. 7, 1914) married William Stowe Harrill (b. March 11, 1913); home, Greer, South Carolina. Have three children — Susan Jane (b. May 26, 1946) married Stephen Allen Greer (b. July 23, 1947); home, Athens, Georgia. Their children — Stephen Allen, Jr. (b. Nov. 20, 1971), Jefferson Matthew (b. March 13, 1975), Michael William (b. April 29, 1978). William Stowe, Jr. (b. June 7, 1949) married Pamela Elizabeth Smith (b. Aug. 13, 1950); home, Taylors, South Carolina. Their children — Laura Elizabeth (b. May 17, 1975), Frances Louisa (b. Sept. 20, 1979). Ruth Louisa (b. Jan. 3, 1952) married Dr. Jennings Larry Stroud (b. July 9, 1952); home, Decatur, Georgia. Eighth child — Nancy B. (b. April 4, 1917) married Thomas Collie Tadlock (b. Sept. 9, 1915-d. July 14, 1976); home, Monroe, North Carolina. Their children



George Elzie Sperling, 1871-1953.



Mary Jane Justice Sperling, 1878-1977.

— Thomas Collie, Jr. (b. Dec. 18, 1947) married Patrica Lynn Dawkins (b. March 17, 1949); home, High Point, North Carolina. Two children — Bradley Thomas (b. Aug. 10, 1972), Emily Louise (b. Jan. 28, 1975), Mary Ann (b. Dec. 18, 1950) married Randy Gordon Crawford (b. May 4, 1950); Rocky Mount, North Carolina. One child — Matthew Tadlock (b. March 29, 1981). Ninth child — Charles Coleman (b. Jan. 24, 1920) married Nell Roberts (b. Oct. 16, 1926); home, Shelby, North Carolina. Their children — Charles Coleman, Jr. (b. July 25, 1951), George Roberts (b. Nov. 25, 1953), John Jefferson (b. Dec. 30, 1954).

After Grandmother Sperling's death, Grandfather, who was a Civil War Veteran lived in our home until his death. Also our mother's niece, LaLene Grigg (b. March 15, 1904) lived in the home and seemed like a sister.

As a young man our father would pass a plot of land each time going to town which had many beautiful oak trees growing on it and would often dream of owning it someday as the site where he would build his future home. Early in the 19th Century this dream was realized — after living in the small three room cottage a few years he built a large Victorian house. In 1928 this house was practically torn

down and reconstructed into the present brick Colonial home. It is now the home of one of the daughters, Madge, and her husband Lloyd Ray Little.

Many happy occasions were enjoyed by this large and devoted family, such as Christmas, birthdays, Mother's and Father's Days, weddings and wedding receptions. The most memorable being the celebration of our parents' 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 28, 1949.

Our parents were active members of Ross Grove Baptist Church and are buried in the church cemetery. Their nine children were at sometime members, too. As they married, moved into other communities, they became members of the local church. Some of the children are still loyal and faithful members of Ross Grove Church.

We are grateful for our parents and the fine heritage they left us.

Sources — family memories, personal knowledge and family Bible

— Mrs. L.H. Ledford

CLARENCE YATES SPERLING FAMILY

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Clarence Yates Sperling the son of William Issac and Amanda Sperling was born April 5, 1900 at the home of his parents in Cleveland County near Waco, N. C. He was educated at the Old Beam School and Waco High School. He worked on the family farm with his father until his marriage.

Yates married Essie Idella Spangler, daughter of Abson Dixon and Patience Greene Spangler on November 26, 1924. The first year following their marriage, Yates and Essie lived at the home of his parents, and then purchased the farm joining his father's farm on Sperling Road near Waco.

It was there that they reared their four children, one son and three daughters. William Glenn Sperling was born September 13, 1926, Mabel Elizabeth Sperling (Mrs. Robert S. Jones) was born August 7, 1928. Patience Faye Sperling (Mrs. Bobby Irvin Spake) was born May 26, 1930. Margaret Ruth Sperling (Mrs. Jimmy Wilson) was born November 12, 1934.

Yates was a dedicated and good farmer with cotton as his major crop. He served on the Cleveland County A.S.C.S. committee, and was a member of the N. C. Crop Improvement Association. He realized the importance of planting foundation seed and began growing grain and cotton for certification.

In 1949 he and his son Glenn started a partnership, Yates Sperling & Son, and their farm operation expanded. They planted, and had contract growers to plant registered cotton seed to be grown for certified seed. Cleveland County was known for the production of cotton, and high germination cotton seed. The Yates Sperling & son Co. had the cotton seed machine delinted and packed in new 100 pound printed burlap bags bearing the Cleveland County emblem. They sold seed through the Carolinas, Georgia, Alabama and exported

Cotton seed to Spain.

Yates had a heart attack in 1957 which slowed his activities down. He began turning the operation over to his son Glenn. He died on September 16, 1965, and was buried at New Prospect Baptist Church where he was a life long member.

Yates was the only son of William Issac Sperling. Glenn was the only son of Yates. Glenn has two daughters who want to introduce you to their father, the last son of the W. I. Sperling lineage.

Our father, William Glenn Sperling, was born at the home of his parents, Essie Spangler Sperling and Clarence Yates Sperling, in Waco, on September 13, 1926. He attended Waco School where he graduated in 1944. Following high school, Daddy's immediate future was determined for him due to World War II. He was drafted into the Armed Forces, where he served in the United States Navy for two years. While in the Navy, he spent most of his time aboard the destroyer, *USS O'Hare*, where he worked as a typist in the ship's offices.

Just before Daddy entered the Navy, he met our mother, the former Ruby Isadore Beam, daughter of Joseph Luther Beam and Addie Mae Barnett of Cleveland County. She had graduated from Number Three High School and had completed business school at the National School of Commerce in Charlotte, N.C. After Daddy's tour of duty with the Navy, they were married September 8, 1946. They made their home on the family land in Waco. Daddy then began working with his father on the farm. Granddaddy Sperling had farmed all of his life, as had his father, William Issac Sperling. In those days, the major crop was cotton, and that was what they grew. Our grandfather had quite a love for cotton, which our father certainly inherited.

As one might expect, their favorite part about the cotton season was harvest time. One very memorable aspect was "weighing-up" time. Since cotton was picked by hand, the amount picked had to be weighed at the end of each day. At that time, Daddy and Granddaddy would take old hand scales to the fields, tie up the sheets of cotton, hang them on the scales, and weigh them. Each worker was then paid for what he had picked. Granddaddy would pay them out of money which he carried in an old cigar box. Finally, the cotton would be loaded onto wagons and pulled to the cotton gin.

At the time of our grandfather's death in 1965, many changes were occurring in farming techniques. Mechanical cotton pickers replaced human labor. The machines which could pick two rows simultaneously were filled and dumped onto metal wagons which could hold five bales of cotton. Not only did changes take place in the techniques used, but also in the physical nature and operations on the farm. Daddy increased the acreage of his farm by purchasing the farm adjoining his which had been his Grandfather Sperling's land. He also began planting soybeans in addition to cotton. The Yates Sperling & Son company had been selling cotton seed throughout the Carolinas and in Georgia and Alabama. Daddy continued this aspect of his business and

added to it by becoming a seed and grain broker.

Although Daddy's work on the farm consumed the majority of his time, he still managed to participate in other activities which include lifelong membership in both the North Carolina Crop Improvement Association and Carolina Cotton Growers, Inc., where he serves on the Board of Directors.

Daddy would be the first to admit he has always had excellent support from our mother. She has always kept the books and records for the business in addition to her job as a mother and homemaker. She has always been active and creative, whether it be making clothes for herself and us, doing hand and needlework, teaching Sunday School or working during the elections at Waco.

Glenn and Ruby have two daughters: Carolyn Jane, born October 25, 1951, and Nancy Ruth, born December 1, 1954. Jane is married to Douglas Bryan Young and they reside in Durham where Bryan is a physician. Nancy is married to Roderick Doyle Parrish and they presently live in Raleigh. Jane graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in English Education. Nancy also graduated from UNC with a BS degree in pharmacy. Both daughters are very grateful to have had such wonderful parents and grandparents.

Sources: family records and personal knowledge.

— Jane S. Young
and Nancy S. Parrish

THE ISSAAC SPURLIN (SR.) FAMILY

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Isaac Spurlin Sr., son of John and Myally Spurlin, was born about 1770 probably in Chatham/Orange County, North Carolina where he lived with his parents from at least 1770 to 1782. By 1786 the family moved to Richmond County, North Carolina where Isaac eventually set up his own household before settling in Rutherford County, North Carolina, and Cleveland County.

On February 18, 1800 John Spurling deeded to his son Isaac fifty acres in Richmond County adjoining land which Isaac owned "... in consideration of the natural love and affection which I bear to my son Isaac Spurlin ..." In 1801 Isaac sold this property where he lived on the waters of Mountain Creek. Isaac sold the fifty acres to John Billingsly for \$150.

In 1803 Isaac purchased from John Roper two parcels of land which adjoined each other and were situated on the waters of Mountain Creek in Richmond County. Isaac paid one hundred pounds for this land which totaled approximately one hundred acres. On January 5, 1812 Isaac sold this land for one hundred pounds to Hugh M. Cole.

After 1812 Isaac Spurlin and his family moved to Rutherford County North Carolina. On January 12, 1815 Isaac bought from Martin Elliott approximately 246 acres in Rutherford County on both sides of Hickory Creek includ-

ing the plantation where E. Spurlin then lived. Isaac purchased this land for \$492. On May 24, 1825 Isaac sold to his brother Matthew Spurlin for \$120 fifty acres on the west side of Hickory Creek where Matthew then lived. In July 1829 Isaac and his brother Matthew sold to Peter Mooney of Lincoln County fifty acres of their land also on the waters of Hickory Creek.

Although the identity of Isaac's wife is unknown, she was born about 1774 and died before 1830. Isaac and his wife raised nine children. Isaac's son Matthew Spurlin was born January 18, 1798 probably in Richmond County. He and his family lived most of their lives in Rutherford County where Matthew was a farmer. His wife, Nancy Smith, was born about 1795. They were married about February 18, 1821. Their children were William (born ca. 1828), Wesley (born ca. 1830), and Susannah (born ca. 1837).

On December 12, 1865 Matthew took a second wife, Sarah Lovelace, who was born in North Carolina about 1832. Their children were William W. (born ca. 1862), Sarah Lovelace (born ca. 1862), Judah (born ca. 1863), Matthew M. (born ca. 1874) and Jane (born ca. 1861).

William B. Spurlin was born about 1800 probably in Richmond County. He lived with his father, Isaac Sr., in Cleveland County in 1850. After his father's death about 1854 William lived with his brother John Berry in Cleveland County in 1860, with the Peckmans in Township #6 in 1870 and with his brother Isaac Spurlin Jr. in Township #6 in 1880.

Issac and his wife had four daughters. Drucilla (born ca. 1800-1804), Elizabeth (born ca. 1804-1810), Nancy Spurlin Putman (born ca. 1811) and Rebecca. All of the daughters were probably born in Richmond County except Rebecca who was probably born in Rutherford County.

Johnathan Spurlin was born about 1805 in Richmond County. In 1850 he lived in Cleveland County where he was a shoemaker. He and his wife Rebecca (born ca. 1818) had five children. They were Mary M. (born ca. 1836), Jemima (born ca. 1838), Isaac (born ca. 1844), John (born ca. 1846) and Andrew M. (born ca. 1850).

Isaac Spurlin Jr. was born December 22, 1811. He was the father of the Cleveland County line of Spurlin(g)s.

John Berry Spurlin was born about 1825 in Rutherford County. He lived with his father in 1850 and in 1860 was a farmer in Cleveland County.

In his will of June 20, 1854, Isaac Senior left most of his property to his youngest son, John Berry, including one hundred and fifty acres, a dwelling, all Isaac's stock of hogs, cattle and sheep, bee hives, his mare and colt, farming tools, household and kitchen furniture of every kind and his carryall wagon.

Isaac also left to his daughter Nancy Putman and her heirs about ten acres of land on which Isaac's son Johnathan was then living.

Sources: Will, deed and document information provided by Eleanor B. Spurlin, Matthews, and Ken Spurlin, Silverdale, Was., personal knowledge

— Diana Spurling

ISAAC SPURLIN JR.

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Isaac Spurlin Jr. was born December 22, 1811, probably in Richmond County, North Carolina. He moved to Rutherford County with his parents after 1812, and lived with them through 1830. He became a farmer and by 1840, established his household in Rutherford County.

By 1850, Isaac was living in Cleveland County and on January 10, 1855 Isaac bought for One hundred seventy dollars from Samuel Wilson, forty acres on the waters of the First Broad River in Cleveland County. This land adjoined land owned by Isaac's son-in-law, Moses Wilson, Thomas Lovelace and others.

On January 10, 1855, Isaac bought from Moses Wilson ten acres for fifty dollars on the First Broad River in Cleveland County. This property adjoined property owned by Samuel Wilson.

In September 1863, Isaac bought from Milton Gold for Five hundred eighty one dollars approximately thirty six acres situated on the waters of the First Broad River adjoining the land of Milton Gold and the Mc Entires.

On June sixth 1872, Isaac bought from his brother John Berry Spurlin one acre of land lying on Little Hickory Creek and along the Shelby Road adjoining land owned by John Berry. The cost of this land was Four dollars.

On March 13, 1883 Isaac and his wife Matilda sold to James M. Wilson 46 acres for Three hundred fifty two dollars and fifty cents. This land was also in Cleveland County.

The value of his Cleveland County real estate was recorded as \$200 in 1850, \$300 in 1860 with 1194 acres and \$450 in 1870. His personal property was valued at \$300 in 1870. In 1870 he and his wife lived in Cleveland County Township #5 Buffalo Paper Mill and Township #6 P.O. Shelby. In 1880 he and his wife and his brother William lived in Township #6 (excluding Shelby Town).

Jane "Jennie" Weaver was Isaac's first wife and the mother of his children. She was born around 1802 in North Carolina. They were married around August 4, 1832. Their children were John Jefferson (born around July 1833), Unity (born around 1836) and Elizabeth (born around 1839). Unity married Moses Wilson on March 14, 1854 at Isaac's home. Jennie Spurlin died March 12, 1876.

Isaac's second wife Matilda M. was born around December 28, 1837. Isaac and Matilda were married after Isaac's first wife died in 1876. Isaac died July 12, 1902 and Matilda died December 11, 1913. Isaac and his two wives are buried at Zion Baptist Church cemetery, Route 5, Shelby, North Carolina.

— Diana Spurling

THE JOHN SPURLIN FAMILY

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John Spurlin Sr. was the founder of a large family still prominent in Cleveland County today. He was born by 1735, probably in Virginia. He married his first wife Myally (Miley) by about 1758 and lived in Orange and Chatham

Counties, North Carolina from at least 1770-1782.

He supplied sundries and cash to the North Carolina Militia and was repaid in 1782 and 1783 in the Hillsborough District.

He married his second wife Elizabeth before 1785, and by 1786 was in Richmond County. By the 1790's he had accumulated 610 acres of land, and by July 8, 1800 he bought a comparable amount of land on the East side of Buffalo Creek in what was then Lincoln County.

Some of his family had already moved into the Cleveland County area by this time, and by the time of his 1822 will, his family included his wife and twenty-three children. He had horses, cattle, sheep, and hogs on land bordering Buffalo Creek and the land of his sons Andrew and Hugh. The following explains what is known of his children.

His daughter Sarah "Sally" Spurlin was born about 1759 and married James Altum (born December 25, 1752) on September 9, 1779 in Guilford County, North Carolina. He was a Revolutionary War veteran. They lived in the Buffalo Creek area of Lincoln County, and by 1830 moved to Greenville County, South Carolina, where he died April 15, 1833. She died after 1855.

Jeremiah Spurlin (born September 10, 1760; died June 20, 1820) married Drucilla Baldwin (born December 23, 1761; died October 23, 1837, Hinds County, Mississippi) about 1781, and they settled in Mississippi. Some of their heirs settled in Bossier Parish, Louisiana.

John's daughter Nancy was born between 1761 and 1767 and married a man named Rickhardt.

John Spurlin Jr. was born between 1761 and 1767, and was likely the first Spurlin to settle in Lincoln County. On the 1790 census for Lincoln County he is listed with a woman and a female child.

William Spurlin was born January 12, 1769 probably in Orange County, North Carolina, and before 1793 he had married a woman named Sarah (born ca. 1767 in South Carolina). They moved to Pike County, Georgia, where he died April 30, 1835, and she died November 1859. He was a planter with six children, and he and his wife are buried in Old Hebron Cemetery.

James Spurlin was born in 1770 in North Carolina and married Francis "Frankie" Hicks (born ca. 1775, North Carolina). They settled first in Richmond County, but by 1807 owned land in Lincoln County and died after 1850 in Morgan County, Tennessee. He was a farmer and had at least six children.

Elijah (born 1771 probably in Orange County) married a woman named Susannah (born 1773) in Richmond County about 1793. He was a farmer, and they had at least ten children. By the 1800 census they lived in Lincoln County and held land on Beason's Creek, which became part of Cleveland County. He died August 3, 1845, she died three days later, and both are buried in El Bethel Church.

Isaac Spurling was born in 1772 in the Orange/Chatham County area and died in 1854 in Cleveland County. He and his wife lived in Richmond County until about 1812, when they

moved to the Hickory Creek area of what was then Rutherford County. They had at least nine children, and they formed the main line of Cleveland County Spurling descendants.

Jesse Spurlin was born in 1776 in the Chatham County area and later moved to Richmond County where he sold land in 1804. On the 1830 Rutherford County census his family had eleven members. His tombstone in the W. M. Spake Cemetery shows that he died April 29, 1838, but his widow Elizabeth was still living in Cleveland County in 1850.

John's daughter Mary was born ca. 1774 and married a man with the surname Ross. John's son Eli was born ca. 1775. Eli was in Smith County, Tennessee in 1820.

Hugh Spurlin was born early in the 1780's, owned property in Richmond County in 1807, and later lived in Lincoln County and Georgia. In August 1814 he was mustered into the Lincoln County Second Regiment.

Rachel Spurlin was born early in the 1780's and married a man named Long. Anna Spurlin was born ca. 1784 in the Chatham County area. Aaron Spurlin was born ca. 1784-85 and may have later gone to Georgia but was in the Beason's Creek area of Lincoln County in September 1801 when he witnessed a land transaction for his brother Elijah.

John's daughter Elizabeth was born ca. 1786-90. Levi Spurlin (born ca. 1786-90) was a farmer who moved to Warren County, Georgia where on December 9, 1815 he married Cynthia Brooks.

Esther Spurlin was born ca. 1786-90 and married a man with the surname Martin.

Stephen Spurlin was born about 1790 and lived along Whiteoak Creek in Lincoln County, 1822.

Andrew Spurlin was born about 1794, later lived in the Buffalo Creek area of Lincoln County, and by 1830 he and Hugh had moved to Habersham County, Georgia.

John's daughters Delilah (born about 1800) and Lavina (born 1801) each inherited \$30, bed, furniture, and dresserware in his 1822 will.

Martin Spurlin was born between 1804 and 1810, and on the 1830 Lincoln County census had a wife and one son less than five years old.

Sources: Eleanor B. Spurlin for U. S. Census analysis and other data, Ken Spurling for personal materials, and family records.

— Norman Kent Spurling

THE JOHN JEFFERSON "JEFF" SPURLIN(G) FAMILY

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John Jefferson Spurlin, son of Isaac Spurlin (Jr.), was probably born in Rutherford County, North Carolina in July 1833, and died October 26, 1924 in Cleveland County where he lived most of his life. On September 8, 1856 Jefferson and Margaret N. Pagnelia "Peggy" Eskeridge (born January 1835, died December 15, 1911) were married in the home of William L. Eskeridge. In 1860 they were living in Cleveland County, where Jefferson was a farmer and owned real estate valued at \$250 and

personal property valued at \$93.

John Jefferson was in Company F 56th Regiment during the Civil War. In May 1864 at a battle along Weldon Railroad near Petersburg, Virginia and Weldon, North Carolina, Jefferson was hit above the ankle by a minnie ball. His leg was amputated below the knee without any anesthesia. After returning home, with the use of a wooden leg, he continued to live an active life plowing fields and taking cotton to Shelby.

Three children were born before the Civil War and three children were born after the Civil War.

Mary Jane was born ca. 1858 and married Mac Ledford.

Julius J. (John J.?) was born in April 1859 and was a veterinarian and lived near Boiling Springs. He married his first wife Hattie Bryant on December 4, 1879 when she was twenty years old. (d. March 19, 1913). In 1900 Julius J. was living in Cleveland County Township 9, Double Shoals.

Monroe Ellis was born April 10, 1861 and died August 28, 1920. He and his wife Mahalia Catherine Williams (b. September 21, 1855, died October 20, 1928) were married on February 22, 1883. In 1900 they were living in Cleveland County Township 9 Double Shoals where they lived most of their lives. Monroe was a farmer.

William Isaac was born after the Civil War around 1868 and lived near Waco and with his wife, Amanda Yarboro. He lost one eye in a bow and arrow accident when he was a boy, and lost his other eye in his adult life.

Laura Ann was born around 1866 and married Alex L. Hoyle on December 6, 1883 in Cleveland County.

George Elzie was born in March 1871 and married Mary Justice Ledford.

John Jefferson lived past the age of ninety and only took his first medicine at the age of seventy five. He and his wife are buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church near Fallston, North Carolina.

— Diana Spurling

THE MONROE ELLIS SPURLING FAMILY

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Monroe Ellis Spurling was born April 10, 1861, in Cleveland County, just before his father Jefferson Spurling was called to serve in the Civil War (1861-65). He died August 28, 1920. He was a kind and gentle man and wore a mustache.

Monroe married Mahalia Catherine Williams (born September 21, 1855; died October 20, 1928) on February 22, 1883, at the home of her father Wellmon W. Williams. Catherine was small in stature and a competent homemaker. They are buried in Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

They born and reared seven christian children in Cleveland County: John Gaston Spurling, an ambitious farmer, cotton ginner, and a hardware merchant was born December 2, 1883 and died February 12, 1952. He married Lou Ella Warlick, a school teacher, on Novem-



John P. Boggs (1874-1960) and wife, Ella Spurling Boggs (1885-1969).

ber 12, 1918. She was born September 18, 1896 and died April 22, 1979. They are buried in Norman's Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, Belwood, North Carolina. They had seven children: Ellis Decatur born January 28, 1920 and died July 5, 1964; Ralph Clay born May 22, 1922 and died May 14, 1956; Bertie Lee born December 6, 1924; Earl Gaston born May 30, 1928 and died May 2, 1965; Mittie Mildred born August 24, 1932; Fred Donald born April 17, 1935; Roy Edward born October 12, 1937.

Ella Christina Spurling was born March 3, 1885, and died June 6, 1969. On December 23, 1908 she married John P. Boggs (born March 3, 1874 and Died February 17, 1960), a prominent farmer and cotton ginner. They were good managers and before there was rural electrical utilities, they installed a generator in the creek on their farm to supply water and electricity for their home and that of a neighbors and for the cotton gin. They are buried at Norman's Grove Baptist Church Cemetery. They born five children: Lloyd Ellis Boggs born November 28, 1909; Sara Kathleen born February 5, 1914; Earnest Dwight

born May 18, 1916 and died November 11, 1970; John J. Born July 11, 1921; and Betty Jean born March 19, 1928.

William Buford Spurling, a farmer and a jolly person was born September 2, 1886 and died September 15, 1962. He married Clara Teresa Gnatt (born April 21, 1895 and died April 4, 1967) on January 10, 1912. They are buried in Rose Hill Memorial Park, Fallston. They born six children; Julia Lorene, February 26, 1913; Thelma Catherine, November 9, 1914; Margaret Elizabeth, October 17, 1916; W. B. Jr., June 16, 1919; Clara Osteen, September 30, 1925; and Harold Gene, November 13, 1929.

Everette Gordon Spurling, a stock holder with Stamey Stores, Inc, Fallston, North Carolina and a life time secretary and treasurer of same was born August 22, 1888. On June 27, 1922 he married Vera Mae Lattimore, a school teacher, born March 21, 1898. They have given leadership in their Fallston Baptist Church and community. Everette served his town as mayor from 1973 through 1980. They have two sons: Everette Gordon, Jr. born September 5, 1923, and Dr. Carrol Lattimore born

November 7, 1925.

Monroe Franklin Spurling was born July 20, 1890 and died May 26, 1977. He married Selvia Lattimore (born December 15, 1892), a substitute rural mail carrier by horse and buggy, on June 5, 1912. Frank and his family moved into the family home on the Lawndale-Belwood Road to care for his mother after his father died in 1920. He was an exceptionally good farmer and a reliable man. After his mother's death in 1928, Frank purchased the family farm which his family still holds. He is buried in New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery, Lawndale. Their children are: Ruth Azelia born April 10, 1914; Pauline Catherine born July 31, 1916; James Edwin born September 5, 1918; William Robert born December 28, 1921; Warren Franklin born April 4, 1927; Charles Spurgeon born October 28, 1929 and died February 21, 1934; Elizabeth Ann born June 13, 1932; Daniel Lattimore born July 19, 1934; Thomas Grady born March 10, 1938 and died August 29, 1938.

Lee Spurgeon Spurling, an Attorney-at-Law was born April 17, 1895 and died June 13, 1945. On June 28, 1923 he married Kathleen Carter of Virginia, a school teacher. Spurgeon was serving his fifth term as Solicitor of the 16th Judicial District of North Carolina at the time of his death. He was an eloquent speaker, a vigorous prosecutor, but always fair and just to the defendants and their counsel. For twenty-five years he taught the Men's Bible Class at the First Baptist Church in Lenior. Spurgeon and Kathleen lived and are buried in Lenior, North Carolina.

Essie Laura Spurling was born August 3, 1897 and died March 4, 1979 and is buried in the Lattimore Family Cemetery near Polkville. On September 19, 1923 she married Boyd Lee Lattimore (born July 25, 1894), a farmer. He served with US Army in WWI 1918-19. Essie was a saleslady before marriage and was always dressed becomingly. She and her neices were affectionate toward each other. They born three children: Joe Ellis Lattimore, August 20, 1925; Dorcas Catherine Lattimore March 31, 1927; Reverend Boyd Lee Lattimore, Jr. November 11, 1939.

— Ruth Spurling Beam (Mrs. David E.)

CATHERINE WHITENER STACY FAMILY

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Catherine Whitener was born in 1792, the daughter of Daniel and Mary Wilfong Whitener. (for her ancestors, see related article "Weidner/Whitener" in this book). She grew up in her native community of what was then Lincoln County which was formed in 1779 from the former lands of Bladen and Anson counties. In 1842, this same land became known as Catawba County.

Along with her four sisters and five brothers, they did household chores, tended the land and livestock, cleared the lands and made clothes for the family. Life was very hard for them, but there were good times also, such as log rollings, barn raisings, quilting parties and dances.

On March 19, 1814, she was married to Zachariah B. Stacy, born in 1786 in Virginia. They were married in Lincoln County, but moved to Burke County, where they settled down to raise their family of eleven children. He was a school teacher and did not make much money so they were also farmers. They had five daughters and six sons: Mary, Lucinda, Emily, Elizabeth Ann, Pauline, Osborne, Daniel, Oliver, James, Vardie and Miles.

Zachariah B. Stacy died March 25, 1857. No record has been found on the death of Catherine Whitener Stacy.

We will continue here tracing the decedents of Miles W. Stacy. He was born in Burke County on August 14, 1819 and grew up to become a farmer.

His first marriage was to Lavina Stacy, born in 1812. They had four children and she died on December 12, 1854. No other information can be found on this marriage. After her death, Miles married again to Jemima Matilda England, born in Burke County on March 10, 1822. No other information has been found on her ancestors. The date of their marriage is not known. Miles W. and Matilda England Stacy had six sons: James Ira 1859-1931; Henry Pinkham 1860-1937; Jasper 1861-1940; Julius Emery 1862-1933; John 1866—; and Barto 1869-1932.

Miles Stacy died in Burke County on March 13, 1872 and is buried at Missionary Ridge Methodist Church in Burke County.

After his death Matilda England Stacy and her children moved to Rutherford County near Poor's Ford Bridge. They lived there as farmers, until one son bought land near Chesnee, South Carolina, and she lived with him until her death on February 18, 1902. She is buried at Cooley Springs Church near Chesnee.

We will continue tracing here the son, Julius Emery Stacy, my grandfather. He was born in Burke County on February 21, 1862, but grew up in South Carolina as a farmer. Nothing is known of where or how he met his future wife, Irena Hesentine Randall, born October 13, 1861 in Cleveland County, North Carolina. She was the only daughter of John Allison Randall (12-31-1833/8-12-1862) and Margaret Ramsey Pinson Randall (7-11-1827/11-7-1908). John Randall died of pneumonia in the Civil War, so



Francis Marion Stockton (1835-1902).

Margaret Randall raised Irene alone. They lived in Cleveland County and Rutherford county until Irena married Julius Emery Stacy on December 31, 1888. They continued to live on the farm, handed down through the Randall family. They had four daughters: Camilla (10-1-1889) died at birth; Lela Mae (1891-1962); Lillian (2-11-1893/7-28-1893); Ida Matilda (7-3-1898/12-23-1973), (my mother), married Arthur Brooks. For more information, see article "Arthur Clarence Brooks Family" in this book.

Julius Emery Stacy died March 28, 1933 and Irena Hesentine Randall Stacy died May 1, 1941. Both are buried in the family plot with their two baby daughters, and her mother, Margaret Randall, at Shiloh Baptist Church in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

Sources: Annals of Lincoln County, Historical Records of Catawba County, Marriage Records of Lincoln and Tryon Counties, Word of mouth, Family Bibles

— Eunice Brooks Hart

THE FAMILY OF FRANCIS MARION STOCKTON

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Francis Marion "Frank" Stockton, born August 16, 1835, was the son of Thomas Jefferson Stockton and Nancy Pruett Stockton. Thomas Jefferson Stockton was a descendant of Davis Stockton, born in Northern Ireland, 1688, who with his wife, Sarah immigrated to America. Nancy Pruette was the oldest child of John and Eady Pruette. Her father was a Revolutionary War soldier servicing as a private in the Virginia Continental Line and was at the Battle of Guilford Courthouse in North Carolina.

Frank Stockton and Louisa Vandel Cabaniss, who was a school teacher, and daughter of Dr. James William Cabaniss and Elizabeth Elliott Cabaniss, were married at J.G. Williamson's on July 23, 1837. After their marriage Frank and Louisa Stockton moved to their new home on the Rutherford-Cleveland County line near Big Spring Baptist Church.

Mr. Stockton was a farmer and a master craftsman. He built houses and made beautiful furniture of walnut, maple, cherry, and pine.

When there was a death in the community, Mr. Stockton made the coffin, frequently working all night to finish one. The most expensive coffin sold for \$5.00. This was made of thoroughly seasoned lumber he kept on hand for such a purpose and was covered on the outside with black velvet, supplied by the buyer. The inside of the coffin and the lid were padded with hand-carded cotton and the slip was of white bleaching. Cheaper coffins were painted on the outside with lampblack. There were no facilities for embalming, therefore, the rush of getting the coffin made.

Frank Stockton enlisted in the Confederate Army and served as a sergeant in the 56th Regiment Company F from North Carolina.

During the war years Mrs. Stockton was left on the farm with one small child and a slave girl. She had a very difficult time. When she desperately needed supplies she would go to Rutherfordton to be told she had to go to Shelby and there was told to go back to

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Rutherfordton because they could not determine which county she lived in. When she was afraid she would take her little son, John, and walk a mile or more on a path through the woods and stay with relatives. It was a joyous day when Mr. Stockton came home to stay after four long years of war.

On December 23, 1880, the Stocktons moved to a sixty-nine acre farm on the old Lincoln Road about two miles west of what is now Polkville, North Carolina. This land was part of the Cabaniss Estate. Mr. Stockton had built a house for his family. They liked living there. The land was easy to tend and they also liked being near relatives and friends.

There were eight children: Charles D. Stockton, born November 8, 1858, died October 3, 1859.

John J. Stockton, born October 5, 1860, married Martha Hord on November 8, 1886. They settled in Lawndale on a large tract of land on the east side of the First Broad River. The Stagecoach Road went in front of their home. There were no children.

Esther Elizabeth Stockton, born October 9, 1864, married Julius Gettys on December 29, 1884. They moved to a house on the Gettys property near Hollis. Later, they purchased land about one mile north of New House where the old Johnson Hotel stood. It was the first hotel built in this area and was constructed about 1790. The stagecoach stopped there as it traveled the Old Lincoln Road to Rutherfordton. The Gettys built their home across the road from the location of the Old Inn. Their children were: Chevis, Minnie, Lee, Janie, Lucy, and Yates.

William Worth Stockton, born September 25, 1866, married Della Robbins on January 5, 1889. They lived on the Hollis-Ellenboro Road and later in Ellenboro, North Carolina. There were two children: Preston and Coran.

Jesse F. Stockton, born August 13, 1869 bought land in Polk County, later moved to Virginia and then back to Polk County. Their children were: Dorcas, Dorothy, Charles, Selina, Matt, Lula, Texie and Rosie.

Virginia Ann Stockton, born April 17, 1875, married Oliver Beam Elliott on April 23, 1891. They moved to his brother Thomas Elliott's home. They later bought the John Paxton Elliott homeplace and moved there on December 24, 1895. Their children were: Ophelia, Alpha, Paxton, Frank, Robert, and Mary Gordon.

Mary Jane Stockton, born May 20, 1878,

married D.M. Davis on October 26, 1899. They lived on a farm near the Old Lincoln Road. There were three children: Picola, Lake, and L.V.

Nancy Louisa Stockton, born November 14, 1882, married Amos Jones on September 20, 1899. They made their home with the Stockton family. There were four children: Clyde, Mamie Lee, Lottie Lou, and Mary.

Francis Marion Stockton died September 22, 1902. Louise Cabaniss Stockton continued to live at the homeplace. She died November 8, 1924. They are buried at the Elliott Cemetery, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

Sources: F.M. Stockton *Bible*, Writings of Preston Stockton, Writings of Mrs. Virginia Ann Stockton Elliott.

— Mary Gordon Elliott

GEORGE WASHINGTON STOCKTON

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George Washington Stockton, the son of Joseph W. and Sallie Prescillia Stockton, was born on April 21, 1857 in the Number 7 Township on the Lattimore/New House Road. On January 20, 1885 he married Margaret Jane Washburn at her father's home in Washburn Switch, which was known at that time as DePew, and is the present site of the PPG Plant. She was born June 18, 1867, the daughter of Charles Gabriel and Sarah Schenck Crowder Washburn, the granddaughter of Abram and Rebecca Durham Washburn and Allen and Pheobe Grigg Crowder, and the great-granddaughter of Gabriel and Prescillia McSwain Washburn and Charles and Patience Davis Durham.

At the beginning of this union the couple lived in a house about one-half mile from the Joseph W. Stockton home. Somewhere around 1888 they moved to Lattimore, residing in a house that has since been demolished, located north across the street from the Lattimore Fire Department. In 1890 they purchased a farm where they were to build a new house. While this house was under construction in 1893, G. W. and Mag kept house in the Old Durham Academy School building which stood between their house being constructed and the Olin Toms home, now owned by Ricky Toms.

Finally the Stockton home was completed and furnished with much of the same furniture still found in the home now owned by Mrs. Charles J. Stockton. There is the original bed and trunnel bed with which George and Margaret started housekeeping. In addition, there are washpots and stands, oil lamps, clocks, and spinning wheel that belonged to Mag's grandfather, Allen Crowder. All the furnishings are in excellent repair and much of it is still being used. A baby bed in which all of George Washington Stockton's children and grandchildren slept, as well as some of his great-grandchildren.

During the late 1800's the railroad through Lattimore made the town an important stopover for salesman or drummers, as they were called at that time. These salesmen would ride the train into town and rent their hacks, surrys,

buggys, or most any other form of transportation needed to ply their trade from Mr. G. W. Stockton the owner and operator for the livery stable. His grandson Joe still has a buggy that was part of the equipment for hire, and also a double case key wound pocket watch that he carried. In addition to the livery stable, Mr. Stockton operated a sawmill and was known for his habit of never wearing his shoes tied.

Margaret Stockton, Mag or "the governor" as she was affectionately called by her children and grandchildren, was famous for her quilting and her cooking. As long as she lived, there were always plenty of pies and cakes in the pie safe which is still in use in the house today.

George and Mag had six children, Toy Carl Stockton, Roy Guy (Tac) Stockton, Sarah Stockton, Clara Ethel Stockton, Georgia Hill Stockton and Charles Joseph Stockton. Two of these, Sarah and Georgia, died as infants. Sarah, born April 6, 1892 died November 5, 1893 from injuries incurred when she fell into the fireplace.

Georgia Hill Stockton, born June 16, 1900 died on July 11, 1904 from what was traditionally claimed to be eating green apples or peaches, but what was probably appendicitis.

On Sunday evening of July 7, 1918, Mr. and Mrs. O. D. Price paid a visit at the home of George and Margaret Stockton. After their departing George went outside to feed the horses at the barn. On his way back, he collapsed in the old orchard with a stroke and died about 8:30 p.m. in the evening. His wife lived until April 28, 1940 and they both were buried at Double Springs Baptist Church.

Obituary:

Mr. George Stockton died Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock following a second stroke of apoplexy which overcame him an hour and a half before his death. About six weeks ago he suffered a slight stroke and was carried to Rutherfordton Hospital for treatment. He responded to the treatment and seemed very much improved. On Sunday his son Roy Stockton who is in training at a South Carolina camp had been at his bedside and had left two hours before for camp, leaving his father in apparent fair health.

Mr. Stockton was 62 years of age. He was married to Miss Maggie Washburn who survives with the following children: Toy C., Roy G., and Charlie Stockton and Mrs. Olin Toms. Deceased was at one time a prominent and successful lumberman. During the last few years he had devoted his time exclusively to farming. He was a man of excellent character, a splendid neighbor and dutiful father and husband and the community which held him in such high esteem will miss him.

The funeral was held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock by Rev. G. P. Hamrick and the interment was at Double Springs Baptist Church amid a crowd of sorrowing friends.

G.W. Stockton one of the big lumber dealers of Cleveland County is Mr. G.W. Stockton, of Lattimore, who was born in this county, April 21, 1857. He has been engaged in the saw mill business for fifteen years and is acquainted with every detail of his business. Mr. Stockton's mill averages about 1,000,000 feet of lumber every year and he always finds ready sale for all of his lumber. From six to fifteen hands are employed regularly and everything is kept humming around the mill.

Mr. Stockton was happily married about 10 years ago to Miss Maggie Washburn, daughter of the late C.G. Washburn, who was one of the county's most highly respected citizens.

Mr. Stockton has been successful because

he has been honest and unceasing in his labors and he has built up a trade that is remunerative in proportion to its volume.

Sources: Records John Preston Stockton, *Family Bible*, Cemetery & Court Records, *Cleveland Star*

— Joe Stockton

JOSEPH W. STOCKTON

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In 1829 Joseph W. Stockton, the son of Thomas Jefferson and Nancy Pruett Stockton, was born on December 20, 1855. He married Sallie Priscilla Philbeck, the daughter of John Philbeck and Rhoda Washburn Philbeck. She was born on November 28, 1834, and her maternal grandparents were John Washburn and Mary Ann Magness Washburn, and her great-grandparents were Gabriel Washburn and Priscilla McSwain Washburn.

Joseph W. Stockton was a man of versatile talents. He operated a farm, a sawmill, a cotton gin, a general store, and in the 1860 Cleveland County census his occupation was listed as a distiller with a Federal permit. He bought his farm of over 200 acres in 1854 at a public auction for two hundred and fifty dollars. This farm is currently owned by Eddie Harrill and is known locally as the Gaff Lattimore farm.

On November 22, 1861 Joseph W. Stockton joined the 38th Regiment, Company I of the Confederate Army and served in the Civil War under Captain O.P. Gardner. His great-grandson Joe Stockton still has the powder horn his great-grandfather carried during the war. He also has a table that Joseph W. Stockton made and hand carved.

There are several legends perpetuated about this family that originated from Thomas Needham Stockton, one of the older grandsons who lived next door to his grandmother. One of these legends is that around 1867 or 1868, Joseph and Sallie Priscilla decided to move the log farmhouse from down near the spring closer to the road. While the house was being dismantled, moved and reconstructed the family lived in a brush arbor. Another tradition establishes that during the civil war when supplies were hard to come by, Sallie Priscilla took the dirt from the smokehouse floor and boiled it to obtain enough salt to cure the meat.

On January 18, 1886 Joseph W. Stockton died. His wife lived until December 7, 1909. They are buried at Sandy Plains Baptist Church in New House in Cleveland County. They had children which are listed here with their families.

George Washington Stockton married Margaret Dora Jane Washburn and can be found in a section with detailed information under George Washington Stockton.

Pamelia Caldonia Stockton was born in 1859 and married William McCurry of the Sunshine Community in Rutherford County. When her husband died, she moved to the Spartanburg area to work in a cotton mill. Although her death is unverified, it is traditionally believed that she drowned in a flood which destroyed several mills in the early 1900's. She mothered two children, Ed McCurry and Jennie Loretta McCurry. Jennie Loretta never married.

Joseph Franklin Stockton was born on May

28, 1861 and died July 24, 1912. During his life he was considered to be one of the best drivers of a team of horses or mules in this part of the country. He usually drove without lines and he used a whip with a small piece of chain attached to it. Mr. George Whitaker who was raised in the New House area related this story to Joe Stockton of Lattimore. When the Lawndale Mill bought a boiler, they hired Joseph Franklin to transport it from the Shelby railroad station to Lawndale. A special wagon had to be made for this expedition and residents lined the road to watch this extraordinary man drive the ten or twelve miles with his unusual cargo.

On December 24, 1891 Joseph Franklin Stockton married Cora Eskridge who was born on June 15, 1875 and died February 12, 1909. Around 1902 or 1903 they moved to the Steel Creek Community of Mecklenburg County and are buried at the Steel Creek Presbyterian Church cemetery. Their children were as follows: Marion Pelham Stockton, Joseph Everett Stockton, Edith B. Stockton, Coleman Evans Stockton and Carl Hall Stockton.

John Daniel Stockton lived in the Number 7 Township of Cleveland County near Rehobeth Methodist Church, married Florence Paston. Their oldest child was Thomas Needham who was born on October 12, 1892, and was a farmer like his father. He served in World War I and on March 24, 1945 he married Eunice Spangler. In 1979 he died childless. Their only other child is Attie Stockton who was born March 24, 1899 and never married. She died September 3, 1981.

Rhoda A. Stockton was born in 1865, died in 1934 and is buried at Sandy Plains Baptist Church. She married Emmerson A. Wilson. They had two children, Bymun and Zeke.

Marcus Lee Stockton was born on May 18, 1868 and died July 30, 1918. He married Josie E. Briggs who was born on June 1, 1863 and they lived in Hollis and the New House Area. They are buried at Sandy Plains Church. Their three children were: Zonnie Ray who lived in Salem, Ohio; Beard Edward, who was born on March 11, 1898, died December 16, 1966, lived in Shelby and is buried at Sandy Plains Church; and a son Otto.

M. Ella Stockton was born on April 21, 1871 and died March 23, 1940. She married John Hamrick and they had ten children which are listed below: Lida, Lawton, Belva, Nellie, Joe, Pearl, Florence, Elma, Ola and Cliff. They lived in the Patterson Grove Church community near Kings Mountain and are buried at Patterson Grove Church.

Miller A. Stockton was born on June 15, 1873, died on September 15, 1937 and married Macie Price of Duncans Creek, Rutherford County. She was born on October 7, 1882 and died October 12, 1966. Miller was a sawmiller in Garner, Wake County, and he and his wife are buried at New Bethel Baptist Church. They had two children; Sarah Eunice Stockton, who married Sam Powell, and Eulan Foster Stockton, who married Jessmer Stancil.

Nancy Ida Stockton was born on October 18, 1875 and died May 27, 1931. She married Everette McDaniel who was born on May 17, 1876 and died January 14, 1934. They lived in Ellenboro most of their lives, but in later years

they moved to Shelby and are buried in the Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. They had no children.

Sarah Ada Stockton was born on April 17, 1883 and married J. Gaff Lattimore. Sarah died October 22, 1949. Children of Gaff and Ada are: Newland D., Robert C., Sallie L., Dorcas J., Virginia C. and Ida. They lived in the Joseph W. Stockton Home in Number Seven Township. Ada was born and died in the same house and the same room. She was buried in the Lattimore Family Cemetery.

Sources: Records John Preston Stockton, *Family Bible*, Cemetery & Court Records

— Joe Stockton

THOMAS JEFFERSON STOCKTON

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Thomas Jefferson Stockton, the eldest son of Davis and Elizabeth Whitesides Stockton, born 1786, received his name from the third president of the United States. Thomas Jefferson Stockton's grandfather and great-grandfather owned adjoining land with President Jefferson in Virginia. This was the beginning of a tradition of naming Stockton children for presidents.

During the War of 1812, Thomas Jefferson served in the First Regiment of Rutherford County under Captain John Oliver.

In 1855 Thomas Jefferson Stockton died. His grandson filed an insurance application in 1890 that stated that his grandfather Thomas Jefferson Stockton was killed by a tree. This accident occurred near the Oak Grove Methodist Church northeast of Polkville, N.C. where he lived.

Thomas Jefferson Stockton and his wife Nancy Pruitt Stockton, daughter of John Pruitt and Eady, were parents of nine children. They were:

Eady Stockton. She was born in 1806 in Rutherford County and lived her entire life in the same area. She died in 1885. Her grave lies in a family cemetery near the home of her great-great-great grandson, Deputy Sheriff Jim W. Norman, on Clover Hill Church Road. Her husband was Henry Clifton Hastings, son of William Hastings. He was born in 1796 in Virginia and died July 13, 1876. Most of the Hastings still reside in Casar and Polkville, Cleveland County, descended from this union. Their children were: Samuel, William, Nancy, Thomas, Peter, Joseph (killed in the civil war); and Frank H. (married Jane Stockton, his first cousin, the daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth Stockton).

Reuben N. Stockton. He was born in 1812 in Rutherford County and died in Macon County, N.C. sometime after 1880. His wife, Lively Ledford Stockton, was born in 1815 in Rutherford County and was also living in 1880 and listed with her husband on the census for that year in Macon County. Many of their descendants can be found in North Georgia and Western North Carolina. Their first four children, Pheba, Susan, A. Richardson and Margaret were born in Rutherford County. The others, James, Robert, Nancy I., Humphrey D., and

Alexander B. were born in Macon County, N.C. Spencer Newberry Stockton. The time of his birth is unknown, but he married Sinia Deaton and they lived in Mitchel County, N.C. Their descendants are located in McDowell County, N.C. and Carter County, Tennessee. He and his wife were the parents of seven children; Marion, Daniel, Jesse, Samuel, Reuben, Jane and Sarah.

David Stockton. David was born in 1814 and was married twice, first to a Thompson and second to Polly Putnam on April 14, 1853. David's children are: George Robert (Bob), Jemimia, Jason, Elizabeth, Thomas Jefferson, Mary and Nancy.

Sarah Stockton. Sarah was born ca 1828 and married Richard McGinnis on February 22, 1853. In 1870 they were living in the Number Seven Township in Cleveland County.

Joseph W. Stockton. He was born in 1829 and married Sallie Priscilla Philbeck on December 20, 1855. They lived in the Number Seven Township in Cleveland County on the present day Lattimore/New House Road. More information about this family can be found in a separate section under Joseph W. Stockton.

Samuel Stockton. Samuel was born in the year 1832 and married Mary Elizabeth Horn, born 1834, the daughter of John Horn Sr. and Polly Wolfe Horn of Cleveland County. Samuel and Mary were married on March 13, 1851. They moved to Flagpond in Unicoi County, Tennessee before 1860. Samuel died February 9, 1894 and Mary Elizabeth died September 12, 1904. Their descendants can still be found in the Washington, Unicoi, and Green Counties of Tennessee. Their children were John Williams, Thomas Jefferson, Melvin, Jane and Media.

Margy Stockton. No information can be found about Margy except that she was born in 1833.

Francis Marion Stockton. Francis (Frank) was born in 1835 and died on September 22, 1902. He married Louisa Y. Cabaniss on July 23, 1857. The children of Francis and Louisa are: Charles D., John Joseph, Elizabeth, William W., Jessie F., Virginia Ann, Mary Jane and Nancy Lousia. This family lived in Polkville, N.C.

Thomas Jefferson Stockton was the son of Davis Stockton, born ca 1744 and died 1831 in Rutherford County and Elizabeth Whitesides. Davis Stockton fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain. Thomas Jefferson Stockton was the grandson of Samuel Stockton born in 1720; died 1807, and Prudence Torbet. Samuel Stockton came to Rutherford County, N.C. and purchased land in 1774 in what is now Golden Valley Township. Samuel Stockton's home still stands and is being used as a barn on the farm of Frank Melton.

Thomas Jefferson Stockton was great-grandson of Davis Stockton of Virginia. He was born ca 1686 in Northern Ireland and died in 1760 in Albamarle County, Virginia.

Sources: Records John Preston Stockton; Family Bible; Cemetery & Court records.

— Joe Stockton

TOM NEEDHAM STOCKTON and EUNA FAYE SPANGLER 1019

Euna Faye Spangler was born February 21, 1895, the fourth child and second daughter of Abson Dixon "Dick" Spangler and Nana Patience Green Spangler. Euna was born and grew up in the Double Shoals Community of Cleveland County, North Carolina. She attended the Royster Free School, then Spangler School for two years and in 1915 went to Boiling Springs High School, which at that time was a boarding school.

Euna returned home from boarding school. Her younger sister, Evie, had married that year and many changes were to come in the next few years. Euna's mother died in 1925. For about twenty years thereafter Euna became the lady of the house, as her other sisters married and the brothers found wives and married also. Younger brother Yates, meanwhile, looked after the farm. In 1941 Yates married and brought his wife, Daisy, to live at the homeplace with his father and sister.

In 1945 Euna married Tom Needham Stockton and they went to Needham's homeplace to make their home in the Rehobeth Community of Cleveland County, along with Needham's sister Addie and his mother.

Needham, the only son of J.D. Stockton and Florence Poston Stockton, was born October 11, 1890 in the Rehobeth Community and lived his entire life there. He farmed for a living with cotton being the main crop.

Needham served his country in World War I in the Infantry, Thirty-sixth division. He went through the war fortunate enough to receive no wounds even though he was in seven major battles. In one of the battles only five men, including himself, returned safely. At one time he and two others were chosen to spy on the Germans. One had pliers to cut the twisted bobbed wire and the others crawled through to the Heidenburg line where they

heard the German soldiers talking in the trenches. They carried the information back to the commanding officers and were able to attack the Germans before the Germans attacked them.

Needham died August 2, 1979 after a long, productive life and was buried in the Double Springs Church Cemetery where he and Euna were members.

Source: Personal knowledge.

— Theresa Lowe

PETER STROUP'S FAMILY 1020

In 1733 Peter and Maria Straub and their two sons, Peter and Jacob (1732-1804) sailed to Pennsylvania from England on the ship, "Pennsylvania Merchant." They were from the Rineland Province of Palatinate in Germany. As conditions in their home land were poor, they went to England, but finding conditions were little better there, they embarked to America. They landed at Philadelphia and were identified with the early settlers known as "Pennsylvania Dutch." This term came from the word "Deutsch," which means German, and which the settlers changed to "Dutch."

The German spelling of the family name was Straub, but through the years there have been many variations such as Stroop, Stroup, Straup, Strubb, Strupp, Strobe, etc.

In 1765, while living in Germantown, Philadelphia County, Peter Straub became a citizen of his new country. One among many who opposed taking an oath, he simply affirmed it.

Peter took his family from Pennsylvania, through the Shenandoah Valley, into North Carolina and settled in Lincoln County. Jacob and his wife Nancy had a son, Daniel (1778-1828) who married Polly Goodson (1786-1843) on February 19, 1803. Daniel and Polly's son Matthew (1807-1885) married Elizabeth Wilson (1809-1845) on April 21, 1829. After her death he married Barbara Black



Melton Stroup Family: Front row: Twins Alonzo and Marlow. Back row L to R: Melton, Minnie Florence, baby Lonnie, Vance, Charlie, Gus, Henry, Marvin.



(1822-1890) on September 21, 1846.

Matthew Wallace Stroup (1852-1938) was one of 16 children, he married Hesty Warlick, Margaret Summitt and then Ellen Dellinger. Most of these people listed above are buried at Mount Zion Church near Cherryville. Matthew Wallace had three children: Ephriam, Melton Columbus, and Sarah Jane.

Melton Columbus (1875-1958) married Minnie Florence Wright (1877-1940) she was the daughter of Richard Wright and Mary Ann Morrison Wright. Melton was a tall man, and he always wore a mustache. He was a farmer and moved his family to Shelby in 1914, from the Muddy Fork Creek area. They are buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery near Shelby. They had eight children. Lonnie Pearl, the only daughter, was born in 1913 and died 14 months later. She was buried at Mount Zion Cemetery. Their sons were Matthew Vance, Charlie Franklin, David Augustus, Henry Floyd, Marvin Thomas, Marlow Arthur, Alonza Richard. Of the seven sons, one became a Baptist Preacher and five were Baptist Deacons.

Matthew Vance (1900-1973) was never married. He lived with and cared for his father, who had become an invalid through the loss of a leg. Vance, his father and mother are buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery.

Charlie Franklin was born on July 31, 1901. He married Pearl May Green. They have three sons, Clyde, Carl, and Clarence. Charlie is a retired textile worker, and resides in Shelby. They have always been actively involved in church life. They are members of Calvary Baptist Church.

David Augustus "Gus" (1903-1944) was married to Maud Augusta Epley. They lived in Shelby and later moved to a farm near Kings Mountain. "Gus" as he was called, was a farmer and a textile worker. He was a strong church and family man, and when he died at the early age of 41, Maud was left with the responsibility of raising the five children. She continued to work the farm and also to work in a textile mill. Maud loved to take trips to the mountains, she enjoyed sewing and working in her flowers. "Gus" and Maud are buried at Pleasant Grove Church Cemetery. Their children are Hughlon Yates (1926-1969) was buried at Mountain Rest Cemetery at King Mountain. Reuben Jerrell, Lehman Darrell, Doris Jane (Mrs. Melvin Clemmer) and Gloria Gay (Mrs. Lewis Jenkins).

Henry Floyd (1904-1967) married Florence Black and they had one daughter Margaret (Mrs. Horace Brown). After Florence's death he married Luella Langford, they had two daughters: Mary Lee (Mrs. Steve Clary Jr.) and Amanda (Mrs. T.A. Wright). They all enjoyed family gatherings and he enjoyed working with his dogs. He was a retired textile worker.

Marvin Thomas (1908-1980) and wife Alda Neal had two sons, Neal and Howard. As did some of the other boys he farmed and worked in the mill. He liked to sing and at one time led singing in his church. Marvin was a Mason.

He is buried at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery near Shelby.

Marlow Arthur was born on May 8, 1910.

He married Gladys Callahan. They had four children: Vernell (Mrs. James Foshee) Carolyn (Mrs. Charles Magnet), Dwyre, and Earl. Marlow graduated from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in 1954, and has pastored churches in Georgia, Mississippi, and North Carolina. He is retired but is currently serving as interm pastor of Christian Freedom Church. One of his hobbies is raising chickens. Marlow and Gladys make their home in Shelby.

Alonza Richard (1910-1981), Marlow's twin, married Inez Beam, and they had two children: Martha (Mrs. Courtney Madden) and Richard. Alonza was a retired textile worker and was active in church life. Hunting and fishing were two of his favorite pasttimes. Alonza was buried at Cleveland Memorial Park at Shelby.

Sources: "List of Foreigners Imported in Pennsylvania Oaths of Allegiance," Gravestones, Family Bible, Marriages Records of Lincoln and Tryon Counties, Interviews with family members, and family records.

— Mrs. Martha Stroup Madden
and Mrs. Gay Stroup Jenkins

MERLE MURCHISON STUART 1021

Between 1920 and 1930, Shelby and Cleveland County had experienced a tremendous growth in population and industrial expansion. Census figures for that period show that Shelby's population had increased from 3609 in 1920 to 10,789 in 1930 — nearly three times, and the county from 34,270 to 52,305. The Cleveland Cloth Mills had just been built during that time, also, the Dover Mills. Plants in Spindale were, producing large quantities of rayon goods. This almost phenomenal boom intrigued young Merle Murchison Stuart, who at that time was agent for Railway Express Company in Graham, N.C.

In the industrial life of Cleveland County at that time, perhaps nothing played such an important part as getting the finished product to the great distributors and users without waste of time.

Many of the mills had selling offices in New York, where their products were disposed of through commission channels. In the 1930's, the mills here bought large quantities of rayon and celanese, made it up and shipped it back to the distributor or one of the large finishing plants in New Jersey or the eastern markets. Rayon was picked up in Tennessee or Virginia or wherever manufactured, brought to the mills here, made up into goods and shipped by truck to eastern markets in the course of a very short time.

Merle M. Stuart came to Shelby in 1931 to establish the first long-distance motor truck company, K & S Trucking Company. He and Mr. W.C. Kirkpatrick started with one truck, a huge White tractor-trailer outfit, which attracted attention in all the towns along the route from Shelby to New York. In 1935, K & S merged with Barnwell Brothers, later with Associated Transport, making it one of the largest trucking companies in the world. Barnwell had, also, started with one truck.

Stuart and his brother, Oscar, owned and

operated the Pee Dee Express Company out of Hartsville, South Carolina. "Mr. M.M." as he was often called, was president of the South Carolina Trucking Association during that time. In 1931, he had helped organize the North Carolina Trucking Association, and was treasurer of that organization, for several terms. He was President of the Board of Governors of the Southern Motor Carriers Rate Conference and a director of the American Trucking Association.

He was active in politics, having been county manager for W. Kerr Scott's gubernatorial candidacy, and was, also, chairman of Gov. Scott's Better Roads and Schools \$200,000,00 bond issue. Cleveland County approved both by a majority of two to one. Gov. Scott appointed him to the Railroad Finance Committee. During the war, Stuart was local administrator of the county Committee on War Transportation, which was in charge of rationing tires and gasoline.

Merle Murchison Stuart was born in Alamance County on Dec. 14, 1901, the eldest of six sons of Mary Julia Murchison (Mollie) Stuart and John Richard Stuart. He was reared in the Hawfields Community, where he was a neighbor and fellow-church-member of W. Kerr Scott in the historical Hawfields Presbyterian Church, "The Church in the Fields." His brothers were Egbert Lindley, Kermit Meade, John Hartley, Oscar Dillon and Thomas Lenoir. Oscar is married to the former Elizabeth Spangler and lives in Shelby.

Merle M. Stuart and Mildred Catherine Moore, of Graham, North Carolina were married October 23, 1928, and they moved to Shelby in 1931 to pioneer the trucking industry in this country. In 1932, they bought the home that Mr. W.C. Arey, Sr. had built at 421 South Washington Street in 1907. Both of their children were born there: John Moore Stuart in 1932 and Sylvia Catherine in 1934. They have four grandchildren: Teresa Ann Stuart and David Moore Stuart, of High Point, and John B. Gordon III and Catherine Mason Gordon, of Raleigh. Mrs. Stuart continues to live in the home on South Washington Street.

Stuart was active in the Shelby Presbyterian Church, where he was a deacon. He was a Rotarian and a Shriner. Continuing his love of the soil from the years when he grew up on a farm, he owned farms on Beaver Dam and Hickory Creek. He was interested in growing and hybridizing daylilies. Golf was another of his hobbies, and he and three other Presbyterians, Herb Combs, Brady Dickson and Charles Lever enjoyed a golf foursome for about thirty years.

At the time of his death on March 18, 1963, in a traffic accident, Stuart was sales representative for McLean Trucking Company.

Sources: 1935 *Shelby Daily Star* Newspaper, Trade Magazine.

— Mildred M. Stuart

THE FRANK RICKERT SUMMERS FAMILY

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Born July 7, 1893, in Iredell County near

Statesville, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. T.W. Summers, and served as a lieutenant in the Medical Corps in the United States Army in World War I. He then operated a group of fruit packing houses in Tampa and Lakeland, Florida. In 1928, he moved to Kings Mountain and operated the Summers Drug Company until the mid-thirties. He was a director of the First National Bank, Kings Mountain, and became its president in 1942.

Mr. Summers married Bonnie E. Mauney in 1925 in Kings Mountain. Their children are: Virginia (Mrs. L.E. Hinnant), born 1927 and a graduate of Salem College and the University of North Carolina; Frances Margaret, born 1928, a graduate of Salem College and the University of Texas, now residing in Charlotte; and Frank Andrew, born 1931 (married Claire Randolph of Atlanta, Georgia). Frank is a graduate of Georgia Tech and received his M.A. from that school. He and his wife have two children: Frank Randolph and Virginia Claire. They are now living in Marietta, Georgia, where he is in the commercial real estate business.

Mrs. Summers (Bonnie Mauney) was born January 26, 1897, in Kings Mountain, the daughter of W.A. and Candace Miller Mauney. She was high school principal and school superintendent in Kings Mountain and later was cashier of the First National Bank. She graduated from Elizabeth College, Charlotte, and did graduate work at the University of North Carolina. She was active in civic work, vice-chairman of the county Democratic Committee, a trustee of the Cleveland County Historical Society, and a member of the county Bi-Centennial Commission. In 1974, she was appointed honorary chairman of the Centennial Celebration of Kings Mountain. She is the author of "Kings Mountain: Her Background and Beginning, 1780-1920" and compiled two genealogies: "Three Mauney Families" and "The Colonel Frederick Hambright Family." She held many offices in the Daughters of the American Revolution, both at the local and state levels. She was a charter member and president of the House and Garden Club.

Mr. Summers was a member of the Kiwanis Club and the American Legion. Both Mr. and Mrs. Summers were active in the work of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. During World War II, Mr. Summers was chairman of the Kings Mountain selective service board.

Mr. Summers died May 12, 1958, and Mrs. Summers died September 8, 1976. They were buried at Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain.

— Mrs. L.E. Hinnant

ALBERT BENJAMIN and MARY LOU MILLER SUTTLE

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Cleveland County Sheriff Ab Suttle (term 1896-1908) was born August 20, 1853 on the farm of his parents, Elder Joseph and Elvira Blanton Suttle. A year later they moved to Sharon community, to their home now called "Twin Chimneys."

The four Suttle children, Bate, Sarah, Ab

and Esther were first taught at home by a private teacher. Ab later attended a neighborhood school. When he was only eight years old his young minister-father died and Ab lived on the family farm with his mother Elvira until he was grown.

In 1877 he was listed as a merchant "on the square" in Shelby. Printed advertisements described a wide selection of dry goods and clothing for the entire family at Suttle's Store.

On May 5, 1880 Albert Suttle married Mary Lou Miller, the curly-haired girl who wore a long white dress with a wide red sash when he met her at a Limestone College party in Gaffney, South Carolina. Her Revolutionary War ancestor, David Miller, also fell in love — he married the girl whose family cared for him after he was wounded at Orangeburg. Lou's father, Confederate soldier Alex Miller, died from illness started at Point Lookout prison, when she was three years old. She was born May 5, 1861 at the family farm between Waco and Shelby.

Not long after their marriage, Suttle was involved in a financial loss when he joined a group of Shelby men in the sale of Babington Foundry sewing machines in Virginia. They were the first manufactured in the South and highly welcomed, but a depression came on and customers failed in payments.

Economic and political situations in Cleveland County were in a bad state, also. Split parties caused staunch Democrats to push Ab

Suttle for Sheriff in 1896, which position included tax collection. When elected, he followed the good, honest examples of his grandfather Charles Blanton, first sheriff (1841-'51) and Uncle Dobbins Suttle (1880-'86) in promoting better government.

In good weather and bad, Sheriff drove his horse to meet the folks, receive their tax money and discuss their problems at designated places around the country. He loved people! He spent the night with friends when the roads were bad — they, in turn, stayed with the Suttles when in Shelby to attend court or to shop. Miss Lou was loved as a gracious hostess who could serve a delicious meal, even on short notice!

The crushing burden on Sheriff Suttle's heart was the state law requiring each county to conduct "legal hangings" for its convicted criminals. Two such situations required his signal for the prisoner's death on the gallows. He was slightly wounded by the bullet of the murderer who shot and killed police chief Jones in Shelby. Thousands of persons overflowed the town, roofs and tree-tops to witness "the hangings." (The state set up the electric chair for executions in 1918).

In 1908 Mr. Suttle retired from office and lived on West Warren Street, where Mrs. Suttle died (September 14, 1914). He and sons Jap and Ben were in the feed and flour brokerage until his death. He was stricken (April 6, 1918) with a fatal heart attack in a pullman car



Albert Benjamin and Mary Lou Miller Suttle, married May 5, 1880.

on the way to Greenville to visit his daughter, Leila.

Lt. Governor Max Gardner was on the train to Raleigh with Mr. Suttle, and he arranged for his body to be returned to Shelby for burial in Sunset Cemetery. The three local papers quoted tributes about the esteem in which he was held:

"A big man and big-hearted, who treated every person with kind consideration — Master Mason, and devout Baptist — faithful in the duties of sheriff that often required severe measures — was loved for his generosity to all."

The children of Ab and Lou Suttle were: Jasper (b. March 3, 1881 — d. September 1, 1955) m. Eloise Allen (b. July 31, 1887 — d. March 16, 1976); Leila (b. September 9, 1883 — d. February 29, 1964) m. Charles Samuel Forbes (b. December 7, 1887 — d. October 21, 1943); Nora Belle (b. April 15, 1886 — d. May 7, 1886); Albert Benjamin, Jr. (b. June 17, 1887 — d. February 20, 1948) m. Beatrice Nye (b. November 2, 1902).

Sources: *Cleveland Star*; *Weekly Highlander*; *Shelby News*.

— Bea Suttle Morris

DESCENDANTS OF ALBERT BENJAMIN and LOU MILLER SUTTLE

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Jasper (Jap) Suttle, the oldest child of Ab and Lou Miller Suttle, was born (Mar. 5, 1881) in Shelby where he attended the local school. During his father's twelve-year term as sheriff Jap served as his assistant. He was considered quite popular among the young ladies, for he drove one of his father's best horses and rubber-tired buggy when he took them out riding or to Mr. Rudisill's skating rink and Shelby's first "picture-show" on South LaFayette Street.

Then he met a girl from Texas who was visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Schenck, in nearby Lawndale. She was Eloise Allen (b. July 31, 1887), daughter of Lula Moore and Raymond Allen of Hallettsville, Texas, where she married Jap October 28, 1908. They lived with his parents on West Warren Street, and he engaged in feed and flour brokerage with his father and brother Ben for a number of years.

Later Jap and Eloise moved to Cleveland Springs, where she lived after his death (September 1, 1955). She was active as circle and class leader in the Baptist Church, member of two book clubs, Country Club, Garden Club and Daughters of the American Revolution. She died (March 16, 1976) and was buried in Sunset Cemetery.

The two children of Jasper and Eloise Suttle were Lula Moore Suttle and Allen Suttle. (1) Lula Moore Suttle (b. August 1, 1909) attended Shelby High School and Queen's College. She taught briefly near Shelby before marriage to Daniel Newton Farnell, Jr., on October 26, 1929). Their home was in Greensboro, where he died in October, 1975. Lula Moore Farnell continues active in the Presbyterian Church, Daughters of the American Revolution, Historical Book Club and other cultural affairs.

Gloria Farnell, only child of Lula Moore Suttle and Newton Farnell, was married to John C. Cowan III. Their children are Farnell, Elizabeth, John IV and Newton Cowan.

Allen Suttle (b. March 27, 1913), second child of Jap and Eloise Suttle, attended Shelby High, Mars Hill College and Wake Forest University. He married Elizabeth Froneberger on June 6, 1939 in Gastonia and they lived in Shelby several years.

For over thirty years Allen was employed at the J.P. Stevens Plant in Great Falls, South Carolina. He retired as personnel director there. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church, member of the Masonic Lodge, Lions and Elks Clubs and director of Republic Federal Credit Union when he died (December 26, 1980). He was buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby.

The children of Allen and Elizabeth Suttle are William Allen Suttle, Shirley Suttle and Nancy Suttle Abercrombie. Their grandchildren are Mark, Sam, Allen Suttle and Rhett Abercrombie III.

Leila Suttle (b. September 9, 1883 — d. February 29, 1964), only daughter of Sheriff and Mrs. Ab Suttle, graduated at Shelby High School and Meredith College, then taught school at Greenville, where she lived after her marriage to Charles Samuel Forbes (January 3, 1906). She was influential in cultural activities and a trustee of East Carolina University for a number of years. She is buried in Greenville.

The children of Leila Suttle and Charles Forbes are Mary Forbes (b. Mar. 12, 1907) and Charles Suttle Forbes (b. Jan. 5 1913). He married Allene Farrior and their two children are Charles Suttle Forbes, Jr. and Catherine Forbes. Kimberley and Mark Forbes are children of Charles Forbes, Jr. and Edna Kelly Forbes.

Albert Benjamin Suttle (Ben), younger son of Sheriff and Mrs. Ab Suttle, was born June 17, 1887, attended school in Shelby and North Carolina State University. He was a Baptist and charter member of the Kiwanis Club, organized in 1922.

On December 29, 1923 he married Beatrice Nye, a teacher in Shelby, and a graduate of Meredith College. Her father was F.C. Nye, Superintendent of Kings Mountain Schools, and her mother was Bessie McCauley. Bea was born November 2, 1902 at Winterville, N.C.

Ben's hobby was raising chickens, turkeys, guineas, and canaries — at different times! And when in town he followed a custom of his father's — going uptown to the drug store for a short while in the evening to join the group on the benches to hear the latest political, or "extra" news. Radio and daily papers "broke the ring!"

Bea Suttle died (February 20, 1948) and was buried in Sunset Cemetery. The two children of Ben and Beatrice Suttle are: (1) Ben Suttle, Jr. (ret. Army Lieut. Col.) (b. March. 31, 1925) who engaged in sports and was student body president at Shelby High, graduated at West Point, Masters in Aero. Eng. at Mass. Institute of Technology, lives at Boone, a merchant. Claire Tisdale and he were married (October 19, 1952) at Auburn, Alabama. Their children

are Barbara Suttle (m. David Joyce), Elizabeth, and Ben Suttle III.

Robert Bruce Suttle, second child of Ben and Beatrice Suttle (b. April 27, 1928), attended school in Shelby and at Blue Ridge School in Hendersonville. He has been employed by Howell-Shelby Motor Lines for over thirty years.

Beatrice Nye Suttle, widow of Ben Suttle, was married to Roy Wilson Morris July 6, 1955. (See Roy W. Morris)

Sources: Family records.

— Bea N. Suttle Morris

CHARLES BEATTIE SUTTLE 1025

Charles Beattie "Bate" Suttle was born December 22, 1846 in Rutherford County, the first child of pioneer Baptist minister, Elder Joseph Pinkney Suttle. His mother was Elvira Elizabeth Blanton, daughter of Charles and Judith Hamrick Blanton. He was baptized by his father at age nine.

A happy childhood followed in 1854 when Bate moved with his parents, sister Sarah and brother "Ab" to a large house and farm on First Broad River in the Sharon Community. A hundred years later it was named "Twin Chimneys" and August 6, 1980 entered on The National Register of Historic Places. Here his sister, Esther Jane and brother, Joseph Pinkney, Jr. were born. A private teacher taught the children in an upstairs schoolroom.

Things changed in 1861. The Civil War began in April and father Joseph succumbed to pneumonia May 26th. At age fourteen Bate inherited responsibilities of the farm with his mother.

In May 1864 he joined Captain Jim Well's Company C, 71st Regiment of seventeen-year-old volunteers who ended the last year in skirmishes near Greensboro, North Carolina. After news of General Lee's surrender at Appomattox, Virginia, Sergeant Suttle and the other boys walked the 180 miles home — barefooted, ragged and weak from hunger.

One of the first to welcome was Esther Jane Wray from an adjoining farm "just a hill and a hollow away." On August 8, 1869 they were married at the home of her parents, James Alexander Linton and Margaret Blanton Wray.

The Suttles bought a farm in the Union Church community where sons Joe and John were born. Four years later (1873) they bought land on Sharon Road and stayed with Bate's mother at the Joseph Suttle house while their house was being built. A daughter, Mary Irene, was born here. After their move into the new house, Julius and Dovie were born. A one-room schoolhouse was built where their own and neighborhood children were taught.

In 1882 Bate sold the farm (later called the Joe Wesson Place) and moved his family to Shelby where Ola was born this same year. Louise Ray was born in 1887. They lived in three different places on West Marion Street, the first was across the street from George and Sarah Suttle Wray. The seven young Suttles joined their seven Wray double-first cousins on this street. All were not only related by



Charles Beattie Suttle Family: Front row L to R: John, C.B., Esther Jane, Joe. Back row L to R: Irene, Ray, Julius, Ola and Dovie.

blood ties but in devotion to their home town and became prominent leaders in the religious, business and social life of Shelby.

Mr. Wray and Mr. Suttle became engaged in the livery stable and horse-selling business, transporting guests to hotels and the famous nearby mineral springs and accommodating "drummers" or salesmen.

Around 1895 C.B. Suttle and Marion Putnam operated a grocery store and dealt in selling cattle.

The August 1905 Star announced "a long-awaited event," the building of the first ice house. C.B. Suttle, his son, Joe Suttle and Marion Putnam were stockholders of Shelby Ice and Fuel Company. The business was located by the Southern Railroad tracks between West Marion and West Warren Streets so that ice and coal could be brought by train. Everybody lined up for blocks of ice cream, iced tea and to get ice cold watermelons from the cooler.

Enjoying his new vocation for over twenty years, Bate died suddenly March 30, 1927 after a long span as civic leader and in service to First Baptist Church where he served as deacon and teacher. He is buried in Sunset Cemetery.

The Cleveland Star stated "Funeral of C.B. Suttle, Shelby's Model Man Held." He had been an inspiration to his community for eighty years. Rising at four A.M. daily, he was known as "The hardest-working man in town."

The seven children of C.B. and Esther Suttle married the following people who helped in many areas of service to the community:

Joseph Linton (b. July-13-1870 d. Sept.-14-1943) m. (June-11-1903) Mary Elizabeth Walker (Jan.-26-1877 d. Sept.-29-1916).

John William (b. Apr.-7-1872 d. July-27-1963) m. (Mar.-29-1893) Leila Bertie Lee Pierson (b. Nov.-1-1877 d. July-12-1976).

Mary Irene (b. July-12-1874 d. Mar.-2-1962) m. (Feb.-7-1901) Simeon Andrew McMurtry (b. Feb.-19-1870 d. Sept.-6-1958).

Julius Albert (b. June-27-1877 d. Oct.-7-

1852) m. (Dec.-27-1902) Ethel Morrison Lineberger (b. Mar.-14-1884 d. Dec.-1-1973).

Dovie Elizabeth (b. Mar.-14-1880 d. Jan.-9-1965) m. (Nov.-12-1902) Lander Fullenwinder McBrayer (b. Nov.-8-1878 d. Jan.-24-1955).

Margaret Ola (b. Aug.-29-1882 d. July-22-1966) m. (June-8-1903) Lawrence Pegram Holland (b. Oct.-23-1875 d. June-11-1954).

Louise Ray (b. June-25-1887 d. Sept.-17-1957) m. (Oct.-29-1908) Lewis Josiah Baley (b. May-23-1878 d. Apr.-4-1936).

Sources: *Canaan in Carolina* by Dr. Wyan Washburn, family records and news clippings.

— Bea Suttle Morris and Sara McFarland Suttle

MRS. CHARLES BEATTIE SUTTLE

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Esther Jane Wray was born March 16, 1851 at the home of her parents James Alexander Linton and Margaret Blanton Wray four miles west of Shelby.

She was married to Charles Beattie Suttle at eighteen years of age. On Sunday morning August 8, 1869, they were married at the home of her parents by the Reverend George Webb and after the ceremony rode horseback to attend services at Double Springs Baptist Church.

After living for thirteen years in the country the Suttles joined their Wray and Suttle kin on West Marion Street in Shelby. They later moved in with and cared for her aging parents, Mr. and Mrs. "Alec" Wray, in their large and comfortable home which they had built in 1874.

For nearly fifty years Esther Wray Suttle was a devoted member of the First Baptist Church and her home reflected the strong Christian principles of tireless love and care for her large family and friends. Her energy matched that of her husband, "Mr. Bate," who was said to

have started his day at four A.M.

The Suttle family was involved in a number of "firsts" in new enterprises. In 1875 The "Carolina" sewing machine, made by the Babington Foundry on North LaFayette Street, was the first sewing machine made in the South. According to her reminiscences, Mrs. Suttle told of owning the first one in Shelby. Women all around were so excited about it that they came and asked to do her housework if she would do the main stitching on their men's suits and coats. After the Civil War ready-made clothes were scarce and very expensive and she said that she nearly had a "break-down" trying to help friends and neighbors.

On an August Sunday morning in 1926 Bate and Esther Suttle were joined by a large number of family and friends at Double Springs Baptist Church to celebrate their fifty-seventh anniversary. This time the happy bride rode in a late model car instead of a side-saddle by horseback.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Suttle lived to be eighty-one years old. At the time of her death on November 27, 1932 it was noted that Esther Jane Wray Suttle shared her home with four generations. She is buried in Sunset Cemetery beside her husband.

Sources: *Canaan in Carolina*, family records.

— Bea Suttle Morris and Sara McFarland Suttle

ETHEL LINEBERGER SUTTLE 1027

Ethel Morrison Lineberger Suttle, born March 14, 1884, Shelby, N.C. died December 1, 1973 and was buried in Sunset Cemetery. She was the daughter of John Dixon and Bettie Munday Lineberger. William Munday and John Dixon Lineberger, Jr. were her brothers. A sister Marie died in infancy, 1895.

December 27, 1906 she was married to Julius Albert Suttle by the Reverend J.D. Herman. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents. To this union was born three children, Ester Elizabeth, wife of Furman Gordon McLarty. Nancy Lineberger, wife of William Gerald Pendleton and Julius Albert Suttle, Jr., husband of Mary Lucille Henderson.

At the time of her death she was the oldest member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church, member of the Woman's Society of Christian Science, a member of the Twentieth Century Book Club, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and a graduate of Greensboro Woman's College.

— Mrs. Betty McLarty

JAMES VANCE SUTTLE and GINA CROWDER SUTTLE 1028

James Vance Suttle was born July 2, 1946 and is the third child of Joseph Linton and Sarah McFarland Suttle, Jr. His ancestral lineage is one of Cleveland County's most notable with each generation leaving its mark in local history. Charles Beattie and Esther Jane Wray Suttle were his great-grandparents and

they propagated some of the area's most industrious and prominent citizens.

Since March 1972 Vance has been associated with his father at Cleveland Federal Savings and Loan Association where he is currently executive vice president and chief operations officer and director. He began his career with the Association as assistant to the president before being advanced to vice president and to his present office.

A 1964 graduate of Shelby High School where he participated in band and tennis. He also attained the rank of Eagle Scout. He was further educated at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill from which he graduated in 1968 with a B.S. Degree in Business Administration. At UNC he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1968 and was graduated as a Distinguished Graduate from the Army Officer's Candidate School at Ft. Belvoir, Va. where he was commissioned a second lieutenant. He served four years in the Army and after attending Vietnamese Language School at Fort Bragg he served as a military advisor to the Vietnamese in the Phu Yen Province in Vietnam. He was discharged February 9, 1972 with the rank of captain.

Vance served as chairman of a fund raising drive to raise \$12,000 for operating expenses for the Cleveland County Historical Association and has served as a director of the Greater Shelby Chamber of Commerce.

He and his father and brother-in-law, Jack Arey, raise Poll Hereford cattle at the Suttle farm house, Twin Chimneys.

On June 10, 1972 Vance was married to Regina Lou Crowder, daughter of Plato Dixon Crowder, Jr. and Betty Lou Hedrick Crowder. Known as Gina, she was born September 2, 1949, graduated from Shelby High School in 1967 after which she made her debut at the Shelby Junior Charity League Debutante Ball.

Gina was graduated from Centenary College for Women in Hackettstown, N.J. in 1969 and attended Katherine Gibbs School in New York and Duke University where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority. In 1972 she was graduated with a B.S. Degree in psychology and social studies from Limestone College.

She has been interested for several years in growing potted and decorative plants and in greenhouse sales. She opened her own shop, called "Gina's," at 201 N. Morgan St. in Shelby on September 1, 1981 where she enjoys selling plants and various gift items.

Both Vance and Gina are members of First Baptist Church of Shelby. They reside at 1300 Hammock Avenue, Shelby.

— Grace R. Hamrick

JOHN WILLIAM SUTTLE

1029

John William Suttle, son of Charles Beattie and Esther Jane Suttle, was born April 7, 1872 on a farm near Union Church. He moved to Shelby in 1882.

When he was nine years old, he joined the Beaver Dam Baptist Church. He attended a cabin school built by his father on the farm. Later he attended a military school in Shelby



Rev. John W. Suttle — 1893.

operated by Captain W.T.R. Bell. When he felt he was called to preach he attended "Southern Baptist Seminary" in Louisville, Kentucky. The first time he went into a pulpit to preach was at Ross Grove at the age of sixteen, where he supplied for Elder Tom Dixon. His sermon was "The wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

He was ordained to preach on Sunday, May 16, 1891 at the First Baptist Church of Shelby. He was immediately called to Blacksburg, South Carolina. For nearly a year John lived in Shelby and drove to Blacksburg for the worship services and business meetings.

During that year he met his wife, Leila Pierson, who had just moved there from Atlanta, Georgia, where she was born November 1, 1877. They were married March 29, 1893. They had four children, Bertie Lee, Charles Batie, Esther Barbara and Mary Elizabeth.

After two years in Blacksburg they went to Albemarle, then Smithfield where he developed malaria fever. His weight dropped from over a hundred to eighth-five, so when the offer came to go to Marshall in the mountains of Madison County he accepted. During that fall and winter he was able to recuperate a great deal of the strength he had lost.

In 1908 they returned to Shelby where he helped organize the "Second Baptist Church" and was pastor for six and a half years, when he resigned to take over the country churches. Small of stature, never weighing much over one hundred pounds, he was known as "The Little Preacher, Dean of rural pastors."

During the period of his ministry in Cleveland County he baptized over 5,000 people and married over 2,000 couples. Churches involved in this particular period were New Bethel, Lawndale, Double Springs, Double Shoals, Sandy Run, Waco, Patterson Grove, Beaver Dam, Zoar and New Hope.

He had great joy in those who had gone out from his churches to be missionaries or Christian leaders in all parts of the world.

One of the "Little Minister's" special interest was keeping Boiling Springs now Gardner Webb College open. He was on the Board for over thirty years. On two occasions motions



Leila Pierson Suttle — 1893.

were made to close the school. In an unusual all night meeting of the Board of Trustees, "The Little Minister" kept the question open for discussion until four A.M. They finally voted to keep the school open for another year.

He was moderator of Kings Mountain Association for forty years and elected President of North Carolina Baptist Convention in 1948.

Upon completion of his sixty-five years in the ministry when he entered retirement in 1954, "John Suttle Day" was observed at the Cleveland County Fair where 10,000 persons crowded into the grandstand to pay tribute to this minister. His response to that of the well wishers was "what I have done, I have done simply for my Lord and master, Jesus."

Quote from *Smithfield Herald* — "The Reverend John W. Suttle truly one of the grand old men of the Baptist denomination died in a hospital at Boiling Springs, July 27, 1963. His funeral was held at Beaver Dam Church and he was buried in Sunset Cemetery at Shelby."

Sources: Family Bible and Dr. Wyan Washburn's book "Canaan in Carolina."

— Bertie Lee Cabaniss

MRS. JOHN WILLIAM SUTTLE

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Mrs. John William Suttle (Leila Pierson Suttle) and their four children joined the church nearest their home, The First Baptist Church of Shelby. A group known as "Wives of Ministers" was organized at her home.

She was always interested in civic affairs and kept scrapbooks of important and interesting things. It was not unusual for students to go to her for information on various subjects. In addition to being interested in church work she was also interested in other organizations emphasizing family culture and art. She was a member of the D.A.R. — U.D.C. — Colonial Dame of the 17th Century — Daughters of the Patriots of America, also a member of "Archives Collectors Association of the Carolinas."

Two years before the Reverend Suttle retired, she moved her church membership to

"Beaver Dam" where she discovered there was no library at the church so she set her heart and energies to the establishment of one. During the first two years she accumulated over 500 volumes.

Mrs. Leila Pierson Suttle died July 12, 1976 and was buried in Sunset Cemetery at Shelby.

Sources: Family records.

— Bertie Lee Cabaniss

DESCENDANTS OF JOHN and LEILA SUTTLE

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Bertie Lee Cabaniss was born December 31, 1893 in Shelby, graduated from Shelby High School, and was president of her class. The class of twelve was the first to have a yearbook and an elaborate commencement exercise. The highlight of this occasion was the address by North Carolina Governor William Walton Kitchen. The class of twelve graduates was the largest up to that date.

Bertie Lee attended Oxford College and New York School of Music and Arts. She taught primary grades for one term at Shanghai then for several years at South Shelby School and also taught voice and piano. She was the first organist at South Shelby Baptist Church and was later organist and choir director of the First Baptist Church of Shelby. She was first President of Ishpeming Club and also first Sec-

retary of Cecila Music Club. She is a member of the D.A.R. — Colonial Dames of XVII Century, and Daughters of Patriots of America.

June 28, 1919, Bertie Lee married Dr. Joseph Turner Cabaniss of Hartford, Connecticut, who was born in Cleveland County. He attended Shelby High School, graduated from Wake Forest College with B.A., M.A. and B.S. degrees. He also graduated from Columbia University of Physicians and Surgeons.

After Dr. Cabaniss retired they returned to Cleveland County and bought some land near Lattimore and restored the old house. This property was a grant by King Charles of England to Samuel Magness.

Mrs. Cabaniss had studied art while living in Connecticut so continued painting after returning to Cleveland County. She painted mostly portraits and seascapes.

Dr. Cabaniss belonged to the First Baptist Church, the Rotary Club and Cleveland County Club.

They had one son, Joseph Turner Cabaniss III; two grandsons, Joseph Turner Cabaniss IV and Gray Ashton Cabaniss.

Dr. Cabaniss died July 30, 1976. The funeral was held in First Baptist Church and he was buried in the Sunset Cemetery in Shelby.

Charles Batie Suttle, the only son, was born July 25, 1895 while the family was in Albemarle. He grew up in Shelby and attended school there. He entered service for World War I on August 4, 1918. He was Private First Class

of a medical detachment at the base hospital at Camp Wadsworth, South Carolina. He is a businessman in Charlotte and member of Grace Baptist Church. He married Mildred Hamrick of Shelby, March 24, 1918. He later married Ruby DeYoung of Spartanburg, South Carolina, November 9, 1940. Charles Batie and Ruby have two children, a daughter, Diane Brown, born August 8, 1943 and a son, Michael Batie Suttle, born September 14, 1945.

Esther Barbara Suttle Sibley was born in Smithfield, North Carolina June 10, 1898. She graduated from Shelby High School and Coker College in Hartsville, S.C. where she specialized in Home Economics. She did outstanding work with the Red Cross during the world wide epidemic of influenza 1918.

She married Dudley Richardson of Providence, Rhode Island, who at this time was living in Hartford, Connecticut where he was Vice President of the Aetna Life and Casualty Insurance Company.

When Mr. Sibley died Mrs. Sibley came back to Shelby to live. She is a member of the First Baptist Church, Twentieth Century Club and Country Club, D.A.R. and Colonial Dames of the 17th Century.

Mary Elizabeth Suttle Erwin was born in Smithfield, North Carolina, February 6, 1902. She graduated from Shelby High School as Poetess of her class. She majored in music at Coker College, Hartsville, S.C. and was always active in First Baptist Church. She was a charter member and Vice President of Contemporary Book Club, member of United Daughters of Confederacy, Daughters of the American Revolution and The Colonial Dames of the XVII Century.

She also did extensive Red Cross work during World War I.

Elizabeth married William James Erwin of Pineville, North Carolina, January 19, 1930. He had come to Shelby in 1927 as manager of Ella Mill. Later he was made President of Dan River Mills so they lived in Danville, Virginia. Mr. Erwin died August 20, 1977. Mrs. Erwin died November 20, 1980.

Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina. They are survived by one son, William James Erwin II, born August 23, 1932; one grandson, William James Erwin III.

Sources: Family Bible and Dr. Wyan Washburn's book "Canaan in Carolina."

— Bertie Lee Cabaniss

JOSEPH LINTON SUTTLE

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When Joseph Linton Suttle died on September 14, 1943 at age 73, he left an enviable record of service to his community, not only in the business field but as a public servant, a church man, civic leader and devoted family man.

Born July 13, 1870 to Charles Beattie and Esther Jane Wray Suttle, he was the eldest of their seven children, all of whom grew to prominence in their community and contributed to the rich heritage of their forebears.

Known to all as "Joe," he was born on a farm



Rev. John W. Suttle, about 1955.

(known now as the McEntire farm) in the Union Church community which his parents bought shortly after their marriage on August 8, 1869. They later moved to a farm on Sharon Road (known as the Joe Wesson place) where they lived till 1882 when they sold that property and moved to West Marion Street in Shelby.

His first schooling was in a cabin built by his father on the Sharon Road farm. After moving to Shelby he attended Captain W.T.R. Bell's Military School and later studied at a business school in Knoxville, Tenn., after which he got his first business experience in a short stint as a clerk in Asheville. He returned to Shelby and joined his father and Marion Putnam at C.B. Suttle & Son. In the *Cleveland Star* in October 1897, it reads: "One of the most popular grocery houses in Shelby is that of C.B. Suttle and Son. They keep everything in the heavy grocery and fancy grocery lines and are progressive merchants. The handsome junior member of the firm, Mr. Joe L. Suttle, is the leading bicycle agent here and has sold a large number of high grade bicycles."

He later opened a general store which was purchased by the Efid Co. on March 30, 1920.

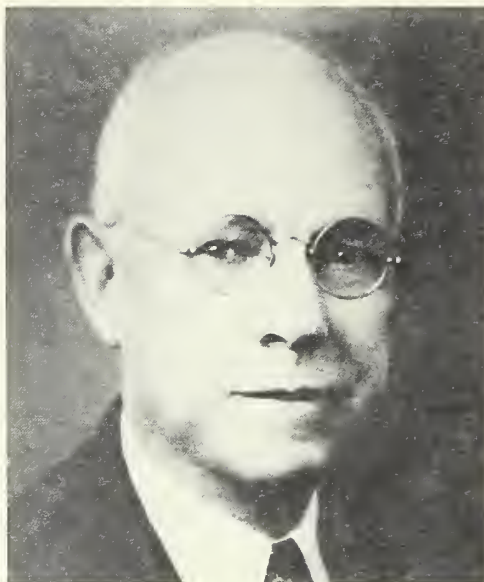
Mr. Joe joined First Baptist Church at age 13 and was a dedicated church member for 60 years, serving as a deacon and for over 20 years was church treasurer.

He was elected mayor of Shelby in 1905 (the city's 13th) and served for four years during which time the first paved sidewalks were laid; \$35,000 in bonds voted in 1907 for a school building; \$115,000 in bonds issued in 1908 for a water plant, the city's first; and a courthouse built in 1907 at a cost of \$75,000. According to historian Mayme Jones' article in *The Star*, "At that time the mayor held court, passed judgement on offenders arrested for minor infractions of the laws of the town, usually sentenced them to work on city streets or fined them, money going into the treasury." He also served as alderman from 1909 until 1915.

Mr. Joe was one of the founders of and served on the board of directors of Cleveland Bank and Trust Company, forerunner of Union Trust Company, of which he was vice president. He was one of the founders of Cleveland Building and Loan Association in 1922 which he served as secretary-treasurer and director for 20 years. He was also one of the original stockholders of Carolina Ice and Fuel Co.; and was a member of Shelby Kiwanis Club.

The Suttle-Wall Memorial Tower at Gardner-Webb College honors the memory of Mr. Joe and Dr. Zeno Wall, long-time pastor of First Baptist Church. The dedication program reads: "The Suttle-Wall Memorial Tower will become symbolic of the aspirations and hard work of this college and its efforts in the field of Christian Higher Education. Its Trinity symbol through three sides and the 'praying hands' reaching toward Heaven are fitting tributes to these great men, and to the college which they loved."

Mr. Joe was married on June 11, 1903 in Mansfield, La. to Miss Mary Elizabeth Walker, graduate of Mansfield College and Cincinnati Conservatory of Music, who had come to Shelby as a music teacher. She had accompanied her long-time friends, Mrs. R.F. Tredway and



Joseph Linton Suttle



Mary Walker Suttle

the Rev. Tredway, when he was called as pastor of First Baptist Church.

Known as "Miss Mae," she was born January 26, 1877, the 10th child of Dr. Samuel Freeman and Mary Jane Hooker Walker of Mansfield, Louisiana. She resided at the Old College Inn on the site of the present City Hall and it is said that Joe Suttle fell deeply in love with her soon after their first meeting. Both shared a love for music while her other love was for horses and she had proven herself an excellent equestrienne. In fact, her love for horses was so great that for a wedding present she requested a very fine English saddle instead of a ring.

Mrs. Suttle first belonged to the Chicora Club after which she organized the Cecilia Music club at her home in October 1913 by placing an advertisement in the newspaper inviting all music lovers to join. She was a Methodist but joined First Baptist with her husband and served that congregation as church organist.

Mr. and Mrs. Suttle lived at the College Inn, while building their first home, several blocks from the square. Their two daughters, Marjorie and Mary, were born here but they later built another house just two blocks from the square, next door to Joe's mother and father, where their only son, Joseph Linton Suttle, Jr., was born.

Mrs. Suttle continued to teach music until a short time before her death on September 29, 1916 at age 39. The *Highlander* read: "One of womanhoods loveliest flowers fell asleep Friday afternoon at 1:10 o'clock." Mr. Joe moved with his three young children into his parents' home next door where the house was shared by his sister, Irene, and husband S.A. McMurry.

Joe and Mae Suttle's children were Marjorie Elizabeth, born August 19, 1905 and who was a promising musician before her death March 4, 1923; Mary Josephine, (April 30, 1909 — August 12, 1978) who married Lloyd Luther Lutz (October 9, 1909 — July 30, 1980) (see Lloyd Luther Lutz) on December 25, 1932; and Joseph Linton Suttle, Jr., born March 29, 1911, who married Sara Almira McFarland (December 5, 1916) of Rutherfordton. (See

Joseph Linton Suttle, Jr. and Mrs. Joseph Linton Suttle, Jr.)

Sources: *Cleveland Star*, family records.

— Grace R. Hamrick

JOSEPH LINTON SUTTLE, JR. 1033

Joseph Linton Suttle, Jr., known as J.L., has continued in the tradition of his prominent ancestors by contributing to the business and cultural growth of his native Shelby, by his involvement in civic activities and his promotion of sports interests. There is scarcely a segment of society he has not touched or enriched.

Born March 29, 1911, he was the only son of Joseph Linton Suttle and Mary Elizabeth (Mae) Walker Suttle; and the grandson of Charles Beattie and Esther Jane Wray Suttle. He grew up in Shelby, attended Shelby public schools and graduated from Shelby High School, after which he attended The Citadel. He was graduated from Mars Hill Junior College, studied at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and School for Executives at Bloomington, Indiana.

During the depression he worked in a gas station before his first business venture in 1932 with Pilot Life Insurance Co. He joined the insurance department at Union Trust Company in 1934 and later became manager. At the same time he was associated with Cleveland Building and Loan Association which operated in the same building and was named to its board of directors in 1940. In 1942 the Building and Loan moved to new quarters at 110 West Marion Street and the insurance department of Union Trust also moved to share the same building. He became assistant secretary of the Building and Loan in 1941, succeeded his father as secretary-treasurer in 1943, was named executive vice-president-secretary in 1949 and president in 1962.

On September 30, 1945 J.L. announced he would terminate his connection as manager of Union Trust Insurance Department and on October 1 would begin operation of his own agen-

cy to be known as J.L. Suttle, Jr. Insurance with offices in the Cleveland Building and Loan Association. On July 1, 1947, A.W. "Buck" Archer became associated with the insurance agency and three years later the agency was incorporated by J.L., Mrs. Suttle and Archer. J.L. served as president of J.L. Suttle, Jr. and Co., Inc. until 1981 when he became chairman of the board and Archer was named president.

Cleveland Building and Loan became Cleveland Savings and Loan and in 1980 Cleveland Federal Savings and Loan. It has occupied since June 1963, quarters in a modern new building which is a blend of stone, metal and glass, at the corner of N. LaFayette and Sumter Streets. The building also houses the insurance company.

Suttle has served as president of the North Carolina Savings and Loan League; director of the U.S. Savings and Loan League; and member of the legislative committee of the National Savings and Loan League.

On the insurance side of his career, he is a key graduate of the Aetna Casualty & Surety Co. of Hartford, Conn.; former director of the N.C. Association of Insurance Agents, Inc.; president of Shelby Independent Agents, Inc.; director of American Mortgage Insurance Co. and Business Development Corporation of N.C.

He is past president of the Shelby Lions Club, Cleveland County Executives Club, Shelby Merchants Association and twice as president of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce, in 1943 and 1963. He was named "Man of the Year" in 1964. He served as chairman of the board of trustees of Cleveland Lodge 202 AF & FM; trustee of Cleveland Memorial Hospital and Gardner-Webb College; director of Union Trust Co., Young Life, Cleveland County United Fund, Salvation Army and Boys Club. He served on the Shelby School Board from 1946 to 1954. He is a member of First Baptist Church where he has served as Sunday School class president, usher and chairman of the board of trustees. He presently serves on the board of the Economic Development Corporation and as director of Uptown Shelby Association.

J.L. has been an avid tennis fan and player all his adult life and has won many tournament honors, having ranked number one in the state in the Southern Association, in Men's 70 singles in 1981. In 1979 he gave money to build four new tennis courts at Gardner-Webb College beside the old courts he and his wife had built in 1960. He and Mrs. Suttle also gave money to build courts at Shelby Junior High in 1979 on the site of the old Shelby Graded School which the Shelby Board of Education named the J.L. Suttle Tennis Center.

In 1943 J.L. bought the house in the Sharon community which had belonged to his great-grandfather, Rev. Joseph Suttle, who had purchased the house in 1854 with borrowed gold. It is said to be built of materials hauled from Charleston by mule and wagon. The Suttles restored the three-story federal style farmhouse in 1952, sanded its pine walls and floors to their original form, and gave it its name "Twin Chimneys" for the two towering white chimneys which stand side by side on the

western end of the house. Today they spend their summers and early fall at the residence where they have added a swimming pool and other modern comforts and where they keep their riding horses and raised Polled Hereford Cattle.

The house was nominated for the National Register of Historic Places in June 1978 and was entered on the National Register on August 6, 1980.

Suttle was married February 18, 1941 to Sara Almira McFarland (see Mrs. J.L. Suttle, Jr.) of Rutherfordton and they have three children and five grandchildren: Joseph Linton Suttle, III, born February 11, 1942, who was married June 3, 1967 to Minna Gaston (Gay) Combs (October 22, 1944) and whose three children are Joseph Linton IV (August 24, 1970), Tyler Combs (August 7, 1973) and Marjorie Greer (October 4, 1976); Sarah Carole Suttle (November 4, 1943) who was married on February 7, 1965 to William Jackson Arey, (Sept. 7, 1942) and whose children are William Jackson, Jr. (December 30, 1966) and Mildred Carole (January 11, 1969); and James Vance Suttle (July 2, 1946) who was married June 10, 1972 to Regina Lou Crowder (September 2, 1949).

— Grace R. Hamrick

MRS. JOSEPH LINTON SUTTLE, JR.

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Mrs. J.L. Suttle, Jr., nee Sara Almira McFarland of Rutherfordton, has played many roles since coming to Shelby as a bride in 1941 but she is probably best known as the first woman to break the all-male Shelby City School Board, an elected position, and as a promoter of beautification in the city.

At the insistence of friends who knew her interest in education and her background as a teacher, she filed for the at-large position on the city school board, was elected on May 2, 1961 and served until 1975. During that time she also served on the educational committee of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce and took an active part in promotion of the building of Malcolm Brown Auditorium.

In 1961 she was named chairman of the Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee and has worked continuously with various programs in the city to promote beauty and cleanliness. As co-chairman of the Courthouse Square Committee in the early 1960s, the grounds were planted with blooming plants and shrubs, dogwood trees and perennials. Also, an addition to the wellhouse was constructed to house garden tools and the grounds were cleaned of detracting signs.

She is a charter member of the Shelby Appearance Commission and has been active in all phases of the commission's program. Her lovely home and grounds at 602 W. Marion Street and country home "Twin Chimneys" attest to her love and efforts for beauty and she has been gracious through the years to open both residences to the public on special occasions and for all to enjoy.

In 1979 Sarah and J.L. gave a private gift for

construction of a tennis center at Shelby Junior High School which is named "The J.L. Suttle Tennis Center" in honor of J.L. and Sara Suttle whose donation will cover the majority of construction costs." Sara is an avid tennis fan and J.L. has been state and nationally ranked as a player for many years.

Sara is a graduate of Asheville Teachers College and taught school in Kannapolis prior to her marriage on February 18, 1941.

She is a member of First Baptist Church, having joined in 1943 from Rutherford Presbyterian Church. She worked with the Nursery Department at the church and later taught Sunday School in the Junior Department.

She is a member of the Renaissance Study Club, North Lake Club of which she has served as director, and is a former member of the Shelby Junior Charity League.

Born December 5, 1916, she is the daughter of the late Charles Lee and Emma Vickery McFarland of Rutherfordton. Three children born to Sara and J.L. include Joseph Linton, III (b. February 11, 1942) who was married on June 3, 1967 to Minna Gaston "Gay" Combs (b. October 22, 1944); Sarah Carole (b. November 5, 1943) who was married on February 7, 1965 to William Jackson Arey (b. September 7, 1942); and James Vance (b. July 2, 1946) who was married on June 10, 1972 to Regina Lou Crowder (b. September 2, 1949). Five grandchildren include three children of Linton and Gay: Joseph Linton, IV (b. August 24, 1970), Tyler Combs (b. August 7, 1973) and Marjorie Greer (b. October 4, 1976); and two children of Carole and Jack: William Jackson, Jr. (b. December 30, 1966) and Mildred Carole (b. January 11, 1969).

— Grace R. Hamrick

JOSEPH LINTON SUTTLE, III FAMILY

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Joseph Linton Suttle III of Shelby was born February 11, 1942 and is the son of Joseph Linton Suttle, Jr. and Sara McFarland Suttle. His forebears were among the pioneer families of this area.

Linton was graduated from Shelby High School and from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with the class of 1964. At UNC he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity. He was associated with the J.L. Suttle, Jr. and Company Inc., an insurance firm founded by his father, from 1965 until 1971.

He and Fred Mills established the Mills-Suttle Construction Company in 1969 and he left the insurance field to become a full time partner in 1971. They were developers of many sub-divisions and homes, also two apartment complexes in Cleveland County and were award recipients for national recognition for design in a housing project in Boiling Springs.

In 1978 he formed his own construction company, Linton Suttle, Inc., in which he continues today.

Linton is past president of the Great Shelby Chamber of Commerce and helped organize

the Homebuilders Association of Cleveland County, having served twice as president of the latter. He has served as a member of the Planning and Zoning Board of Shelby and currently serves on the Cleveland County Planning and Zoning Board.

He is a deacon and Sunday School superintendent of First Baptist Church of Shelby and is an officer and director of Cleveland County Club. He was also instrumental in establishment of the Malcolm Brown auditorium and the Cleveland County Boys Club facilities.

Linton and Minna Gaston "Gay" Combs, daughter of Herbert Cranford and Minna Le-Grand Combs, were married June 3, 1967. They are parents of three children: Joseph Linton Suttle, IV (Joe), born August 24, 1970; Tyler Combs Suttle, born August 7, 1973; and Marjorie Greer Suttle, born October 4, 1976.

Gay is also a graduate of Shelby High School and was further educated at Peace College in Raleigh, North Carolina, from which she was graduated, and the University of South Carolina in Columbia, South Carolina. She is a past president of the Cleveland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and helped initiate the present Auxiliary Health Careers Scholarship program for students. She is the buyer for the hospital's gift shop. She is also an active member of the Shelby Junior Charity League.

Linton and Gay and their children reside at 1306 Montrose Drive in Shelby.

— Gay Combs Suttle

THE JOSEPH PINKNEY SUTTLE FAMILY

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One of newly-organized Cleveland County's most active young citizens was Joseph Suttle, who came in the late 1840s, from his home in Rutherford County to become one of this area's most influential ministers.

The Suttle family name was originally Southill (Suthil) in Yorkshire, England about 1500, and descendants of Sir Henry Suthil were called Suttle when Francis came to old Rappahannock County, Virginia in 1656, and for five later generations until George Suttle came with his father Joseph, brothers Bushrod, and Isaac and others to Rutherford County in 1782. George served in the Revolutionary War in Virginia.

Nancy Byars, daughter of William and Sarah Doggett Byars, married George Suttle February 8, 1787. They reared nine children on a six hundred & fourteen acre plantation in High Shoals township, where around fifty workers cleared land for a fruit tree nursery and other things.

The three-story Suttle home had eighteen-inch thick walls made of homemade brick and was a landmark on the stagecoach road to Spartanburg.

Joseph Suttle was born in his grandparents' house April 25, 1827, the fourth of fifteen children born to Benjamin Franklin and Sarah Baxter Suttle, who inherited this homeplace.

In 1846, at age nineteen, Joseph was baptized at Concord Baptist Church. Later the same year on February 25th, he married Elvira



Joseph Pinkney Suttle

Elizabeth Blanton, daughter of Charles and Judith Hamrick Blanton of Cleveland County.

Church records tell that Joe Suttle assisted Elders Thomas Dixon and Drury Dobbins in "protracted meetings" under brush arbors around Cleveland County prior to 1850 when he was ordained as a Baptist minister at Zion Baptist Church where Elvira Blanton's family were members.

Young Elder Suttle's first pastorages began in 1851 at Double Springs and Wood's Meeting House (Boiling Springs Baptist Church). Early pastors received no salaries, only token gifts. Minutes of one church listed "a pair of boots and five dollars" as the year's pay to one of their first.

Men felt "called to the ministry," and served their churches on weekends, while providing for their families on their farms or in other occupations. Joseph Suttle farmed.

The 1849-1850 census and tax records of the first Suttle property in this county record: "Joseph Suttle, Baptist clergyman — wife and two children in House number 1435 — four hundred acres of land". This was between Boiling Springs and Second Broad River. A third child, Ab, was born here in August 20, 1853 before the family moved to Sharon community.

They bought the 532 acre farm and Minor Smith house built about 1817, which was for sale by his grandson for a cash gold settlement. Elder Suttle rode horseback to Chester, South Carolina to borrow the gold from a friend. When Ben Suttle, his father, learned that it had to be repaid in five, ten and twenty gold pieces he told Joseph to return the gold and he would borrow it for him elsewhere.

Small Bate, Sarah, and Ab Suttle moved with their parents to the new home where Esther was born in 1859 and Joseph Pinkney in 1861.

There is no record of how many workers lived on the plantation but Indian corn was planted and other food was raised.

In 1851 Elder Suttle helped organize the Kings Mountain Baptist Administration and was a leader for ten years. His well-written, deeply spiritual messages to the churches reflected the private home education and intensive Bible study. Two vital concerns of his

ministry were missions and temperance.

He served at Sandy Run, Zoar, Pleasant Grove and New Bethel. In early 1861 he was called to Old Buffalo Church, but before he began work young Joseph Suttle was stricken with pneumonia and died May 26, 1861. He was buried in the cemetery at his homeplace, now known as "Twin Chimneys Farm."

Children of Joseph and Elvira Suttle: Charles Beattie (b. Dec.-22-1846 d. Mar.-30-1927) m. (Aug.-8-1869) Esther Jane Wray (b. Mar.-16-1851 d. Nov.-27-1932); Sarah Judith (b. Aug.-16-1848 d. Nov.-13-1918) m. (Mar.-24-1863) George Washington Wray (b. May-13-1846 d. Dec.-2-1916); Albert Benjamin (b. Aug.-20-1853 d. Apr.-6-1918) m. (May-5-1880) Mary Lou Miller (b. May-5-1861 d. Sept.-18-1914); Esther Jane (b. Sept.-16-1859 d. Aug.-20-1932) m. (Apr.-28-1880) Dr. Victor McBrayer (b. Sept.-25-1853 d. Sept.-9-1897); Joseph Pinkney, Jr. (b. Sept.-20-1861 d. July-15-1863).

Sources: *Suttle-Suttle History* by Colonel Emmett Reece, Kings Mountain Baptist Association History 1851-1951, Cleveland County deeds, tax, and census records, Zion Church History, Old Buffalo Church records.

— Bea Suttle Morris
and Sara McFarland Suttle

MRS. JOSEPH PINKNEY SUTTLE

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When eighteen year-old Elvira Blanton married young minister Joe Suttle on February 25, 1846, she little dreamed that in the not-far-off future she would follow in her father's footsteps as a pace-setter in the responsibilities of business and service to the community. She was the fourth of twelve children of first Sheriff Charles and Judith Hamrick Blanton, born January 1, 1828 at their home on Hickory Creek, north west of Shelby. This capable young girl, wife and mother spent the first six years of married life near Boiling Springs. Three children, Charles Beattie, Sarah Jane and Albert Benjamin were born before young Elder Suttle moved his family in 1854 to their home on First Broad River in the Sharon Community. Esther Jane was born in 1859. Mrs. Suttle was eager for her children to have the best available cultural and educational advantages, so she had a schoolroom set up upstairs in the home and employed a teacher for her own and several neighbor children.

A big event happened each spring and fall when word was passed around that the new stock of clothes had arrived at the stores in the small town of Shelby. Mother took her buggy, forded the river and soon returned to delight her family with "store-bought" hats, shoes and other things. Handmade clothing kept people busy much of the time, along with all the other farm duties of a housewife. While Elder Suttle helped establish pioneer churches she directed the farm workers.

The closely-knit Suttle-Blanton families enjoyed happy visits, weddings and the annual summer "Big Meetings" at their scattered churches. Elders shared news and strengthened family ties while their young fell in love and

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Sumter Streets on Cora Street.

Her son-in-law, George Wray, who lived on the west corner of the same block had a pretty cottage built for her, and several of her family lived with her there at different times. Elvira sold the country home to J.F. Ledbetter in 1833. She bought property on North Morgan Street where some farming was done. After selling her home on West Marion, Mrs. Suttle lived with her daughter, Mrs. Victor McBrayer and Dr. McBrayer at the Shelby Hotel, corner of LaFayette and Marion Streets, for several years while their home was being built on North Morgan. She lived with them until her death January 30, 1911 and was buried in Sunset cemetery beside her son, Ab Suttle.

She had been a devoted member of the First Baptist Church, and her business ability and cultural interests made her respected and greatly loved.

Sources: Cleveland County deeds, tax and census records.

— Bea Suttle Morris
and Sara McFarland Suttle

JULIUS ALBERT SUTTLE

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Julius Albert Suttle was born June 27, 1877 five miles west of Shelby. He was the fourth child of Charles Beattie and Esther Jane Wray Suttle. He died October 7, 1952 and was buried in Sunset Cemetery. His brothers were Joseph Linton, husband of Mary E. Walker and John William, husband of Leila Pierson, sisters, Mary Irene, wife of S.A. McMurry, Dovie Elizabeth, wife of L.F. McBrayer, Margaret Ola, wife of L.P. Holland, Louise Ray, wife of L.J. Baley.

After attending Shelby public school and Oak Ridge Institute, he entered the University of North Carolina where he graduated in 1897 with the first Pharmacy class.

December 27, 1906 he married Ethel Morrison Lineberger, daughter of John Dixon and Bettie Munday Lineberger. To this union was born three children, Esther Elizabeth, wife of Furman Gordon McLarty. Nancy Lineberger, wife of William Gerald Pendleton. Julius Albert, Jr., husband of Mary Lucille Henderson.

He bought Lincoln Drug and lived in Lincolnton for fifteen years, then came back to Shelby in 1922. His first pharmacy in Shelby was bought from Dr. E.B. Lattimore. A year later he moved into the Lineberger Suttle building on Lafayette Street and there continued to operate the store until his death.

On March 29, 1905 he received The Mortar and Pestle award, and was named Druggist of the Year, a coveted honor among North Carolina Druggists.

He was a member of The First Baptist Church, where at one time he was a deacon, and a charter member of the Kiwanis Club, which he was instrumental in organizing. He served as a director in the Union Trust Company, The Cleveland Building and Loan Association, Shelby Creamery and The Kendall Medicine Company. He was a Mason and a Shriner.

At the time of his death he was the oldest

active Pharmacist between Asheville and Charlotte.

— Mrs. Betty McLarty

FREDERICK JAMES and CHARLOTTE TEDDER SWIFT

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Frederick J. Swift and Charlotte Tedder were married in Nashville, Tennessee, October 7, 1944, in the chapel of the Baptist Sunday School Board. They had met in the First Baptist Church of that city at a Young People's Fellowship Hour. Charlotte was from Shelby, North Carolina, but was working at the Sunday School Board at that time. Fred was a native of Highland, New York. He was in the Army Air Force on maneuvers and stationed at Lebanon, Tennessee. Following their marriage they lived in Shreveport, Louisiana, until Fred completed 52 months in service and was discharged at Barksdale Field, November 10, 1945, after World War II ended.

In December, 1945, they came to Charlotte's home town to live. Their son James A. Swift was born September 3, 1946. In the fall of 1949 the family moved to Hendersonville and lived there six years. While there Fred was manager of Sterchi's Jewelry Department. Charlotte taught at Rosa Edwards School and worked with the Carolina Baptist Association. They were members of the First Baptist Church. Fred was on the Board of Deacons and taught a class of boys. A son Charles Frederick Swift was born January 7, 1952, and a daughter Susan McQueen August 21, 1953.

The family returned to Shelby in September, 1955. Fred worked twenty-three years with the North Carolina Employment Security Commission, most of the time as a Claim Deputy. He retired June 30, 1980. Charlotte served nineteen years with the Shelby City Schools, first as a teacher and later as a school librarian. Years before she had graduated from Meredith College with an A.B. degree; while teaching she attended Appalachian State Teachers College summers and on Saturdays and in August, 1964, received an M.A. degree. She later received scholarships and attended Institutes for Librarians at the University of Denver, summer of 1967, and East Carolina University, summer of 1968. Over a period of more than thirteen years she wrote an article once a month for a publication of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Fred and Charlotte are members of the Shelby First Baptist Church and Fred has taught a Sunday school class there of nine and ten year old boys for over thirty years.

Fred was born in Highland, New York, April 22, 1918, and spent his childhood there. He and a half brother Henry who married Elsa Bishop and a sister Ethel who married Clifford Dwight Beller, an Army Chaplain who served in World War II and the Korean Incident. Henry and Elsa had one daughter Frances and she married Richard Miller. They have three children. Fred's mother, Ethel Violet Horne Swift, was active in P.T.A., the local Methodist Church, and served as State Treasurer of the W.C.T.U. His father, James Richard Swift, was chief engineer of the Hudson Valley Pure



Elvira Elizabeth Blanton



Frederick James and Charlotte Tedder Swift Family

Food Company, a member of the Highland Methodist Church, belonged to the Lloyd Rod and Gun Club, and was a commissioner of the Highland Fire Company. Fred ice skated, rode his sled, fished, camped and hiked with the Boy Scouts and sometimes worked on a farm in the summer. His father made two inventions for the company for whom he worked and he and Fred invented a diving helmet for use in the local lakes and a telephone system to connect Fred's room at home with his friend's room next door. Fred was youth representative on the official board of his church. After high school graduation in Highland he attended Tusculum College in Tennessee from which he graduated with an A.B. degree in 1941, just prior to going into service.

As to the children of Fred and Charlotte Swift: James A. graduated from high school in Shelby in 1964 and from North Carolina State University in 1968. He was a member of the high school band, played high school football his senior year and was an Eagle Scout. He works for General Electric Company, his office now being in Portland, Oregon. He is married to the former Drew Fewell and they have two children, Mark Christopher and Ashley Drew. Charles Frederick graduated in pharmacy from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1976 and received a Master's degree in Business from the University in Greensboro in 1980. He married Susan Simms and they live in Greensboro where he works for a pharmaceutical company and she is an operating room nurse. Susan McQueen graduated in 1975 from Meredith College and received a Master's degree in Child and Family Services from the University of Tennessee. She is now director of two childcare centers in Gastonia and lives in Charlotte. All three of the children swam with the Shelby Swim Team; all three were state winners in Baptist Junior Bible Memory work. Charlie was an Eagle Scout and

also received the God and Country Award; was an Explorer Scout and a member of the Order of the Arrow. While in high school Susan went to Russia with a music group.

Charlotte's ancestors have been mentioned in two articles: one on Daniel Allen Tedder and one on Marjory McQueen Tedder. With reference to Fred's forebears, it should be said that William Swyft came to America from Bocking County Essex, England, or from nearby with the great "Boston Immigration 1630-31." He probably settled in Watertown, Massachusetts, as he was there in 1634. He sold his land there in the spring of 1637 and probably moved to Sandwich, Massachusetts as he died there in January 1642 or 1644. The land he bought in Sandwich was still in the Swift family in January, 1887, owned and occupied by a Swift descendant, Shadrach Freeman Swift. William Swyft's wife was Joane. In the ninth generation of this family in America was James Deuel Swift, Fred's grandfather, born March 20, 1842 in Dutchess County, New York. His grandmother was Emma Carson Swift, born in New York City July 12, 1853. Fred's father, James Richard Swift, was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., November 11, 1881; died in Kingston, N.Y., November 15, 1969. On May 29, 1913, in Richmond, Long Island, he had married Ethel Violet Horne, born in Brooklyn, December 30, 1888; died in Newburgh, April 13, 1949. Her father was Henry Bower Horne, born in Brooklyn December 30, 1841. Her mother was Theresa Eleanor Abbott, born in Birmingham, England, August 15, 1858, and died in Brooklyn April 23, 1945. Theresa's father was Thomas Henry Abbott, born in Birmingham, England, died in Brooklyn July 8, 1866. Her mother was Mary Alicia Percival born in London in 1830; died July 30, 1866. This great grandmother of Fred's was the daughter of Lord Percival, a descendant of the John Percival who was one of William the

Conqueror's four generals and who fought at the battle of Hastings in 1066. He had married William's daughter. Fred's grandmother, Theresa E. Abbott, daughter of Henry A. and Mary A. Percival Abbott came to America when 7 or 8. She had attended kindergarten with Queen Victoria's children. Once she sang for Queen Victoria.

Sources: Family Bibles; family memories; William Swyft of Sandwich and Some of His Descendants. 1637-1899; Genealogical History of the House of Yvery.

— Charlotte Tedder Swift

THE CHARLIE HOWARD and ESTRIDGE BRIDGES SWOFFORD FAMILY

1040

Charlie Howard Swofford was born on November 17, 1884 in Gastonia, North Carolina. His wife, Estridge Bridges Swofford, was born on March 27, 1896, in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Swofford moved to Shelby in 1925 and opened a business by the name of Swofford Grocery Company which was located on East Main Street across from Campbell's Department Store.

Mr. Swofford's earliest ancestors in this area were pioneer Pieter Hoyle (Heyl), who came to North Carolina by way of York County, Pennsylvania and then Frederick, Maryland, Capt. Benjamin Newton who came with his father-in-law, Capt. John McCall from Shrewsbury Township, York County, Pennsylvania; Lewis Bumgardner of Casar (father of the Rev. John); John Prewitt (Pruitt) who came from Virginia; Nicholas Schramm; and David Stockton. He also had Chapman, Brooks, Norman, Arrowood, and Tallant lines. Capt. Benjamin Newton may have been a first cousin to President James Buchanan.

Mr. Swofford was the son of Joseph Martin Swofford and Dovie Frances Bumgardner Swofford. (See this family history for his brothers and sisters).

Estridge Bridges Swofford's earliest ancestors were George and Nancy Hamrick, George Blanton, and James and Rebecca Hamrick Bridges. These families came to the Shelby area in the late seventeen hundreds, probably around 1775.

Mr. Swofford was educated at Rutherford College. He was in the Medical Corps of the U.S. Army in the First World War, serving in many of the major battles in France.

The Swofford family belonged to Central Methodist Church. Mr. Swofford was a member of the Hoey Bible Class.

Mr. and Mrs. Swofford were married at the home of the bride's parents on January 18, 1920 in Rutherford County.

Mr. and Mrs. Swofford have one child, Margaret Elizabeth (Beth), born October 27, 1927 in Shelby. Beth entered school in Shelby and was selected to serve as mascot at the graduation of the Shelby High School Class of 1933. Beth was graduated from Duke University in 1946 and received her Master's Degree from Converse College in 1963. She is married to the Rev. Gilbert F. Cofer, a member of the

Virginia Conference of the United Methodist Church. Beth has been a chemistry teacher in the public schools of Virginia for many years.

Gilbert and Beth Cofer have three children: Mary Cofer Dix, born June 19, 1948 in Petersburg, Virginia. She married C. Thomas Dix II on April 14, 1973 in Fairfax County, Virginia. Their second child is Charles Gilbert Cofer, born June 27, 1952 in Radford, Virginia. He married Emily Anne Terry on June 1, 1974 at Bolling Air Force Base in Maryland. Their third child is John Lewis Cofer, born June 29, 1953 in Arlington, Virginia. Mary is a teacher, Charles is an attorney, and John is a graduate student.

The Swofford family moved from Shelby in December, 1933 and opened a mercantile business in Rutherford County. Mr. Swofford died August 12, 1939 in Lake City, Florida, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina. Mrs. Swofford is living in Rutherford County.

Sources: File 5244, York County Historical Society, York, Pennsylvania. This states that Capt. Benjamin Newton was the son of Ebenezer and Elizabeth Buchanan Newton. A reference credited to the Magna Carta Dames states that Elizabeth was the daughter of John and Elizabeth Russell Buchanan. If so, she was the sister of James, Father of President Buchanan. This appears unlikely, as Elizabeth was born ca 1730 and James was born in 1760. She may have been a sister of this John Buchanan rather than his daughter. A letter in this file states that she "was proven as the sister of John Buchanan, also William, who died in 1764, George, of Pa. was a Revolutionary War soldier, born 1725 in Ireland . . ."

— Elizabeth S. Cofer

JOHN SWOFFORD

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John Kirbin Swofford was born in Cleveland County, North Carolina on February 6, 1899. He was the son of Joseph Martin Swofford and Donie Frances Bumgardner Swofford. He married Sadie Caroline Harris daughter of John Baxter Harris and Sarah Simpson Price Harris. He worked at the Cliffside Mill at age 11 as a half hand for 35¢ per day and on a farm from 1917 to 1939. He then went back to public work where he and his family made rugs for Lily Mill Company of Shelby from 1941 to 1951. He then returned to farming and retired. He trained bird dogs for the public from 1951 to 1972 having at times as many as 50 dogs. John and Sadie had six children: Edna, Ruby, Vera, Inez, John Jr. and Dwight Swofford.

Edna Frances Swofford was born in 1921. She married Emmett Blanton. Edna and Emmett lived in Cleveland County for 30 years where he was employed by Dover Mill Company of Shelby. He died of cancer in 1967. They had two children: Carolyn Frances and Robert Graham. Carolyn married Joseph Ponder in 1964. He is a commander in the United States Navy. They have two children: Tamara Lynn and Angela Katherine. They were both born in Cleveland County. Robert married Mary Hoyle. They later divorced and Robert married Joan Davis. She had three children and he and Joan had one child, John Benjamin. Robert and Carolyn Blanton both graduated from Shelby High.

Sara Vera Swofford was born in 1922. She married James Dewitt Gettys. She made draperies for the public at her home in Cleve-

land County. Dewitt works at the school bus garage as a mechanic. They have one daughter: Oleta Kay. She married Hubert Triplett, Jr. in 1963. She works with her mother sewing drapes. Hubert works at Trane Company where he installs air conditioners and heat systems. They have two sons: Christopher Todd and Timothy Dale who are both in high school.

Ruby Irene Swofford was born in 1924. She married Robert Forrest Price in 1944. Robert served in World War II. He worked for Shelby Supply Company of Shelby, North Carolina from 1946 to 1961. He then served as Executive Vice-President and director of United States Distributors from 1961 to 1963. He now owns and is president of Dixie Industrial Auto Supply Company of Shelby. They have one son: Michael Robert Price. He is a 1972 graduate of Shelby High School. He attended North Carolina State from 1972 to 1974 and then attended University North Carolina Chapel Hill from 1974 to 1976. He is now employed at Dixie Industrial with his father.

Alice Inez Swofford married Ernest Aston Cummins in 1946. She makes draperies and is an interior decorator. They have two children: Barbara Alice and James Patrick. Barbara married Bernie Courtney and they have two children: James Patrick and Alisa Caroline Courtney. Bernie and Barbara are now divorced. James Patrick Cummins married Susan Hayslip. They have one daughter: Kristen Michelle. James got killed in a car accident in 1978. Ernest Cummins worked for Hamrick Brothers in Boiling Springs, Cleveland County.

John Kirbin Swofford, Jr. was born in 1932. He is a twin. He married Mavin Hoyle. He served in the Korean Conflict. He then came to Cleveland County and worked at Goforth Brothers for 23 years. He now is employed at Cleveland Technical College. He built a poultry farm in Polkville, North Carolina. They had two children: Patricia Ann and Floyd Eric. They both graduated from Crest High School. Mavin works at Shelby Convalescence Center as a LPN. Patricia married Dennis Franklin Flynn in June, 1973. They have one daughter Beverly Suzanne Flynn. Dennis is a salesman at Cleveland Lumber Company where he has been there for 12 years. Floyd Swofford married Barbara Hoyle in 1978. They have a son James William and they are expecting a baby in August.

Dwight Colin Swofford was born in 1932. He is the twin of John Swofford, Jr. He married Ruth Tate. They had one daughter Janice Lynn born in 1963. Dwight and Ruth are now divorced. He is now married to Gail Ann Jeanfreau. They have one son Dwight Colin Augustus Swofford. Gail had three children by previous marriages: William Anthony, Bridgett Ann and Joseph Eugene (died in infancy). Dwight works in Cleveland County at Hamrick Brothers in Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

— Patricia Flynn

THE JOSEPH MARTIN and DOVIE FRANCES BUMGARDNER SWOFFORD FAMILY

1042

Joseph Swofford was born November 4, 1865 near Casar, North Carolina. Dovie Bumgardner Swofford was born March 1, 1868 near Casar. Joseph was a grandson to William Swofford, born 1776, who was married October 2, 1800 in Rutherford County to Elizabeth Hoyle. Elizabeth was the daughter of Martin and Margaret Schramm Hoyle and granddaughter of Jacob Hoyle, oldest son of pioneer Pieter Hoyle (Heyl).

The father of Joseph was the Rev. William Swofford, born January 15, 1819, in Cleveland County. William was married to Naomi Chapman in 1846 in Cleveland County. Naomi was the daughter of Robert Chapman.

Dovie Frances was the daughter of William and Susan Newton Bumgardner. She was the granddaughter of the Rev. John and Jemima Pruitt Bumgardner. She was descended from John McCall and Capt. Benjamin Newton on her maternal side.

Joseph Martin Swofford and Dovie Frances Bumgardner were married January 6, 1884 near Casar. They had the following children:

Leroy Swofford, born June 27, 1885, died May 23, 1890 near Casar.

Andrew Carlo Swofford, born June 27, 1886, died February 22, 1959, buried at Clover Hill Methodist Church. He married Susan Newton, born 1888, on September 6, 1905. Carlo was a minister in the Western North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church.

Dora Roselia Swofford, born March 3, 1888 near Casar. Dora married December 21, 1911 to Spurgeon Hollifield Philbeck. She died at Mooresboro, North Carolina July 3, 1965.

Robert Swofford, born March 13, 1890 near Clover Hill Methodist Church. Robert married Mary Ethel Green, born October 19, 1887, on May 14, 1911. Robert died at Kings Mountain on December 24, 1962.

Joseph Cullen Swofford, born September 22, 1892, Cleveland County, died July 10, 1894.

Charlie Howard Swofford, born November 17, 1894, Gastonia, North Carolina. He married Beulah Estridge Bridges, born March 25, 1896, on January 18, 1920. Charlie died August 12, 1939 in Lake City, Florida.

Bertha Frances Swofford, born July 26, 1896, Gastonia, North Carolina. She married Lawson Crowe on February 29, 1920. She died July, 1966 in Rutherford County.

John Kirbin Swofford, born February 6, 1899, Cleveland County. He married Sadie Harris on September 21, 1919 and lives in Rutherford County.

Katie Emma Swofford, born April 11, 1901 in the Belwood Community, Cleveland County. She married Robert F. Philbeck on September 10, 1922. Emma died October 17, 1981 in Eustis, Florida.

Thomas Hoyle Swofford, born October 6, 1903 on the Henry Hoyle Farm, Cleveland County. He married Ida McCurry on February



9, 1924. Thomas Hoyle is a minister of the Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, is now living in Forest City, North Carolina.

Ada Susannah Swofford, born September 22, 1905 at Hollis, North Carolina, died August 31, 1908.

Amanda Naomi Swofford, born April 30, 1907 at Hollis, North Carolina, died August 31, 1908.

William Durham Swofford, born April 30, 1909 at Bessemer City, North Carolina. He married Lallage Dover in Shelby on July 3, 1932. They live in Forest City, North Carolina.

Dovie Geneva Swofford, born January 4, 1913 at Cliffside, North Carolina. She married Herbert F. Galloway on April 10, 1938 in Mecklenburg County. She died September 22, 1979 in Rutherford County.

Joseph Martin Swofford was a farmer for most of his life. He was of medium height and stocky build. He is remembered for his sense of humor, love of family, community, and church. Joseph died January 21, 1934 and is buried at Hollis United Methodist Church Cemetery in Rutherford County. His wife, Dovie Frances, died September 5, 1950 and is also buried at Hollis.

Sources: Family records.

— Elizabeth S. Cofer

WILLIAM SWOFFORD

1043

William Swofford was born in 1776, probably in North Carolina. He is thought to be a son of James and his wife Sarah. He married Elizabeth Hoyle, born ca 1782, who was a great granddaughter of pioneer Pieter Hoyle (Heyl). They were married on October 2, 1800 in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

He is believed to have died in 1855 and is buried in the old Clover Hill Methodist Church Cemetery near Casar. His will is recorded in Will Book No. 1, page 230, Cleveland County, North Carolina. William and Elizabeth had the following children: David, born February 23, 1802, who married Millie Willis, born 1808.

Sarah, born 1806.

Hannah, born 1808, who married Reuben Willis.

Katherine, born 1809, who married John Oliver Newton, born 1809.

John Hoyle, born May 5, 1814, married Eady Pruitt, born January 12, 1819, died December 23, 1876; second marriage to Margaret

James P., born April 14, 1816, married Jane Chapman, born May 25, 1819, died May 12, 1898.

William, born January 15, 1819, died 1881; married Naomi Chapman, born September 18, 1824, died 1910. William was a Methodist Minister, served in the War Between the States. William and Naomi are buried in the old Snow Hill Methodist Church Cemetery northeast of Casar.

Joseph W., born November 2, 1820, married on March 1, 1839 to Susannah Pruitt, sister to Eady and daughter of Spencer and Sarah Stockton Pruitt.

Nancy, born 1822, married Joseph Johnson.

Elizabeth, born May 15, 1823, died February 22, 1911, married Robert Chapman, born 1826.

Martin, born September 3, 1805, died December 1, 1884.

— Elizabeth S. Cofer

REV. WILLIAM SWOFFORD

1044

The Rev. William Swofford was born January 15, 1819 in upper Cleveland County, North Carolina. He was married in 1846 to Naomi Chapman, born September 18, 1824. Mr. Swofford was a circuit rider in the Methodist Church. He served in the Army of the Confederate States. They were the parents of the following children:

Robert Swofford, born September 16, 1844, Cleveland County, North Carolina. He was wounded in July, 1863 in the Battle of Gettysburg.

Elizabeth Swofford, born February 16, 1846. She married David Buff, born 1840. They had eight children.

Margaret Swofford, born December 12, 1848. She married Wheeler Buff, born 1855. They had six children. Margaret died in California.

Caleb Swofford, born November 5, 1849. He married Betty Hull.

Naomi Swofford, born May 4, 1852.

Eliza Jane Swofford, born September 5, 1854. She married John Hoyle.

Louise Swofford, born December 15, 1856. She married Frank Gales. She died in Lincoln County in 1910.

Nancy Susan Swofford, born May 10, 1859. She married Peter Buff, born 1859. She is buried at Zoar Baptist Church near Casar.

Dora Catherine Swofford, born April 6, 1861. She married Thomas Blackwood. She is buried at Snow Hill Methodist Church Cemetery northeast of Casar.

William Albert Swofford, born April 6, 1863.

Joseph Martin Swofford, born November 4, 1865. He married Dovie Frances Bumgardner (born March 1, 1868) on January 6, 1884 near Casar. He died January 21, 1934 in Rutherford County, North Carolina.

The Swofford homeplace was located at the foot of the hill below the old Snow Hill Methodist Church.

— Elizabeth S. Cofer

FAMILY OF ROLAND CLIFTON TATE

1045

Roland Clifton Tate was born January 15, 1891 in Cherokee County to Annie Bridges Tate and Mannasseh Masshaw Tate. My father died February 25, 1968. Dad had two sisters, Evie Tate Webster and Katie Tate Webster. Both sisters married brothers, Walter and Frank Webster.

My grandfather Mannasseh was born No-

vember 19, 1843 and died April 14, 1904 and is buried in the Antioch Cemetery and has an interesting inscription on his tombstone: M.M. Tate A member of the Fifth South Carolina Volunteers. His colonel said of him, "If General Lee should call on me for my bravest man I would unhesitatingly send M.M. Tate."

My grandmother Annie was born May 31, 1865 and died April 23, 1921. After grandfather died she and Dad moved to Grover, North Carolina. They bought some land in Grover and had a house built. This was the house where my mother and dad raised their three children — Genevieve, Sherwood and Ellis. I can remember many happy times in this home.

Evie and Katie had already married before my Dad and his Mother moved to North Carolina. Aunt Evie settled in Cherokee County near Gaffney, South Carolina and had a very happy married life with Uncle Walter Webster and their eight children.

Katie and Frank Webster spent a happy married life near Kings Mountain, North Carolina. To this union seven children were born.

After my Grandmother Annie moved to Grover she married Logan Crocker April 15, 1906.

Roland Clifton Tate, my father, operated People's Drug Store in Grover between 1919-1952, the favorite meeting place of the young and old during its day. The drug store burned in 1952. He was the toast of the town with his wit and advice, not much information was sought that he couldn't scratch his head and come up with the answers. He would laugh and say that those were the "dollar" days when most every prescription was a dollar . . . except asafoetida, which was five cents until a mountaineer came in with a twenty dollar bill during the depression and was willing to pay fifteen cents.

My Dad was married in 1921 to Fannie Ellis, a direct descendant of Ben J. Ellis who came to America from Ireland around the turn of the century to settle in lower Cleveland County.

Dad was a veteran of World War I. His tombstone reads, Roland Clifton Tate, North Carolina—Pvt. Co. B. 322 Infantry World War I. He liked to reminisce about his days in France.

I was Roland and Fannie's only daughter. I was born May 20, 1923 and married R. Jolley Duncan June 19, 1949. We have three adopted children. Ronnie Eugene born July 9, 1956. Ronnie married Wendy Haire February 28, 1978 and their daughter is Christina Duncan born September 15, 1979. Carol Anne was born November 18, 1956. Janice Elaine was born November 7, 1958. She married Jerry Sipes June 19, 1977. They have one daughter Tina Sipes, born November 23, 1978.

I am afraid I disappointed my Dad. He was very anxious for me to be a nurse. My dream was to be a teacher, and I was one for several years. I graduated from Western Carolina Teachers College — now Western Carolina University.

Sherwood Clifton Tate was born February 13, 1929 and married Dollie Poston on July 3, 1954. Dollie was born February 8, 1929. They have two children. Sherwood Clifton Tate, Jr.



Roland Clifton Tate, owner of Peoples Drug Store, Grover, N.C.



L to R: Ellis, Sherwood and Roland Clifton Tate — 1964.

was born December 24, 1959 and Suzanne Elizabeth Tate born May 7, 1961. Cliff is a senior at Clemson University and Suzanne is a junior at University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Roland Ellis Tate was born January 2, 1934 and married Elizabeth Ann Mitchell on August 16, 1958. Libby was born on May 20, 1937. They have two children. Sandra Elaine born May 11, 1963 and Steven Ellis Tate born January 5, 1967. Sandra is a student at Cleveland Technical College and Steven is a student at Shelby Junior High.

My Dad was a very happy man when my brother, Sherwood became a registered pharmacist. Then when my younger brother, Ellis became a registered pharmacist he really was happy. That was a dream come true since he had ambitiously hoped both my brothers would follow in his foot steps. Sherwood and Ellis say they are very happy in their profession and they do not know of anything they had rather be doing.

Sherwood and Ellis are both working for Revco Drug Company on Highway 74 East. Sherwood graduated from Southern College of

Pharmacy in Atlanta in 1958. Ellis graduated from the University of South Carolina in 1962.

Sherwood and Ellis are well known to Shelbians where their pleasing personality is enjoyed by customers at Revco.

Mrs. Franklin Harry, Jr., a former neighbor, said of the Roland Tate family, "They were more than friends, they were family."

Sources: Family Records, *Cleveland Times*, Interviews with family members and friends.

— Genevieve Tate Duncan

JAMES BROCK TAYLOR, JR. 1946

James Brock Taylor, Jr. was born April 6, 1920 in Asheville, North Carolina. He is the son of Mrs. Edwin Yates Webb of Shelby, and the late James Brock Taylor, of Asheville who died when "Jim" was two years old.

Benjamin Taylor, his ancestor, came to this country from England, entered America at Hampton Roads about 1710, and settled in Princess Ann County, Va. His descendants moved, with a migration from Virginia, to Davie County, N.C., in 1780.

His Great Grandfather, Dr. Moses Brock Taylor was born in Mocksville 1820, and practiced in Charlotte and Greenville, Tennessee. He married Miss Eliza Baxter Springs. Her Springs ancestors had come to this country from Holland in 1650. They were among the first settlers in Brooklyn, N.Y., receiving a land grant from the Dutch Crown. Later they moved to Delaware and then to North Carolina.

Jim has the lovely portrait of Mrs. Eli Springs (1798-1855 Tirzah Ball Craig) painted by Garl Browne. Richard Springs was married twice. His first wife was Jean Baxter (1760-1804). His second wife was Mrs. Mary McBride Craig. She had a daughter, Tirzah Ball Craig, by her first husband. Mary McBride Craig was a Miss Ball, a relative of Mary Ball Washington, George Washington's mother. This Tirzah Ball Craig and Richard's son, Eli Springs (1792), by his first wife Jean Baxter, were married and are our ancestors.

Eli Springs and Tirzah Ball Springs' daughter Eliza Baxter Springs (1827-1878) married Dr. Moses Brock Taylor (1820-1892). Their son, William Baxter Taylor (1859-1932) married Jennie Galgrath (1861-1918). Their son, James Brock Taylor (1888-1922), married Alice Thurston Pender (Born 1894) their son James Brock Taylor, Jr. married Anne Royster, Shelby.

James Brock Taylor, Jr. was seven years old when his mother married the late Judge Edwin Yates Webb and moved to Shelby from Tarboro. He went to Shelby Public schools and Shelby High. He attended the Darlington School for Boys in Rome, Ga. and went to N.C. State College where he was a member of the Student Council and a member of the Kappa Alpha Fraternity.

Next in Jim's life came World War II. In 1942, he enlisted in the Army and, as a Technical Sergeant, served in the Intelligence Section of the 83rd Infantry Division Head quarters where he had the opportunity of watching and

DANIEL ALLEN TEDDER

1047

Daniel Allen Tedder with his wife, the former Marjory McQueen (Madge) and children moved to Shelby from Washington, D.C., in the spring of 1920. The children were: Frances Harden, born June 14, 1904, in Morven, N.C.; William McQueen, born February 1, 1907, Morven; Charlotte Susan, born September 10, 1908, Charlotte; Mary McQueens, born November 16, 1913, Timmonsville, S.C.; and Margaret Elizabeth born September 12, 1919, Washington, D.C. (William died April 1, 1928, and Mary died April 4, 1974).

Mr. Tedder had worked with the Interstate Commerce Commission and the Railway Utilities Commission in Washington. Prior to going to Washington during World War I he had served as pastor of several churches in South Carolina. He came to Shelby to work with the United States Department of Justice as secretary and legal assistant to Federal Judge E.Y. Webb, and also worked with the Hon. O.M. Mull. This position he held for over thirty years.

D. Allen Tedder was born in Wilmington, N.C., April 7, 1878. His father, Daniel Miles Tedder (1847-1919), was an engineer for the Seaboard Airline Railroad which operated from Wilmington West. He had served in the Confederate Army in Company C of the First Regiment South Carolina Infantry (Regulars). He was a sharp shooter for his unit. D. Allen's mother was Leary Frances Sessoms (1851-1930). His brothers and sisters were: Lula Dell (1868-1945), married R.E.L. Correll; John Fondville (1870-1962), married twice; second wife was Mary Estelle Miesen (Maymie), (1878-1960), whom he married December 7, 1901; Frances Elizabeth (Belle), (1872-1946), married James T. Fields; Marion Eveline (1875-1948), married Joseph A. Harrill; Edward Steadman (1880-1951), married in 1903 Myrtle Hoffman (1883-1970); Mary Nettles (1882-died very young); Ruth Alderman

(1887-1963), married Dr. Marcus B. Wilkes. Daniel Allen was the fifth child.

At an early age Daniel Allen Tedder moved to Laurinburg. In and around the small town Allen enjoyed nature to the fullest. Much of his many experiences with snakes he recorded later in his book *Snake Tales*. He appreciated all forms of nature. He had a special love for birds and included a number of poems about them in his book *Pike and Minnow and Other Poems*. He swam and fished in the cypress black waters and hunted in the surrounding forests.

Some of his high school age years he attended a private school, Quakenbush's, in Laurinburg, where he developed a love of the classics, and an interest in oratory, music, and knowledge in general. His family moved to Charlotte and he graduated from high school there in 1895. He wore his first long pants for the occasion. He was the recipient of a scholarship; that fall he entered Wake Forest College, graduating there in three years with two degrees, A.B., and L.L.B. Being only twenty he had to wait over a year to take the Bar Examination. The next year he reviewed law for three months at Chapel Hill, but in the meantime he had worked in the law office of Charles W. Tillett of Charlotte and also studied shorthand and typing, becoming so proficient that he was often called on to do court reporting. He was the only court reporter in this section for some time. He practiced law in Charlotte and later served under Civil Service in Atlanta, working on the side at that time to secure Child Labor Laws in Georgia, so badly needed in those years.

Allen had married in 1903 Marjory Mcfarlan McQueen in a home ceremony in Morven. They met on the train when she was going to college in Statesville (now Mitchell College) and he was returning from Monroe after attending Court there.

At heart D. Allen Tedder was really a preacher, but he had studied law, since his parents had set their hearts on his being a



James Brock Taylor

listening to General George Patton map strategy. He saw service in France, Belgium and Luxembourg. He was wounded in Luxembourg and spent 13 months in Army hospitals.

After being discharged from the Army he continued his education at the University of North Carolina.

In 1947 he started his business career with J.P. Stevens Co. in Stanley; returning to Shelby with the Dover Mill in 1950. In 1956 he became associated with the Royster Transportation Company.

Jim is a member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church. He served as teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon and Ruling Elder. He is also a Mason and Shriner, former member of the Parks and Recreation Commission and former President of the Rotary Club. He is Past President of the following: Cleveland County Cancer Society, Cleveland Co. Mental Health Association, Cleveland County Boy's Club and served on Piedmont Boy Scout Council. He served as Director and President of the Shelby Chamber of Commerce and was a member of the delegation to Portland Oregon when Shelby was named "All America City". He was named "Citizen of the Year" in 1972.

He is a member of North Lake Club (Past President and Director) and Cleveland Country Club (Director).

Currently Jim is serving his sixteenth year as Chairman of Shelby Planning and Zoning Board. He is on the board of Trustees Cleveland Memorial Hospital; Board of Trustees, Lee's McRae College; and President of the Cleveland Historical Association. He is a Vice-President of Royster Transport Company in Shelby.

On May 3, 1952, he married Anne Royster and they have four children; Elizabeth Anne (b. Sept. 1953 graduate of Winthrop College), Alice Pender (b. Sept. 1955 graduate of Appalachian State College), James Brock Taylor III (b. May 1957) graduate of Lee's McRae College and Gardner-Webb College), and Margaret Royster (b. May 1961 graduate of St. Mary's College, in Raleigh and now a junior at U.N.C. Chapel Hill).

Sources: Family Records of: Miss Helen Taylor, Family Bible.

— Mrs. Anne Royster Taylor



James Taylor Family: Front row: James and Anne; Back row: Betsy, Alice, Brock and Margaret.



Daniel Allen Tedder

lawyer, and he used his law in many situations. From time to time the urge to preach was so strong he would give up other work to become pastor of one or more churches. For a while he studied at the Biblical Seminary in New York City. He was a mission pastor of the Roanoke Island Baptist Church and while there was instrumental in the formation of another church.

In Shelby he was a member of the Cleveland County Bar Association and active in the First Baptist Church where he taught a Sunday school class and occasionally supplied a pulpit. He was a good Bible scholar and often taught the Sunday school lesson over the radio. He was always interested in helping black ministers and furnished them books and other sermon materials.

He was sensitive to the needs of people, often being so generous he himself had to sacrifice. Once during the depression years he set out for a day of fishing at Lake Lure. He passed a family hitchhiking, stopped, backed up, and soon had them in his car. When he learned they were going to Hendersonville he did not stop at Lake Lure, but took them all the way. When he got back to Lake Lure ready to fish he found his fishing tackle box had disappeared. Recently a Sunday school pupil of his daughter asked permission to say some-

thing during the teaching of a lesson on the Sermon on the Mount. The lady said she had been told that someone saw Mr. Tedder remove a new coat he was wearing and give it to someone who had none.

D. Allen Tedder was a man of great energy. He was a sickly child, but learned to take care of his health, eating properly, getting needed exercise, and observing health rules. He had several gardens — instead of one — never having learned the meaning of moderation. Instead of having a few chickens, he would often have a drove of chickens and ducks. He would rise early to work in his gardens or do something else, then go to his office. He loved to hunt and fish. His interest in fish led him to contact the government fisheries and obtain small fish to stock many ponds in Cleveland County. He personally brought minnows from eastern Carolina and introduced them to this section.

Mr. Tedder enjoyed playing golf in his later years and twice made a "hole in one" at the Cleveland Country Club golf course. One of the times he was playing with Dr. Zeno Wall, Judge E.Y. Webb, and Mr. McDiarmid, the Presbyterian minister.

Daniel Allen Tedder died March 9, 1962, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby. Only one of his children, Charlotte, now lives

in Shelby. She and her husband Fred J. Swift, formerly of Highland, New York, have three children.

Sources: Family memories; Family Bible of Leary F. and Dani Miles Tedder

— Charlotte Tedder Swift

MRS. MARJORY McQUEEN TEDDER and HER ANCESTRY

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My mother, Marjory McFarlan McQueen (Madge) was born at the Old McQueen Plantation in Chesterfield County, South Carolina, six miles west of Cheraw. She was the daughter of William Flagg McQueen (1853-1932) and Susan Roberta Harden McQueen (1860-1943). Her father was a gentleman farmer. He had attended Bingham Military Academy and the University of Virginia. While slavery no longer existed many farmers lived and worked on the plantation and were to a great degree still dependent on the land owner. Supplies were bought in quantities and Marjory's mother had much of the responsibility to see that these families received a portion each week. A servant was hired to help with the growing family. The children were taught by a tutor who lived a month at their house and the next at an aunt's; the children of both families being taught by her. The oldest boy rode horseback to school in Cheraw.

When my mother was about twelve years old the family moved to a Scotch settlement, Morven, North Carolina. There were two reasons for moving: The village boasted a good academy where the McQueen children could prepare for college and also Madge's mother's parents lived there and needed care as they grew older.

After finishing school in Morven, Madge attended Flora McDonald College one year and taught briefly at Ruby, S.C. She later went to Statesville College, now Mitchell, to prepare herself to be a kindergarten teacher, but stopped to marry. She met my father, Daniel Allen Tedder, when she got on the train in Wadesboro to go to Statesville. A friend of the family,



Daniel Miles Tedder

who also knew my father, introduced them. Later when she was traveling through Charlotte, Daddy met her with a hired carriage and took her for a ride over the city. Once, when he had not heard from her, he telephoned. The connection was poor; so the operator had to relay messages. When my father said, "Tell her to write to me". the operator replied, "She says she will."

Allen and Madge were married at her home in Morven August 18, 1903. She wore a grey silk dress and her flowers were asters. They went to live in Charlotte where my father was a young lawyer. They had five children: Frances, William, Charlotte, Mary, and Margaret.

Mama was a musician and, when my father pastored churches, she was usually asked to play the pump organ. It always fell my lot to take care of my baby sister. One Sunday evening Baby Mary and I both went to sleep and fell off the church bench. My mother was greatly loved by the members of the church. Sometimes she taught a Sunday school class and led the women in the missionary society. I remember once when she was to speak at a women's meeting she had a new dress and hat, the dress had a floral pattern, and she looked lovely in the outfit. In Shelby, my mother was a member of the First Baptist Church. She also belonged to the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

My mother worked hard at home. Without modern conveniences housework took much time. When I was in college she would write regularly and occasionally send me goodies. When we lived at 604 Suttle Street, ours was the only phone in the immediate vicinity and many people wanted to use it or have my mother call for them. Often she had to make many calls for people wanting a doctor. She cooked delicacies for sick neighbors. She was possibly responsible for saving the life of one person who, critically ill, would have died unless she had surgical attention within twenty-four hours, but she lived to enjoy some of my mother's chicken soup. There is in Shelby today a man whose lip is improved because my mother was able to get a club to agree to pay for surgery on his hare lip.

Mrs. E.Y. Webb recently told me she remembered my mother and she was beautiful; that none of her daughters was as pretty as she. Also she had such a sweet disposition. Not strong physically, she was at home most of the time. I recall how happy it made me to approach the house and realize my mother would be there to greet me. I remember one time, as a high school girl, running through the back gate to get home the more quickly to see her. I recall, too, in later years, as our car turned into the driveway I realized mama would not be home — we had that day taken her to the hospital — and possibly she would never again be there for any length of time. She died May 3, 1937, at the age of fifty five.

Of my mother's ancestry, much could be said. Her mother's parents, to whose home the family moved, were Esperan Catherine Harmon Harden (1824-1910) and Daniel Clapp Harden (1815-1902). The couple met at commencement at Chapel Hill. She was from Pittsboro; he from Orange County. She attended

Salem Academy. The Hardens had come to America prior to Revolutionary times, and an ancestor John Harden was appointed Captain of Tryon County Troops, and led his company at the Battle of Ramseur's Mill. He also served in the Colonial Provincial Congress which met in August, 1775.

Mama's father's mother was Marjory Mcfarlan (1824-1895), daughter of Janet Taylor Mcfarlan and Robert Mcfarlan. Born in Scotland she came to America in 1849 with her widowed mother and two sisters. Two Macfarlan boys were already in America. The mother's brother had asked his sister if she would permit her son, John, to come and live with him and be his heir. She agreed, but when the boat had left Scotland it was found the younger brother Allan had stowed away. When the uncle asked Allan what he could do for him, since he had already promised his estate, Allan said he would like the best education he could get. His uncle sent him to Princeton.

My mother's grandfather McQueen was named Alexander. His father, Dr. Alexander McQueen (1771-1828), was the first of the family to come to America. He was born in the

Parish of Snizort at Glentellin, in Scotland. He had attended Mariscal College of Aberdeen University (1784-1786) and the University of Edinburgh (1788-89). He settled in or near Fayetteville in 1792 and practiced medicine about four years before moving to Cheraw, S.C., to a plantation six miles west, the place where my mother was born. He married Mary Ellerbe (1783-1803). They had nine children; one son became a doctor. The eighth child was Alexander (1819-1903) who was my mother's grandfather. He was a farmer, member of the Governor's staff, and the State Legislature. He married Marjory Macfarlan mentioned above. Their son was my mother's father, William McQueen. He was a farmer, merchant, teacher, and worked at the post office. Madge's mother, Susan Roberta Harden, was strong in body and character. Every week she wrote to each of her eight children. My mother could count on hearing each Saturday when my father came to lunch and brought the mail.

Sources: Family memories, and *Remembrance* by Sue Harden MacPherson Tillinghast.

— Charlotte Tedder Swift



Marjory McQueen Tedder, age 15

THE NICHOLAS TESSENEER FAMILY

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Nicholas Tesseneer and two brothers came on a ship from Germany in the late 1700's to America. Nicholas settled in the Piney Mountain section, Duncan Creek Township, of Rutherford County, North Carolina. The other two brothers went to Buncombe County in the area of Asheville, North Carolina. This information was given to me by James Gordon Tesseneer, great grandson of Nicholas, as it had been handed down to him by word of mouth.

Rutherford County Census of 1850 listed Nicholas as 65 years old. There are deeds in Rutherford County Courthouse made to Nicholas, September 29, 1808 and October 28, 1821.

Nicholas had ten children, named in a will made in 1859 and recorded in Rutherford County Courthouse, Rutherfordton, North Carolina. They were: William Thomas, George, David, Joel, Jackson, Sarah Lovelace, Nancy Green, Delia Williams, Malinda Prichard, and Unicy Philbeck. It also named his second wife, Lucy Lawson, that he married January 26, 1825. I found no record of his first marriage.

William Thomas, b. 1814, married Rhoda Green, b. 1820 on October 7, 1834. (Information from Rutherford County Marriages). No record of death or burial is found.

Their son Joseph Cephus 1844-1933 later moved to Union Community, Cleveland County, North Carolina. He married Elizabeth Prichard, 1854-1933, daughter of Joel and Malinda Tesseneer Prichard, April 1871. Both are buried in Union Baptist Church Cemetery.

They had eight children, Rhoda m. Joe Wishon; Emma m. Roland Smart; Margaret m. Pink Tesseneer; Anna m. Vard Baker; Melvin m. Lela Dixon; Norrie m. Matilda Dellinger; William Thomas m. Nancy Jones; and Samuel.

William Thomas, 1881-1960, married Nancy Jones 1881-1957, daughter of Martin A. and Ruthie Tesseneer Jones, December 1, 1896. (Recorded in family Bible in my possession). They are buried in Cleveland Memorial Park, near Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

William Thomas and Nancy Jones Tesseneer had sixteen children: Three infants, Grady, Julius, Palmer, Robert, Aaron, Mary and Martha (twins), and Elizabeth, (all of these died young). Willie Fred (1900-1977) m. Mamie Lee Lewis (1906-1957), daughter of Charles and Mary Keeter Lewis. On November 3, 1921 he married Maebel Devon (1917-1981). Fred and both wives are buried in Cleveland Memorial Park.

Adam Martin (b. 1919) married Rosemary Lavinsky, native of Traverse City, Michigan. William Harrison (b. 1922) m. Pauline Melton. William and Adam both served in the Army during World War II. Both now reside at Blacksburg, South Carolina. Lela 1906-1951 m. Carl Lattimore.

Fred and Mamie Lewis Tesseneer had two children: James Howard Tesseneer (b. 1924) m. Nancy Ann Bridges (b. 1926), daughter of Edgar and Bertha Green Bridges. Lois Jeanette

(b. 1932) m. Charles William Lassiter (b. 1932), native of Black Oak, Arkansas.

Howard and Nancy Bridges Tesseneer had three children all born in Cleveland County. Carol Ann (b. 1943) m. Roger Dale Tate, Sr. (b. 1946), native of Greenville, South Carolina and son of Clarence and Ruth Barnes Tate. Their children are: Linda Jo (b. 1969) and Roger Dale Tate, Jr. (b. 1977); both born in Greenville, South Carolina. They reside in Greenville, South Carolina.

James Lynn Tesseneer (b. 1947) m. Elizabeth Jean Threatt (b. 1950), daughter of Miles Ervin, Jr. and Lois Smith Threatt. Their children are Sharon Elizabeth (b. 1972) and Kimberly Lynn (b. 1975). All are born in Cleveland County, North Carolina. They reside in Boger City, North Carolina.

Rodney Raymond (b. 1949) m. Lynn Dickey (b. 1948), daughter of Byron and Viola Neff Dickey of Midland, Michigan. They have one daughter, Willow (b. 1977), born in Louisville, Kentucky. They reside in Louisville, Kentucky.

James Howard Tesseneer and Charles William Lassiter served in the Navy during World War II. James Lynn Tesseneer and Roger Dale Tate, Sr. served in the Army during the Vietnam War.

Charles and Lois Lassiter had four children: Linda Diane b. 1957; Charles Michael b. 1958; Jerry Alan b. 1960; and Brian Richard b. 1969. They reside in Huntsville, Alabama.

The early Tesseneer ancestors were farmers. Now they are in various fields such as mechanics, automobile assembly, textiles, nursing, teaching, electronics, construction, industrial design, aeronautics, and secretarial.

We are of the Baptist Faith. James Howard Tesseneer, James Lynn Tesseneer and Roger Dale Tate, Sr. are all ordained deacons.

I found various spellings of the name. As many as three different spellings concerning the same man were on some of the early records. The spellings are: Tesaneer, Tesenair, Tesener, Tesenear, Teseneer, Tesineer, Tesnar, Tesnaer, Tesner, Tesneer, Tesnear, Tesinier, Tessaneer, Tessaniar, Tessenair, Tesenear, Tesseneer, Tessineir, Tessener, Tesinier, Tessnear, Tessner, Tessneer, Testnear, Tesyneer.

— J. Howard Tesseneer

JAMES GORDON (JIM) and NANCY MABEL BARNETT TESSENEER

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My father, James Gordon (Jim) Tessneer, was born June 11, 1909, in Cleveland County, North Carolina. He was the eighth child of William Riley and Anna Short Tessneer.

I remember his word-for-word account of the first Tessneer on American soil, "they tell me Nicholas Tessneer and two brothers came across the ocean in a goods box on a float ship. Nicholas, my great-grandpa settled in the Piney Mountain Section, Duncan Creek Township of Rutherford County. Nicholas' two brothers went on to the Asheville area and settled there." We have no account of Nicho-

las' first marriage, but he took his second wife, Lucy Lawson, on January 26, 1825. Nicholas was the father of ten children: William Thomas, George, David, Joel, Jackson, Sarah, Nancy, Delia, Malinda and Unicy. My family descended from Nicholas' son George.

Daddy went to school in a one-room school house in the Zion Community. By today's standards, he was not highly educated, but he was one of the most learned men I've ever known.

Daddy was a friend to all he met, he never turned any man away. When he planted a garden, he planted not only for his family, but for friends, neighbors—the community. Daddy was from "the old school." When he thought something needed to be done, he did it. I remember about two years ago he became very concerned about the condition of a gravel road around the cemetery at our church, Poplar Springs Baptist. Realizing that he too would lie there one day, he began a campaign in the community to raise money for a paved road. Many did not believe in his ability to achieve the task. With the help of a few others in the community, he did raise the funds necessary to pave the road.

Daddy believed "If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music he hears, however measured or far away". As a person Daddy was unique, different, understanding and compassionate. He had a firm belief in his set of values. He compromised those values for no man. Daddy was a "Prince of a Man", "a Christian man", "a family man", as he was eulogized at his funeral. He truly was all of those and more. He was strong, yet gentle.

Daddy spent his life as a farmer. He was a tenant farmer for 15 years. But, he wanted more. Daddy worked for many of those 15 years for Mr. Jeff and Les Hamrick and Mr. James Cornwell of Lattimore. The Hamricks and Cornwells, knowing the kind of people Daddy and Mother were, helped them to get a farm in the Sharon Community of Cleveland County. They spent 35 years there rearing their children. They gave us love, a Christian home and taught us to work. Daddy and mother



James Gordon (Jim) and Nancy Mabel Barnett Tessneer.

came from poverty to achieve much during their 51 years of marriage.

Daddy was a handsome man looking far younger than his 72 years. His trademark was his hat. He had a hat that to him was appropriate for any setting.

Daddy was a legend. He has fallen (October 27, 1981) but will live in our hearts forever.

Mother, Nancy Mabel Barnett Tessneer, was born August 29, 1909. She is the daughter of William Monroe and Bessie Ann Jones Barnett of the Cleveland County area.

"Mama", as I call her, worked a few years in the hoisery mill and at the Lily Mill in Shelby. She married Daddy December 14, 1929. She devoted her life to make him happy. During her younger years she helped Daddy in the field and with the milking. Later she became the person who cooked for those of us hoeing or picking cotton or milking the cows. Mama is a wonderful cook. I remember how proud Daddy was of her cooking. It was always a joy for them to have people in their home and eat at their table.

Mama is also very talented in handwork. I remember many dresses (some from feed and flour sacks) she fashioned for herself and me. She enjoys quilting and has made many beautiful quilts for her children and grandchildren.

The Lord as called Daddy Home, but we still have our "Mama."

Jim and Mabel had two children: William Dwight, born April 10, 1933; and Carolyn Ann, born February 5, 1946. Dwight married Joanne Morgan. They have four children: Roger Glenn, born February 20, 1953. Roger married Billie Ann Kendrick and have one son, William Adam, born March 2, 1977. Dwight and Joanne's other children are William Alan, born February 19, 1959; Nancy Susan, born June 6, 1964; and Betsy Jo, born June 7, 1971.

Carolyn married Floyd Abel Queen, Jr. They have three sons: Robert Paul, born October 11, 1967; Jeffrey Brett, born May 31, 1970; and James Floyd (Jimmy), born November 3, 1971.

Sources: Nancy and Howard Tessneer, personal knowledge and family memories.

— Carolyn Ann Tessneer Queen

THE FAMILY OF JOSEPH RUSH and MABEL BARNES THOMPSON

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Joseph Rush (Joe) Thompson and his twin brother, Lyle, were born at 610 West Warren Street in Shelby, North Carolina on November 1, 1911, to Zolliecoffer Jenks (Zoll) Thompson and Alice Claudia Hoke. Joe's brothers were: Loy, Heyward, Julian, Claude, Lyle, and Bill.

Joe finished Shelby High School and attended Appalachian State University at Boone, North Carolina State University at Raleigh. He worked for a while at the Cleveland Cloth Mill in Shelby, but later went to work for his father at the Z.J. Thompson Lumber Company. He later owned an interest in the Lumber Company. He is a member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Elks Club. He served several years in the Army

during World War II, and while in service spent several months in the Phillipine Islands. He was a 15 year member of the Shelby Lions Club before taking an interest in Boy Scout work, and is still active in Boys Scouts. He was Scout Master for one year and has held several District Offices in the Boy Scouts. He is a member of Central United Methodist Church and has been a member of the Hoey Bible Class for 51 years serving as Secretary of the Class for the past two years.

Joe married Mabel Barnes, daughter of Walter Cleveland Barnes of Wayne County and Rena Hooks of Wilson County, North Carolina, on March 27, 1940. They were married at the First Baptist Church in Raleigh, North Carolina. Mabel attended Miss Hardbarger's Secretarial School in Raleigh and worked for several years as a legal secretary. Mabel was President of the Junior Women's Club in 1942, is a member of the Hoe and Hope Garden Club, Thirteen Bridge Club Junior Charity League, and Tea and Topics Book Club. She joined Shelby Central United Methodist Church in 1940, and has been active in the Horace Grigg Bible Class. At present she is Secretary Treasurer of the class. Her main hobbies are gardening and crocheting.

They have three children: Claudia Irene, Sue Barnes, and Joseph Rush Thompson, Jr.

Claudia was born March 27, 1943, and married Rolla David Rose on May 7, 1967. David is the son of Marion and Myrtle Rose of Shelby. Claudia graduated from the Women's College at Greensboro, North Carolina. They have three daughters: Jennifer LeMaster, born April 19, 1970; Claudia Rebecca, born March 3, 1973; and, Susan Elizabeth, born February 14, 1977. All three girls were born at the Cleveland County Memorial Hospital. They live in Shelby and David is a salesman for a furniture company out of St. Louis, Mo. Claudia attended Shelby Public Schools and was presented at the Shelby Debutante Ball in 1961.

Sue Thompson was born October 13, 1945, and married Dexter Lee Stuckey, Jr., on July 17, 1965. They are divorced. They had two sons, Dexter Lee, III, born December 7, 1968, and Clayton Thomas, born October 21, 1970. Both sons were born in Charlotte and at present live with Sue in Shelby, North Carolina. She attended Kings Business College in Charlotte in 1964. Sue attended Shelby Public Schools and was presented at the Shelby Debutante Ball.

Rush Thompson, Jr., was born February 25, 1947, and married Doris Austin daughter of Louis and Louise Austin of Kannapolis, North Carolina, on August 23, 1970. Doris and Rush graduated from State College at Raleigh, North Carolina. They have three sons: Truett Ramsey, born April 12, 1974, in Maryland; Luke Thompson, born April 20, 1976, in New Jersey; and Drew Elliott, born January 22, 1978, in New Jersey. Rush and Doris now live in Orlando, Florida, where Rush works with Martin Marietta Company as a Computer Expert.

— Joe and Mabel Thompson



Mr. and Mrs. Orville Cicero Thompson

MR. and MRS. ORVILLE CICERO THOMPSON

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Orville Cicero Thompson was born March 17, 1855, in Lincoln County. He was the son of William Albert Thompson, born June 17, 1830, died March 24, 1907, and Sara Jenks Thompson, born May 26, 1832, died March 26, 1897. Both are buried at Kadesh Methodist Church cemetery.

He had five brothers: William Horace, Oscar Franklin, Samuel Plato, Joseph Ferdinand and Beverly Boanerges; and three sisters: Margaret Hull, Amelia Dixon and Eva Elizabeth Styers.

He and Martha Susan (Matt) Cline, of Belwood, were married on October 9, 1879. They lived at Belwood near "Belwood Academy" in a large two story farm house. The house and school have both gone by the way since.

They were the parents of seven children: Bertha C., born September 23, 1880; Benjamin Oscar, born in 1882; John, born May 10, 1884; Fredrick C., born March 26, 1886; George, born September 14, 1887; Mabel Evans, born August 20, 1892; and Mary Maude Evans, born March 27, 1896.

He was in the lumber and sawmill business in upper Cleveland County until he moved his family to Shelby in the late 1890's and lived at 808 North Washington Street. He was a surveyor and under the company of Thompson & Thompson, in partnership with one of his great nephews, published a plat of Cleveland County in 1921 showing the names of families who owned land in rural Cleveland County.

He played the fiddle and was a good story teller, regaling his grandchildren with tales of his youth and tales he had heard his elders tell of their youth. He was a lifelong Methodist having been a member of Kadesh Methodist church at Belwood and transferring his membership to Central Methodist Church, Shelby, on moving there.

His father was a doctor in Lincoln County and upper Cleveland County who enlisted in North Carolina troops of the Confederate Army, Twenty-third Regiment Company B as a private on May 23, 1861 and he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant on May 10, 1862, and resigned on November 23, 1864, his resignation accepted by the President, the orders having been signed by General Robert E. Lee.

He was a grandson of Samuel Thompson and Amelia Bland Thompson who lived in Cleveland County, and William Jenks and Ruth Buffam Jenks who migrated to Lincoln County from Massachusetts. Samuel Thompson and

his wife are buried in a private cemetery on Ralph Spangler's farm in the Double Shoals Community of Cleveland County.

Martha Susan Cline Thompson was born February 9, 1856, in Cleveland County, daughter of John Cline II and Katherine Elizabeth (Kate) Hoyle, and grand-daughter of John Klein (Cline) and Katherine Muehl, originally from Germany.

O.C. died June 27, 1928; his wife died March 31, 1943, and both are buried in the family plot at Sunset Cemetery.

Grandchildren of the above are Benjamin (died in childhood), William Lander and Jack Thompson; Mary Sue Thompson, Jean Moore Thompson Barber, Sarah Reid Thompson Montoya, George Thompson, Jr., Ruth Cline Thompson Roark and James Robert Thompson; and Guthrie Thompson Evans.

Sources: Family records, Grave Stones, *The Genealogy of Peter Heyl and His Descendants* — Rucker

— Mrs. G. Rhea Barber

DR. SAMUEL PLATO THOMPSON

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Dr. Samuel P. Thompson was born October 10, 1865 and died October 2, 1906. He was married to Jeannette Poole in 1888. She was born October 12, 1870 and died April 10, 1904.

Samuel P. Thompson's parents were Dr. William Albert Thompson, born June 17, 1830 and died March 24, 1907. His wife Sarah Jenks was born in Massachusetts May 26, 1832 and died March 26, 1897. Albert and Sarah were married in 1850. They are buried at Kadesh Church, Cleveland County.

Jeannette's mother was Susan Bess, born 1843, daughter of Peter Bess IV, born about 1812. Jeannette's father was William S. Poole, born December 14, 1844 and died January 16, 1926. They are buried at Bess Chapel Methodist Church, Lincoln County.

Dr. W.A. Thompson was married a second time, Hattie Beam Jenkins was his second wife. They lived in a large house on North LaFayette Street in Shelby, which is now owned by George Blanton, Jr.

Samuel's paternal grandparents were Samuel Thompson and Amelia Bland who came to North Carolina from Lithia Springs, Lee County, Virginia about 1819 and settled in Rutherford County (now Cleveland County), near what is now Double Shoals. Their graves are on what is now the Ralph Spangler farm about one mile from Double Shoals. Samuel Thompson died April 28, 1847 in his eightieth year, and his wife, Amelia Bland, died August 28, 1850 in her fifty-seventh year. In this plot are the graves of two children, Sarah Amelia who died May 17, 1848, age 14 years and Mary Frances who died August 24, 1848.

Samuel's maternal grandparents were William and Ruth Buffan Jenks who came to North Carolina from Massachusetts to install machinery in the Double Shoals Cotton Mill. William Jenks was born about 1799 and died October 26, 1872 at the age of 73. He was married to Ruth Buffan who died March 5,

1874 at the age of 66. They are buried at Kadesh Church in Cleveland County.

William and Ruth Jenks had six children. Orville Jenks was born in Rhode Island August 10, 1830 and died April 3, 1889. Sarah Jenks was born in Massachusetts May 26, 1832 and died March 26, 1897. Harriet Jenks was born April 8, 1834 and died October 9, 1895. Amanda Jenks, Joe Jenks and George Jenks were the other children. George was killed in the battle of Fredericksburg. When William and Ruth Buffan Jenks first came south they left Orville and Sarah in school in Philadelphia.

Dr. Samuel Thompson had five brothers; William Horace, Orville Cicero, Oscar Franklin, Joseph Ferdinand, Beverly Boanerges and three sisters: Margaret, Amelia, and Eva Elizabeth.

Dr. Thompson attended Wake Forest College and graduated from the St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons on March 10, 1890.

He opened an office in Belwood for a few years. It was in Belwood that his first child, Ralph Thompson, was born March 4, 1891. In J.V. Ivey's book, *My Memoirs*, 1940, Piedmont Press, Greensboro, North Carolina, he tells about Dr. Thompson using as anesthetic to pull a tooth for Mr. Ivey. This was the first time a doctor had used an anesthetic to pull a tooth for him. Mr. Ivey worked in the Belwood store with Captain L.J. Hoyle.

Dr. Thompson moved to Flay in Lincoln County near Bess Chapel Church. His second child, Novella was born there June 5, 1895. Three other daughters followed. Vivian was born August 11, 1897; Edna was born February 17, 1902; and Neva was born January 16, 1900.

Life for the country doctor was difficult in those days with the use of horse and buggy for house calls.

Samuel's wife died in 1904 and he died in 1906. The four girls went to the Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, North Carolina to live in August 1907.

Sources: Grave stone, personal papers, *Genealogy of Peiter Heyl and His Descendants* by Elizabeth Hoyle Rucker.

— Jack T. Hoyle

THE FAMILY OF WILLIAM HORACE THOMPSON

1054

William Horace Thompson was born December 9, 1852 and died May 22, 1925. He was born at Rockdale, Cleveland County, North Carolina, and was the son of Dr. William Albert Thompson and Sara Jenks. He married Frances Osborne Hoyle who was born December 1, 1851, and died January 15, 1933. They were married on September 23, 1874. She was the daughter of Noah Hoyle, born February 19, 1804, and married September 24, 1829, to Elizabeth Shuford. She was born January 11, 1813. Noah Hoyle was made chairman of the Board of Trustees and helped build the Kadesh United Methodist Church at Belwood, North Carolina, in 1833. This building stood 100 years and the present Kadesh

Church was built in 1933.

The book, *The Genealogy of Peiter Heyl and His Descendants*, by Elizabeth Hoyle Rucker, 1100-1936, was dedicated to Frances Osborne Hoyle Thompson.

Horace Thompson operated a mica mine in and around Belwood, North Carolina, for a number of years. He moved his lumber business to Shelby, in 1902. Their children were: Leola Eulalia (Ola), Chivis A. (Chiv), Zula Elizabeth (Zula), Carl Schurz (Carl), Emmett Tyre (Emmett), Rush Clarence (Rush), and Frances Madge (Madge).

Ola Thompson was born June 26, 1875, died December 5, 1953, married June 12, 1900, To Augustus Dobb Durham. They lived in Bellingham, Washington. Their children are: Frances, Fay, Marion, Tom, and June. Doris June Durham is retired and makes her home in Shelby.

Zoll Thompson was born March 27, 1878, and died November 5, 1953. He was born at Rockdale (Belwood), Cleveland County, and married Alice Claudia Hoke on March 27, 1902. They had seven sons: Loy (deceased), Heyward (deceased), Julian, Claude, Joe, Lyle (deceased), and Bill.

Dr. Chivis Thompson, born March 27, 1878, married Constance Greer. They had two children; Frances and Ruth.

Zula Thompson, born February 29, 1880, married Julius Austin. They had two children; Horace and Hoyle.

Carl Thompson, born May 5, 1882, married Elva Wray on September 27, 1882. They had three daughters; Sarah, Elva, and Frances.

Emmett Tyre Thompson, born April 20, 1884. He never married.

Rush Thompson, born March 17, 1886, married Fay Wyatte. They had three daughters; Ruth, Elizabeth and Margaret.

Madge Thompson, born May 14, 1893, married Dwight Carver. They had two daughters; Frances and Elizabeth.

— Joe and Mabel Thompson

THE ZOLLIECOFFER JENKS THOMPSON FAMILY

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Zolliecoffer Jenks (Zoll) Thompson was born at Rockdale (Belwood), Cleveland County, North Carolina on March 27, 1878, to William Horace Thompson and Frances Osborne Hoyle. He was a brother to Ola, Chiv (his twin), Zula, Carl, Emmett, Rush and Madge.

He was educated at Belwood Institute and Converse Commercial College, at Spartanburg, South Carolina. He joined Kadesh Methodist Church at an early age. He went into the lumber business with his father at Belwood. In 1902 the lumber business was moved to Shelby. Several years later Zoll formed the Z.J. Thompson Lumber Company. He built his first home at 612 W. Warren Street (The Mundy House) about 1905.

Zoll married March 27, 1902, Alice Claudia Hoke, born September 19, 1882, daughter of Rev. Franklin Joseph Hoke and Alice Hull. They were active members of Central Methodist Church where Claudia taught primary

classes and later an adult class. She was a charter member of the Shelby Womans Club and served as its first president. She held various state offices of the Garden Club. She helped start the Shelby Junior Womans Club. The Thompson Garden on West Sumter Street was named in her honor on April 21, 1974.

Zoll was a member of the Shelby Board of Aldermen for several years. In February, 1932, he helped block the sale of the Shelby Light Plant to Duke Power Company for \$1,100,000. Zoll was a member of Central United Methodist Church and was on the building committee when the present church was built in 1923. He was a member of the Shelby Kiwanis Club. He liked baseball in the early 1920's and 1930. He played golf and had a small interest in the Cleveland Springs Hotel. He played bridge in later years. He was one of the original stockholders of the Cleveland County Fair. Zoll died November 5, 1953, and Claudia died October 15, 1972. Both are buried in Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

Their children are Loy Franklin (Loy), born June 23, 1903, and died September 1, 1943; Heyward Chivis (Heward) born November 5, 1904, died June 27, 1967; Zollicoffer Julian (Julian), born February 3, 1907; Claude/Hoke born March 27, 1909; Joseph Rush (Joe), born November 1, 1911, and his twin, Colon Lyle (Lyle) born November 1, 1911, died April 23, 1972; and William Albert (Bill), born August 9, 1914.

March 27 is an important day in the Thompson family. Events occurring on that date are: Wedding anniversary of Zoll Thompson and Claudia Hoke; birthday of Zoll and Chiv Thompson; birthday of Claudia's and Zoll's son, Claude; wedding anniversary of their son, Joe to Mabel Barnes; and birthday of Joe's and Mabel's daughter, Claudia.

— Joe and Mabel Thompson

GOERGE TOWRY FAMILY

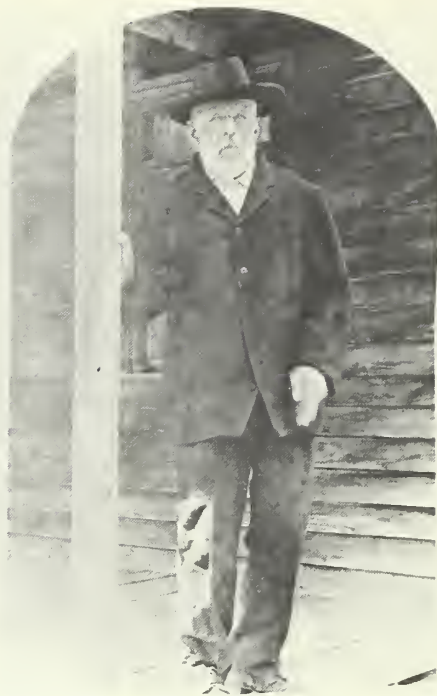
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George Towry married Lide Ledford in Guilford County. He died in November 1794. They had two children, Adam, and Edward.

Edward Towry married Jemima. He died in 1818. They had four children: James, John Jr., Lydia Jr., and George Stitler.

George Stitler Towry was born on April 28, 1812 in Randolph County. He married Mary M. Huffstetler. She was born on January 4, 1804. The log cabin that was their home still stands today on the Newton property near Casar. They were buried on their own property, near the Old Tabor Methodist Church, where they were members. They had two children, John H. and Edward.

John Huffstetler Towry was born on April 17, 1834. He married Mariah Elvina Davis on August 29, 1865. He was a farmer, blacksmith, gunsmith and ran a post office in his home. It was called "Point Post Office" and was established on August 3, 1881. It was discontinued on December 31, 1905. They lived at the foot of "No Business Mountain". His homestead is still standing near Casar. It is



John Huffstetler Towry, 1834-1917

a clapboard two story house with four downstairs bedrooms and the upstairs accessible by an outside door and stairway. There is an old outhouse nearby and a log-built barn. It lies in a clearing surrounded by woods and not visible anymore from the nearby roads.

John H. served in the 12th North Carolina Infantry, Company E of the Confederate States Army. John died on April 13, 1917. He was buried at New Home Methodist Church Cemetery, near Casar. Mariah died on June 12, 1902, and was buried at Mount Pleasant Methodist Church. Their children were Everett Rush, Ralph Edward, Victor Lane, Mary Floss, and Pearl Elizabeth.

Everett Rush was born in May 1866. He married Sarah Rebeckie Deviney and their children were George Wesley, Herman Oscar (died when he was 7 years old) Ada Elise (she also died in childhood at the age of 12 years), and John Grason.

Ralph Edward Towry was born on December 30, 1869. He married Amanda Hoyle, who was born on August 12, 1875. Their Old homestead is still standing and in use near Casar. He was a farmer. Ralph died on January 20, 1906. Amanda died on June 16, 1942. They are buried at New Home Methodist Church. Their children were Gertie who married Mack White; Clyde married Mary Willis; Lark Leonard married Eva Luella Bracket; Ledus Densel married Bessie Odem; Tennis (girl) married Jessie Hudson.

Victor Lane was born on April 29, 1872 and died January 14, 1938. He is buried at New Home Methodist Church. Lane was never married.

Mary Floss Towry was born on July 21, 1876. She married Elam Spurgeon Epley on December 11, 1900. They made their home on what is now known as the Newton property near Casar. Their children are Maud Augusta, who married David Augustus Stroup and Florence Arene, who married Nelson Self.

Pearl Elizabeth Towry was born on February 4, 1889. She now lives at Valdese, North Caro-

lina. She had one daughter, Roseland, who married Fred Wenzel, and after his death, she married John Lovett.

Lark Towry the son of Ralph Towery was born on June 27, 1900. He married Eva Brackett. They lived in Shelby for many years. Lark died on August 3, 1970 and was buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby. Their children are: D.W. Towry who married Ebba Marie Blanton; Forney Lane married Louise Himple; Marie married Donald Royster; Anther married Ellis Spurling; Daphne married Howard Hambrick; Robert married Hilda Ward; and Tate Bracket Towry is a bachelor.

Sources: Interviews with family members, North Carolina Troops 1861-65 Volume 5, National Archives, Towry/Towery Family Association, and correspondence with Rev. Dan Towery of Williamsport, Pennsylvania

— Mrs. Gay Stroup Jenkins

COLUMBUS and VICTORIA BEATTY TUCKER

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Columbus Alexander Tucker was born to John M. Tucker and Dorcas Nolan, on April 26, 1853; died July 11, 1927. His father was one of the county's leading citizens, being county magistrate and a member of the Court of Pleas. He was one of forty magistrates when the county was organized in 1841. It was said that this court had more power than Recorder's court. Mr. Tucker's father was a bridge builder by trade, and it was from his father that he learned, and mastered, many building and farming skills. He was a merchant in Waco, North Carolina. Both he and his wife were born and reared in Cleveland County and remained as life long residents.

Columbus, better known as "Lum", was married December 19, 1880 to Victoria Augusta Beatty, the daughter of Harriett Roberts and John T. Beatty. Victoria, who was called "Vick", was born February 9, 1856 and lived a rich, full life until her death at ninety years of age, on March 23, 1946. Quoting from her obituary as found in the local newspaper:

"Mrs. Tucker recalled living through the Civil War and Reconstruction days, the goings and comings of battered, ragged, rebel soldiers and the hardships that followed the Appomattox surrender. She liked to refer to the period when the courthouse was surrounded by a high board fence. She recalled that great excitement was afforded Shelby villagers when a run away horse crashed into the fence. At that time four grocery stores were sentinels of the four corners of the square". Both she and her husband are buried in Sunset cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

To this union four children were born: John McClurd, Maude Pearl, Thomas Whitcliff, and Katherine Myrtle.

John M. was born February 6, 1882; died January 31, 1938. He was married to Tinnie Allen on February 22, 1905, and they had three children: Selma (Mrs. Bailey Mauney); Ralph; and Katherine (Mrs. Robert Lee). They are buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church, Shelby, North Carolina.

Maude was born October 1, 1883; died April 18, 1957. She was married to Thomas J. Wil-



Columbus Tucker Family: Front row: Kate; Middle row, L to R: Victoria, Tom, Columbus; Back row: L to R: John and Maude.

son on April 18, 1907 and they had four children: Howard F., Aileen (Mrs. Jerry Runyans), Mae (Mrs. Ralph Greene), and Jossie (Mrs. Floyd Greene). Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson are buried in the Elizabeth Baptist church cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Thomas, born January 3, 1891; died March 10, 1961. He married Dorcas Weathers. They had three children: Elaine (Mrs. Everette Meek), Lummie (Mrs. Lewis Baker), and Tommie (Mrs. James King). Thomas is buried in the Elizabeth Baptist church cemetery of Shelby, North Carolina. His wife, Dorcas survives and lives in Gastonia with her daughter, Mrs. Elaine Meek.

Katherine, "Kate", was born April 18, 1892; died May 1, 1969. She was married to V. Otha Cline on April 20, 1916, and from this union five children were born, four sons: Buford, Joe, Benjamin, V. Otha, Jr. and one daughter, Helen (Mrs. Robert W. Borders). Mr. and Mrs. Cline are buried in the Elizabeth Baptist church cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: The Tucker Family Bible, personal papers that belonged to Kate Tucker Cline, interviews with family members and quoted sources in the article.

— Helen Cline Borders and Buford Cline

ABSCILLA ALBANIA BUNCH TURNER

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Born in Pequimans County to Ephriam Judson Bunch and Saraha Margaret Hobbs Bunch. The family moved several years later to Edenton where she attended Edenton School and graduated. Abscilla graduated from Meredith College and entered the teaching profession.

Miss Bunch met and married Walter Bryant while teaching at Grover School. After the marriage, the bride and groom went to Kansas City, Missouri where Mr. Turner attended a school on battery building and repair, which was a new field in this area.

While in Kansas City a son, Walter Bunch, was born March 27, 1921. The family returned to Grover where Mrs. Turner returned to teach in the Grover school for several sessions. Abscilla was the assistant in the Grove High School for her last session and in spite of failing health did an efficient year's work.

Abscilla united with the Edenton Baptist Church in early childhood and upon her marriage moved her membership to the Grover Baptist Church where she was faithful and helpful. At the time of her death, she was the President of the Women's Missionary Society of her church.

Mrs. Turner was laid to rest early Monday

morning in the Grover Cemetery following the funeral at the home. The many beautiful floral offerings attested to the esteem of the community for Mrs. Turner.

The son, Walter Bunch, was raised by Abscilla's parents in Edenton where he graduated from Edenton High School in 1939. He served in the Navy during World War II.

Walter Bunch Turner married Miriam Eliza Cogburn of Rock Hill, S.C., April 19, 1944 in Rock Hill. Miriam is the daughter of the Rev. Richard Furman Cogburn and Cornelia Sanders Cogburn.

There were two sons. Walter, Jr. was born in Rock Hill, June 1, 1945 and Judson Cogburn was born in Spartanburg, S.C., May 29, 1946. The family moved to Shelby where Mr. Turner was radio engineer at WOHS, Cleveland County's first radio station.

The Turners moved several times while Mr. Turner served as chief radio engineer at several South Carolina radio stations. He later accepted a position with the Federal Aviation Administration at Charlotte and the family moved back to the home place in Shelby.

Both sons graduated from Shelby High School and were members of the National Honor Society. Walter B., Jr. graduated from N.C. State University.

Judson graduated from Furman University and married Edna Morrow of Lowndesville, S.C. March 15, 1970 in Due West, S.C. They were married prior to Judson's serving as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Signal Corps including a tour in Korea. The family moved to Mauldin, S.C. and have two children, Kevin Bryant Turner born March 2, 1978 and Melanie Brook Turner born January 22, 1982. Both children were born in Greenville, S.C.

— Walter B. Turner

MARY KANSAIDA WHITE TURNER

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Mary was the daughter of Stephen White and Elvina Hullender White. Mary was raised in the Grover community where she met and married Logan Jackson Turner, the son of Mastin Turner and Mary Wood Martin Turner. There were four children; Louvinie (Mrs. Frank Goforth), Walter Bryant, Levi, and Boyd.

Mary was preceded to the great beyond by her husband by about ten years. Mrs. Turner was laid to rest in the family burying ground at Antioch Baptist Church near Grover.

Mary was a noble Christian woman, beloved by a wide circle of friends. She maintained a home for her family, but at the time of her death only Boyd and Levi were home. Walter Bryant was living in Grover and held a position at Eskridge's garage, the Ford dealer in Shelby.

— Walter B. Turner

MITHAS TURNER and DESCENDANTS

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Mithas Turner was born in 1766, and died in

1850. He and his wife Mary were the parents of Nelson Turner who was born in 1816 and died in 1871. Nelson was married to Elizabeth Matheny. Elizabeth was born in 1810. She died in 1887. Nelson and Elizabeth were the parents of William Henry Turner. William H. Turner was born December 13, 1838 and died January 1, 1922. William H. Turner was married to Louisa Jane on October 4, 1866. She was born on February 3, 1846 and died October 4, 1869. Louisa and William were the parents of Ida Turner. Ida was born March 8, 1868 and died May 11, 1900. Her husband was William Putman. William H. Turner married Charlotte Parrellee Turner September 29, 1870. Parrellee was born May 5, 1846. She died November 20, 1922.

Ross B. Turner and Miriah McBrayer were Parrlee's parents. Ross was born on March 30, 1815 and died September 1867. Miriah Turner was born on April 8. She died May 6, 1870. Eliza Turner and Edith Sarrate were Ross B. Turner's parents. Eliza was born 1772 and died in August 1859. Edith was born in 1778 and died on December 1844.

Brothers and sisters of Charlotte Parelle were: Parasade, Pasley, Parrott W., Brem, Barrett, Sam Minerva, and Elijah. Brothers and sisters of William Henry Turner were: Richard C., Eli, Eliza, Sally.

Ralph Breomon Turner married Sarah Jane Bright on July 5, 1911. R.B. was born on April 26, 1879. He died March 30, 1972. Sarah was born on March 8, 1886 and died February 21, 1963. She lived in Shelby.

Festus Turner married Millie Roden. He was born on July 5, 1881 and died in 1964.

Orren Turner married Effie Clarey March 3, 1920. He was born July 22, 1883 and died February 25, 1965. Effie was born October 31, 1884 and died August 1970. She lived in Shelby.

Mildred Eva Turner married John C. Preddy on June 7, 1916. She was born December 23, 1887. He was a railroad man. Their home was Sanford, N.C.

Children of Ralph B. Turner and Sarah Jane were: Ralph B. Turner Jr., born October 29, 1912, married Mary Alma Hoyle; Alma was born June 1914; Charlotte Louise Turner married to Ralph Augustine McLeod on June 20, 1942; Louise was born May 16, 1914; Ralph (Mac) was born March 2, 1906 and died September 20, 1962; Helen Bright Turner married to William F. Yorbrough. Helen was born March 3, 1918.

Mr. Ralph Turner sprung a complete surprise on his many friends Wednesday night when he was married to Miss Sallie Bright, a charming young woman who was making her home with Mr. & Mrs. L.C. Bost. Only a few intimate friends were present when the ceremony was performed at 8:30 by the Rev. J.W. Suttle at the home of Mr. Bost Wednesday night. The bride is a native of McDowell county, living near Marion. She is a trained nurse and some time ago came to nurse Mr. A.R. Eskridge. During her stay here, she made friends and much interest was manifested on the streets yesterday morning when friends learned of her marriage.

Mr. Turner was one of the most popular

young business men of Shelby. He was a partner with Mr. James Austell in the barber shop on S. Lafayette Street. Mr. & Mrs. Turner live there. They had the best wishes of their friends.

Children of Ralph "Mac" and Louise McLeod: Michael Arden McLeod married Elizabeth Jean Noe, December 20, 1965, Denver, Colorado. He was born on November 21, 1946, in Shelby hospital. Charlotte Louise McLeod married James Howard Strand on September 1, 1969, Las Vegas, Nevada. She was born in Lancaster, South Carolina, January 4, 1951. G.H. Strand was an air controller in the United States Navy.

Children of Michael and Elizabeth "Betty" McLeod: Matthew Seven McLeod born October 1966; Katherine Elizabeth McLeod born September 21, 1967, died September 23, 1967.

Children of Charlotte and James Strand: James Strand Jr., born April 10, 1971, Kellavik, Iceland. Trisha Michelle Strand, born August 2, 1974, San Diego, California.

Louise T. McLeod married James Otto Tolbort, June 14, 1970. James Tolbert was born June 12, 1906 in Rowan County.

Sources: family Bible records, original birth certificates, and grave markers.

— Louise T. McLeod Tolbort

W. BARRETT TURNER

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W. Barrett Turner was born to Ross B. and Moriah McBrayer Turner August 16, 1853 and died July 30, 1925.

He and his wife acquired property, on which Fiber Industries and No. #3 Township School of Earl, N.C. is now located and Blanton's Toy House, Shelby, N.C. and other property and the emerald mine located near Stice Shoals Creek off Highway #18 South and this was very valuable property and yielded many gems. The mining company gave all the W. Barrett Turner children an emerald; the location of only two rings in known, those belonging to Mrs. C.C. McMurry Jr. and Mrs. Hazeline T. Allen. Mrs. Allen's ring will go to her daughter, Mary Jeannine Allen.

W. Barrett Turner and his wife had the following children: Willie, Fred, Hazel, Mattie, Grady and Sunie.

Willie was single. He was born August 6, 1879 and died November 28, 1901.

Fred, deceased, was married to Maggie Jackson, and to this union was born three daughters: Margaret Irene (Gordon) Lowery, (she had three daughters, Patsy, Mary Frances and Nancy). Lucile (Clarence) Mayo and to this union one son, Jerry Thomas Mayo; Dorothy (Lackey) Peeler and to this union five children, Vickie, Jackie, Jane, Laura Ann and Lackey Boggs Jr.

Hazel, deceased, was married to Birdie Hamrick and to this union was born two daughters, Mary Lou Collins/(Alfred) and to this union two sons Larry Alfred and Gary Thomas Collins. Larry has two daughters Autumn Nell and Rhonda; and Gary has two children Jeffrey and Sarah; Hazeline T. Allen

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(Louie) and to this union two children, Thomas Richard Allen and Mary Jeannine Allen.

Mattie, deceased, was married to Sam Ellis, and to this union were born two children, J.B. Ellis and he has one daughter Alice Boggs (Charles) and to this union two children were born, Wendy and Michelle.

Grady, deceased, was married to Laura P., and to this union one daughter was born, Mae Love Sanders (Frank) and they had two children, William Sanders and Brenda Sanders (Edward)

Sunie, now deceased, was married to Coford Moss, and to this union one son was born, W. Brooks Moss. Priscilla Moss Evans is W. Brooks' daughter and she has two children, Connie Evans and John Evans. Susan is Brooks' daughter and she has one child.

Sources: Quoted source in an article, grave stones, family records and personal contact.

— Mrs. Louie T. Allen



David Sylvanus Van Dyke

THE DAVID SYLVANUS VAN DYKE FAMILY

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Our daddy, David S. Van Dyke was born in Gaston County, July 25, 1894, to the late John Lewis and Sarah Jane Eaker Van Dyke. They were born in Gaston County; married January, 1882. Farming was their occupation. They raised six children — four sons and two daughters. The oldest was Barbara Jane; next being James Peter, John Alexander, Mary Francis, Robert Richard and David S. Van Dyke, the youngest.

Daddy was in his early teens when his parents sold the farm in Gaston County in 1914. He bought another farm in Kings Mountain, North Carolina, in Cleveland County area. This farm included several acres of land to be cleared for farming.

Daddy enlisted in the army at the age of twenty-four, on July 22, 1918. After basic training, he was sent to France in combat duty from November 10, 1918 until June 20, 1919. On June 21, 1921, he received an honorable discharge along with several medals.

Returning home, he lived on the farm with his family. In 1922, he married Lula Mae Lockridge, which in turn they lived with the family. With a lot of love and understanding, Daddy and Mother raised six children — two sons and four daughters. The oldest being Mary Elizabeth; married to George W. Melton — they have four children; James Robert; married to Inez Whetstone — they have five children; Lucy Mae; married to Mack Crawford — they have two children, Della Belle married to Willie Griffin — no children; Johnny Alexander — died at the age of five; and Lois Katherine married to Henry Moss — they have one daughter. Henry died March 12, 1978.

In 1925, his brother, James Peter, built his home near by on the Van Dyke property and later moved out. In 1927, his parents bought a farm near the Kings Mountain Battleground, leaving the old homeplace to Daddy and Mother.

His parents lived near the Battleground for a number of years. Later they came back to the Van Dyke property and lived the rest of their lives at what was called the Smarr place. Grandma Van Dyke died September 20, 1940. Grandpa Van Dyke died December 5, 1945. They were buried in Concord Cemetery near Cherryville, N.C.

Daddy and Mama continued the farm life, working hard and long hours to support their family. We did not have electricity in those days. Our light at night came from kerosene lamps, cooking was done on a wood burning stove, and the irons for pressing clothes were heated on the wood stove. We carried our water from a spring, water for drinking and water to put in tin tubs for taking a bath. The tubs filled with water were put out in the sun during the day for baths at night. During the wintertime, the water was heated on the stove. Daddy fixed a building to cover the spring and put a spring box in, which the cool water ran through to keep the milk and butter from spoiling.



David Sylvanus and Lula Mae Van Dyke

In later years, we had an ice box and ice was delivered to our home which was a great improvement from the spring box. Washing clothes was done in tin tubs and a big black boiling pot, and it was cold in winter; washing and hanging them on the line to freeze stiff. Floors were cleaned with soap and water with brooms made from broom sage gathered from the fields in late fall. It was hard work but we didn't mind because that was the only way of life we knew.

Daddy grew most of the food we ate. Enough of sweet potatoes were grown and put in dirt hills to last from one year to the next; you could see dirt hills everywhere. Vegetables of all kinds, Mama would can all summer for winter eating. Daddy planted peanuts. When harvest time came they were pulled out of the ground and put in piles in the field; of course we kids were old enough to help. We took chairs or stools to the field to pick the peanuts from the vines, to be washed then put in sacks to be placed on top of the tin roof house to be dried.

He raised cattle for milk and beef, two or three hogs were prepared and cured for the coming year. There were always chickens to eat and eggs enough for the family. Mama made her butter in a wooden churn so there was little meat and dairy products to be bought. Daddy had a peach orchard, also apple trees and others. During harvest time the fruits and vegetables were canned, dried and any other way they could be preserved for winter. Mama had a closet in the house. By the end of summer, it would be filled to the top with all kinds of canned fruits, berries, pickles, jams and jellies.

Daddy and his oldest brother, James Peter, did a lot of farming together, planting corn. When it was gathered in the fall, we hauled it to the barn in a two horse wagon. We shucked

the corn and put it in the corn bins at night by lantern light. This supplied food for the stock and corn meal for bread. They grew acres of wheat. When gathered, the threshing machine came, which was a big treat for us kids as we watched the wheat being separated from the straw. Mama and Aunt Letha would prepare food for the workers, which we also enjoyed.

They raised sugar cane for making molasses. Daddy and Uncle James owned their own mill, so when the cane was ready the families got together to grind the cane, put the juice in the boiler and the molasses was on the way out. Boy, it was finger-licking good.

There were times when money was low and daddy would cut wood on the farm to be sold for extra money for the things we needed. Later, Daddy and Mama went to work in textile mills for a number of years. Daddy would do small farm jobs while he worked in the mill. After retiring from the textile mill, he continued doing small farm jobs until he became totally disabled, about three years before his death on October 14, 1981, at the age of 87. Mama was sick for a long time and was disabled for three or four years before her death, on December 16, 1977, at the age of 74. They were buried in Mountain Rest Cemetery, Kings Mountain, North Carolina.

They were married, lived and worked together for fifty-five years. They had twelve grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Daddy's and Mama's life was not an easy one. Their love and their caring shone above all the hard times. They worked very hard and would not have had it any other way. We miss and love them very much.

We, the family of David S. Van Dyke received a certificate of recognition of Daddy from the President of the United States, Ronald Reagan.

"The United States of America honors the memory of David S. Van Dyke. This certificate is awarded by a grateful nation in recognition of devoted and selfless consecration to the service of our country in the armed forces of the United States."

We, the children of David S. Van Dyke are grateful for this certificate of recognition for our Daddy.

Sources: family Bible, personal memories

— James Robert Van Dyke

THOMAS ALLEN VAUGHN

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Thomas Allen Vaughn was born Feb. 11, 1972 in Cleveland County and has a very large number of Cleveland County ancestors some of whom came from Scotland on his father's side and others who came to America in the 1700's from Germany for religious reasons as on his mothers side of the family.

He is educated in the Shelby School System being in the talented and gifted classes. He has music lessons from Mrs. Ada Elliott who has taught almost one thousand music students and made the comment that Allen surpassed any child she has ever taught in his natural music ability. He apparently inherited this trait from his father.

Allen's father is Wade Allen Vaughn, Jr. born March 26, 1947 in Shelby North Carolina. He was educated also at Shelby and was the class president of his senior Class in 1965. He attended Gardner Webb College and served in the U.S. Army in the Viet Nam War as a turbine engine specialist. He was a member and ordained deacon, of Polkville Baptist Church. He had a puppet ministry for the children of the church for many years, a little purple hand puppet called Clarence that taught short Bible lessons during the regular worship service. He played the guitar "by ear" and was so talented musically that he took lessons and participated in a recital and was unable to read the notes! He could reproduce any music exactly as he heard it by sound only. He is a registered member of the great Scottish Clan McDonald and has a tartan with permission from Scotland authorities to wear it officially as a sect of Clan McDaniel.

His father is Wade Allen Vaughn Sr. born Feb. 13, 1917 Pilot Mountain in Surry County. He served in the Army in WW II and was a mechanic for the Cleveland County School System for over thirty years. He was a State champion softball pitcher and loved to hunt and fish.

His father was Jessie Franklin Vaughn born in Stokes County. His wife was Mary Jane (Mammie) Vaughn. She was born in 1889 in York S.C. Her family was McDaniels. Wade Allen Sr.'s wife is Virginia Lee Pounders born Nov. 30, 1917 and her father was John Jackson Pounders. Most of their family were from Alabama. Virginia was noted for her musical ability and especially loved to play organ music.

Thomas Allen Vaughn's mother is Jo Ann Shields a registered nurse. She was born Oct. 9 1946 in Cleveland County to Thomas James and Adeline Reinhardt Shields.

Thomas James Shields, Allen's grandfather was well known for his gardening and had a

large house which still stands at 416 S. Washington St. that drew the attention of neighbors and passers-by for it's hundreds of azaleas. He has a large collection of antique cut glass and took special pride in his home with other antique collections. Thomas James served in the U.S. Army in WW II in Europe during the "Battle of the Bulge." He sold Bibles many years door to door, of which he is very proud. His father was Perry Belton Shields born April 27, 1882 in Spartanburg County S.C. Their family attended Cooley Springs Baptist Church. Perry's wife was Martha (Mattie) Penola Philbeck Shields born in 1883. Her outstanding characteristic was that she was very deeply religious and often knelt to pray about matters during the day.

Source: Recent loving memory

— Jo Ann Shields Vaughn

ADDIE MAGNESS WALKER

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Addie Magness Walker was born September 16, 1884 in Lattimore, North Carolina. Her parents were Rufus Magness and Hester Crowder Magness.

On March 7, 1912, she married Charles Cleatus Walker at the Magness homeplace. She wore a white hat and dress with a blue ribbon sash. After the wedding, the happy couple traveled by horse and carriage to the home of the grooms father, Doctor Joe Suttle Walker, where they spent their early married days. Later they moved to New House section of Cleveland County, and after a few years they moved to a log house on the Walker plantation.

The first child, a daughter, died at birth; however five other children were born to this union: Aubrey Alvin who married Glenn Washburn of Shelby; Frances Elizabeth Married Charles D. Forney, Jr. of Lawndale; Joe Magness married Norma Tipping of England; Margaret Helen married James B. Cain of Cramerton, then Robert Williams of Statesville; Claud Champion married Frances Spencer of Hickory.

"Miss Addie", as she was known to friends and neighbors, was a kind, compassionate woman whose chief interests were her church, home, and family. She was a wonderful homemaker, and her activities outside the home were: Home Demonstration Club and Woman's Missionary Union of Sandy Plains Baptist Church.

She loved cooking, sewing and quilting and found time to tend flower and vegetable gardens. She instilled in her five children a love of nature, a deep religious commitment, and a love for their fellowman.

Addie Magness Walker died April 2, 1969 and was buried in the Sandy Plains Baptist Church Cemetery.

She was a descendant of Perry Green Magness, who came from Lancashire County, England in 1747. He settled on Indian Creek, which is now part of Lincoln County, North Carolina. He signed his name "Perygren Mackness" on the Tryon Declaration August 14, 1775.

He married Sally Hamrick and they had ten sons and one daughter. The second son Ben-

jamin, born 1755, married Elizabeth Mauney. To this union seven children were born. After her death, he married Nancy Walker and they had four children: Joseph, Samuel, Robert and Sally.

Descendents of Perry Green Magness and his son, Benjamin, are eligible to join the D.A.R. as father and son participated in the Revolution and are on record as being Captains.

Ernest Magness Jr. of Charlotte, grandson of Rufus Magness, has Benjamin Magness's cavalry sword. It is said that Benjamin carried a minie ball in his shoulder from the Battle of Cowpens until his death in 1828.

The story has been handed down in the Magness family that Perygren Mackness's father held a title in England, but as Perygren was not the eldest son and would not inherit the title, he chose to emigrate to America. He became a large landholder, slaveholder and patriot. The name Perry Green Magness appears in all branches of his descendants, but the spelling was changed from the original old English name, Peregrine.

Some records show that Perry Green Magness died in Warren County, Kentucky. His burial place near Buffalo Creek, Cleveland County, has always been known to his descendants in Cleveland and Rutherford Counties; though his monument and that of his wife have crumbled away. The only plausible explanation for the Warren County, Kentucky story is that Perry Green Magness may have gone there to visit his son, George, who had moved to that state, that he died while there and his body was returned to North Carolina for burial.

The monument of William Magness, son of Perry Green Magness, who died in 1816 is in a good state of preservation and can be easily read. Father and son were buried in a private cemetery, which came to be known as the Roberts Cemetery and is east of the town of Shelby, North Carolina. Vandals have disturbed the graves of father and son, perhaps seeking some of the gold, which William was sent to England to get for his father.

Samuel, son of Benjamin, married Nancy Grigg and they settled near Lattimore, North Carolina. Their son, Rufus, married Hester Crowder and to this union nine children were born: Beulah never married; William married Hattie Beaty and their children are: Jack, Howard, Virginia, William, Jr., Johnnie; Mattie married Coleman Blanton; Addie married Charles Cleatus Walker their children are: Aubrey, Frances, Joe, Margaret and Claude; Carrie died in childhood; Talmadge unmarried; Ernest married Selma Butler their children are: Ernest Jr. and Martha; Robert married Alta Randall and they had one daughter, Ruby. After Alta's death, he married Lenith Randall they had one daughter, Nancy; Carl married Dorcas Green and three daughters were born to them; Donnis, Jocelyn and Hillary.

Rufus Magness died in 1923 and Hester Crowder Magness died in 1929. They are buried in Oak Grove Methodist Church Cemetery in Rutherford County.

Sources: Lincoln County Records; *Magness Family, A Family Tree*, J.L. Marshall

— Frances Walker Forney

CHARLES CLEATUS WALKER FAMILY

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Charles Cleatus Walker was born September 15, 1885 in Cleveland County, North Carolina. He is the son of Doctor Joe Suttle Walker and Roxanna McKinney Walker.

The Walkers came to America from England and settled in New Hampshire. They later moved to the Dan River section of Virginia. John Walker was born there in 1748. He migrated to North Carolina by way of Guilford County, where he and Urcilla Covington bought a marriage bond on February 3, 1773. He was 26 years old when he and Urcilla came to Tryon County, North Carolina, and settled on the middle fork of Sandy Run Creek. The land grant of 640 acres at 6¼ cents an acre, was by King George of England.

To John and Urcilla Walker 12 children were born. The seventh son, Joel, married Angeline Wall. Their seventh son, Doctor Joe Suttle Walker, married Frances Roxanna McKinney.

John and Urcilla are buried in the family cemetery on their plantation, in the New House section of Rutherford County, North Carolina.

The McKinneys came from Scotland to New York in 1738. They later moved to Sussex County, Virginia.

The spelling of the name was changed from McInnish to McKinney. Daniel McKinney married Sarah Weathers. They migrated from Virginia to Eastern North Carolina. Daniel is listed in the 1800 Rutherford County census.

William, oldest child of Daniel and Sarah McKinney was born May 6, 1766 in Sussex County, Virginia. He was a Private in the Revolutionary War, and married Amy Willis. In 1815 he received State Grant no. 262 to purchase 200 acres of land at 50 shillings per 100 acres.

William and Amy had a family of five girls and three boys. The seventh child, William Henry McKinney, married Betsy Dugger August 12, 1817. Their oldest child, James, was born in 1818 and served in the Confederate Army.

James McKinney married Elizabeth Horn. To this union, 10 children were born; Frances Roxanna being the ninth child. She married Doctor Joe Suttle Walker and six children were born to them: Braxton, Lillie, Charles Cleatus, Ola, Fredrick Guy and Dovie.

Doctor Joe Suttle Walker and wife, Frances Roxanna, are buried in the Sandy Plains Baptist Church cemetery.

Charles Cleatus Walker grew up in the New House section of Cleveland County and remained there for the eighty-nine years of his life. He was a farmer, merchant and blacksmith. A very energetic person, who worked from dawn to dusk; but when time permitted, he enjoyed fishing and horse-back riding. He loved planting and watching crops grow, and he kept cattle, beagle hunting dogs and three or four thoroughbred saddle horses on the farm. He was a Deacon and Sunday School Teacher in Sandy Plains Baptist Church.

On March 7, 1912 he was married to Addie Alma Magness at the Magness home in Lattimore, North Carolina. They moved to New

House, Cleveland County. A tragic turn of events, one year later, when their first child died at birth saddened their early marriage.

The second child, Aubrey Alvin, born April 3, 1914 married Glenn Washburn. They have two daughters: Mary Ann married Sidney Hensley and they have three children: Stephanie, Brandon and Ivey, and live in Asheboro. Jane married Steven Wall and they have two children: Amy and Matthew and live in Winston-Salem.

Frances Elizabeth, third child, born July 28, 1916 married Charles D. Forney, Jr., They have three children: Charles D. Forney III married Betty Jo White of Burlington. Their children are: Jason, Elizabeth and Anna and they live in Greensboro. Michael Walker married Sharon Goodyear of Canada and they have two daughters: Meagan and Shannon. They live in Shelby. Frances Carol Married George Murray Temple of Virginia. They have three sons: George, Jr., Charles Benjamin and Robert, and live in Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Joe Magness, the fourth child, born February 23, 1917: served in the United States Air Force for 31 years. Since his retirement, he has lived in Coca Beach, Florida. He married Norma Tipping of England and they have one son, Paul.

Margaret Helen, the fifth child, born December 2, 1919 married James B. Cain. They have a daughter, Mary Joyce. Margaret taught school and later married Robert Williams. They live in Statesville.

Claude Champion, Youngest child, born October 11, 1921 married Frances Spencer of Hickory. They have a daughter, Cathy and live in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Addie Magness Walker died April 2, 1969 and Charles Cleatus Walker died July 23, 1974. Both are buried in Sandy Plains Church Cemetery amid friends and relatives they loved so dearly.

Sources: Albermarle Parish Register; *Bridges To The Past*, by Roy Brooks; Bible records.

— Frances Walker Forney

ZENO WALL

1066

Zeno Wall was born on August 20, 1882 near Mooresboro, NC, the oldest of eleven children and the son of Mr. & Mrs. S.F. Wall.

He was educated in the Rutherford County Schools, Mars Hill College, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and received Honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Mississippi College, Clinton, in 1917.

In May, 1911 he married Ada Kate Ramsey, Marchall, NC. Five children were born to this union: Zeno, Jr., Mrs. Ollie Harris (Abbie Jane), Yates, Woodrow, and Mrs. Walter Fanning (Ada Ramsey). His wife preceded him in death by eight years; March 11, 1959.

Zeno preached his first sermon at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church near Boiling Springs in 1906. He was ordained at Cliffside Baptist Church in 1908.

He held pastorates in Marshall, NC; Clinton, Columbia and Mount Olive in Mississippi; Goldsboro and Shelby, NC. He served the First Baptist Church in Shelby from 1925 to 1948

and the Elizabeth Baptist Church, Shelby, from 1952-1957.

Dr. Wall was a former President of Boiling Springs Junior College, now Gardner-Webb College; former State Missions Secretary for Mississippi Baptist Convention; Chaplain, United States Army in World War I with rank of Major; President North Carolina Baptist State Convention for four terms, 1933-1936; President Board of Trustees, North Carolina Baptist Children's Homes, and Superintendent Baptist Children's Home, Thomasville, NC.

He died September 12, 1967 and was buried in Elizabeth Baptist Church cemetery, Shelby, NC.

Dr. Wall authored three books: *Heartening Messages*, *A Day for God-Called Men*, and *Verities of the Gospel*. He was elected to "Who's Who in America" in 1948-49.

— Woodrow Wall

THE MOFFATT ALEXANDER WARE FAMILY

1067

Moffatt Alexander Ware was born in Kings Mountain, N.C. on March 18, 1892, the son of William Alexander Ware and Leonora Ellen Falls. Moffatt Ware's mother died when he was one year old, and he was raised by his grandmother, until his father married again several years later. Moffatt's sisters were: Minnie Rebecca (Campbell) and Vivian Janet (Fulton); his half-sisters were: Mary Regina (Stroupe), Ava Juanita, and Lena Bernice (McGill); his half-brothers were: Garrison Abraham and Samuel Freno. Moffatt Ware was the great-great-grandson of John Weer, who was a captain in the Revolutionary War, and who was born in Ireland in 1743. John Weer emigrated to America and lived on Buffalo Creek at Weer's bridge, in Cleveland County.

Moffatt attended public school in Kings Mountain, and then attended Horner Military School in Oxford, N.C. He later attended Erskine College in Due West, S.C. After leaving Erskine, he went to work with Southern Railway in Charlotte, N.C. While working in Charlotte he met and later married Johnsie Rebecca



Moffatt Alexander Ware

Pettus, daughter of John Dillard and Carrie Ross Pettus of Charlotte. They were married on August 18, 1916 in Charlotte, and continued to live there for about a year. Mrs. Johnsie Pettus Ware had four sisters: Mary Allena (Michael), Addie Bell (Blowers), Catherine Dillard (Monty) and Willie Marion (Loesch); and four brothers: Harry, Parks and Earl, who died in infancy, and Joe, who died in early childhood.

About a year after Moffatt and Johnsie Ware were married, Mr. Ware's father asked him to come to Kings Mountain and help operate a grist mill and cotton gin, which had been started in the late nineteenth century by Moffatt's grandfather. The business was operated as W.A. Ware & Sons. In 1930 the firm added a wholesale grocery line, and in 1940 built a 50,000 bushel capacity grain elevator, which proved to be a great aid to the farmers in the area. Mr. W.A. Ware continued to be active in the business until his death in 1949, at which time the business was taken over by Moffatt Ware, and his brother-in-law, Sage Fulton. The business continued operation until 1973, when it was closed, and later the equipment, building and land were sold. Three generations of Wares had operated the business for a total of 91 years.

Moffatt A. Ware was always active in civic and worthwhile affairs in Kings Mountain, and he served as a city commissioner for several years. He was active in the Boyce Memorial ARP Church, where he served as Sunday School Superintendent, Deacon, and Elder; and also served as chairman of many church committees. He was a member of Fairview Lodge 339 AF & AM and was a Shriner. He was also a member of the Kings Mountain Kiwanis Club, and the Kings Mountain Country Club.

Mrs. Johnsie Pettus Ware was raised in Charlotte where she attended public schools, and later attended Mars Hill College, where she majored in drama, voice, music and piano. When she married Moffatt Ware and moved to Kings Mountain, she became a charter member of the Kings Mountain Little Theater. In 1952 Mrs. Ware was asked to cast and direct "The Sword of Gideon", an outdoor drama staged at the Kings Mountain National Park. This play was written by Florette Henri of New York City and commemorated the Battle of Kings Mountain during the Revolutionary War. For Mrs. Ware's part in directing "The Sword of Gideon" she was featured as "Clevelander At Work" in the Shelby Daily Star on Oct. 9, 1952. Between Mr. and Mrs. Ware they had four ancestors who fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain: Preston Goforth, Capt. John Weer, Samuel Knox and Samuel Wilson.

Mrs. Ware was an active member of the Boyce Memorial ARP Church, where she served as church historian, author of the history of the church, assistant choir director, and a member of the Ladies Missionary Society. She was also historian for the Kings Mountain Bicentennial celebration, a charter member of the Kings Mountain Garden Club, member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, the State Garden Club, and was an accredited judge for floral shows in North Carolina.

Johnsie Ware was an avid genealogist and



Johnsie Rebecca Pettus Ware

spent many hours working up the genealogies of her maternal and paternal ancestors, as well as the Weir, Weer and Ware families that were related to her husband. Her interest in genealogy started when she was a child in Charlotte and found an old weather-beaten suit-case in the attic of her home, which contained an interesting document: a copy of her great, great grandfather's (Francis Rofs) affidavit, appointing his son, James Rofs, administrator of his estate. This finding, somewhat akin to the Alice in Wonderland story, opened up an ancestral wonderland for Mrs. Ware. After moving to Kings Mountain and raising two children, she was able to spend more time on her genealogy work, and spent many hours and days visiting county courthouses, Register of Deeds offices, Probate Judges offices, cemeteries, and reading Equity files, old newspaper clippings, Census reports, Church records, and old letters and records. She made several trips to the National Archives and the D.A.R. Building in Washington, D.C., researching for various genealogies. The family lines she traced — and as near perfect as possible from records available — were: Ross (Rofs), Clark, Robinson, Montgomery, Pickens, Wilson, and the Pettus line which dates back to 1491 in England. She corresponded with people in all fifty states, working on her own genealogies, or assisting other people with their records. Mrs. Ware once stated that in all her years of research, she had never come across a "Will Maker" who complained about his lack of earthly possessions. She said they were always so thankful for the blessings the Lord had provided, and were anxious to clear their name with their debtors by willing their debts be paid, and that they be given a decent burial. Joe DePriest wrote an article about Mrs. Ware and her work in genealogy, under the heading "Genealogies Interest Her" in the July 2, 1971 issue of the Shelby Daily Star.

Moffatt and Johnsie Ware were the parents of two children: Jean Rebecca, who married Richard T. LeGrand, Jr. of Shelby, North Carolina; and Moffatt Alexander, Jr., who married Ann Clark Mayes of Kings Mountain. The LeGrands are parents of three children: Richard

Ware, Sandra Jean (Tilt) and John William. The Moffatt Ware, Jr.s. are parents of five children: Moffatt A. Ware, III, Carl Scott, Sabrina Ann, Clark Mayes, and Ashley Todd. The LeGrands live in Shelby, N.C., and the Moffatt Ware Jr.s. live in Concord, N.C.

Moffatt A. Ware died on March 31, 1966, and Mrs. Johnsie Pettus Ware died on Oct. 9, 1977. Both are buried in the Kings Mountain Cemetery.

Sources: Family records, Family Bible, genealogies.

— Mrs. Jean Ware LeGrand

WILLIAM ALEXANDER WARE 1068

One hundred years ago the family of William Alexander Ware moved to Kings Mountain, and established the first industry in the community, a grist and saw mill operated by steam. The mill was known as the Merchant Mills and was operated by his father, William Oates Ware, and his son, William Alexander Ware. The mill burned in 1895 and was rebuilt in 1898 with a cotton gin added. The cotton gin was burned in 1923, and rebuilt the following year.

When electricity came to the area, the Ware Mills were the first to be operated by electricity.

William Alexander Ware became the active head of the business in 1898, and his son, Moffatt joined him at the close of World War I in 1918.

In 1930 the firm entered the wholesale grocery business and in 1940 built a 50,000 bushel capacity grain elevator which proved to be a great aid to the farmers of this area.

The business at this time was owned and operated by William Alexander Ware and son, Moffatt, and son-in-law, W.S. Fulton, making the third generation of Wares to continually operate this business.

Ware and Sons business was closed and sold in 1973, after 91 years, Ware and Sons Roller Mill was razed, removing one of the city's oldest landmarks.

William Alexander Ware was the great-great-grandson of Captain John Ware of Revolutionary War fame. Captain Ware purchased the first grist and saw mill in the county which was built by Thomas Preston McGill. It was located on Persimmons Creek about six miles from town.

William Alexander Ware was b. January 6, 1867. He d. 1949. When he moved to Kings Mountain, he was 20 years old. He had one sister, Mary Regina Ware, m. William Plonk.

Mr. Ware was known as "Alex Ware" by relatives and friends.

He m. Leonora Falls 1885. To this union three children were born. Minnie b. 1886, m. to Campbell Phifer d. 1970, their children are: Wendell b. 1915, m. Jeanette Crawford, their children are: Wendell, Jr., and Robert: — Marriott, b. 1921 m. Bess Hambright, their children are: Rita, Doyt, Connie and M.D.: — Menzell b. 1925, m. Pauline Ware, their children are Paulette, Jean and Don. The daughter Doris b. 1927 m. R.P. Anthony, their daughter Rebecca.



William Alexander Ware

when he came to town to help his father in the grist and saw mill, he continued to operate the business until his retirement.

Today citizens will more likely remember him for his love for and activity in his church. He was a charter member of Boyce Memorial A.R. Presbyterian Church. He was a great believer in prayer and always had family worship.

Through his life Mr. Alex, kept an abiding interest in the people of the community, this interest never ceased even after declining health placed him in a wheel chair.

He was a man of good humor, patience, and kindness, who made important contributions to the civic, religious and commercial life of Kings Mountain.

— Lena Ware McGill

CLARENCE C. WARLICK and FAMILY

1069

Clarence C. Warlick was born on September 23, 1870, in upper Cleveland County, the only son of Henry and Susan Ann Hoyle Warlick. Clarence was descended from two German families who immigrated five generations earlier from the Palatinate of Germany to the wilderness of western North Carolina.

Clarence's paternal great-great-grandfather, Daniel Warlick, arrived in Pennsylvania in 1729 on the ship *Mortonhouse*. In 1750 and 1751, Daniel Warlick registered land grants from King George II of England for a total of 5100 acres in western North Carolina.

His maternal great-great-grandfather, Pieter Hoyle also immigrated to Pennsylvania, arriving aboard the ship *Robert and Alice* in 1738. He and his family came to Western North Carolina via the Shenandoah Valley, and settled in what was then Bladen County in 1744. Clarence's great-great-grandfather, John Hoyle, served in the Revolutionary War as a lieutenant with Col. Frederick Hambright, being present at the Battle of Kings Mountain on October 7, 1780.

Born and raised on land that had been part of his family's original land grants, Clarence became a prosperous farmer who contributed greatly to the lives of people in No. 8 township of Cleveland County. He served on the highway commission when state-maintained roads were brought to Cleveland County. He was also a force behind the introduction of electricity in No. 8 township. He served as a church steward at Clover Hill Methodist Church where he was a life-long member.

On December 31, 1902, Clarence married Margaret "Maggie" Belzora Falls, daughter of John Zimri Falls Jr. and Sarah Catherine Cline. Before Maggie, a staunch Baptist, consented to marry him, she received a promise from Clarence that she would be allowed to attend a Baptist church after their marriage. This was no slight request for Clover Hill Methodist Church was less than two miles from their home, and the closest Baptist church was five miles away over dirt roads. Clarence kept his promise for Maggie faithfully attended Casar Baptist Church until the formation of Polkville

Vivian Ware b. 1889 m. William Sage Fulton d. 1974. To this union, Lenora Fulton b. 1917 and William Sage, Jr. b. 1919, m. Ruth Green, their children, William Sage, II, Carl, James.

Moffatt Alexander Ware b. 1892, m. John-sie Pettus, d. 1966. To that union: Jean b. 1917 m. to Richard LeGrande, Jr. Their children: Richard, Sandra, John. Moffatt Alexander, Jr. b. 1934 m. Ann Mayes. Their children: Moffatt, III, Carl, Sabrina, Clark, Ashley.

Two years later, after death of first wife, he m. Caroline Anthony, 1895 who was from Catawba County. A cousin of Mr. Ware went to Catawba county to teach school and boarded in the Anthony home, she wrote to Alex and said, "There are three eligible young ladies living in this household that I want you to meet. So Alex dressed in proper attire, traveled in a two horse drawn surrey to Catawba County, for a very good purpose, looking the situation over, after only making several return trips, he brough Caroline to Kings Mountain as his bride. The next morning the bride helped cook breakfast for a new family of seven, husband, Ware grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W.O. Ware and three step-children, two,

four, and six years of age. The step children in later years testified, "That through all these years their devotion to each other was beautiful". To this union were b. Mary 1896 m. to Lawrence Stroupe 1924: their children are Lawrence Jr. b. 1925, m. Katie Philips, their children are Teresa, Lawrence, III, Lisa. Dale b. 1929 m. Dorothy White, their child is Jana. Jerry b. 1937 m. Lyneer Beck, their child is Jerry Ware.

Garrison Ware b. 1898, d. 1957

Freno Ware b. 1900, m. Louise Wrenn 1938 d. 1968.

Ava Ware b. 1903 who lives in the Ware homeplace on W. Gold Street.

Lena Ware b. 1905, m. John L. McGill who lives on W. Gold Street.

Mr. Ware was one of Kings Mountain's pioneer citizens and his contributions to the community as industrialist, churchman and citizen, were many. He was mayor of Kings Mountain 1920-21, during the time a Circus came to town and asked permission of the Mayor to show on Sunday, and his reply was, "No Way!".

K.M. was little more than a crossroads

Baptist Church where she became a charter member.

The family of Clarence and Maggie Warlick consisted of nine children: Vera Falls, born on December 3, 1903, who married Amos Phylector Spangler, Sr. on December 23, 1924; Mittie Hoyle, born on March 18, 1905, who married A.S. Spangler on November 17, 1926; Andy Yates, born on February 3, 1907, who married Estelle Spangler on February 3, 1930, and died on July 10, 1975; Lester Tilden, born on January 20, 1909, who married Kathleen Sara Boggs on October 3, 1935, and died on October 28, 1981; Charlotte Faye, born on April 20, 1911, who married L. Dewey Whisnant; Carl, born on April 20, 1911, a twin, who died on May 19, 1911; Hugh Lee, born on September 2, 1913, who married Mildred Mauney on January 21, 1937; Sue Kathryn, born on April 27, 1915, who married Thomas Gold DePriest on November 14, 1939; and Warren Cicero, born on August 23, 1918, who married (1) Ruby Ellen Taylor on April 3, 1943, and (2) Betty Rollins on May 30, 1979.

On March 25, 1937, Clarence and Maggie were seriously injured in an automobile accident. Clarence died two days later of internal injuries. He was buried at Clover Hill Methodist Church. Although Maggie's injuries were thought to be more serious than her husband's she overcame them and the doctors' prediction that she would never walk again. She lived for 38 years after Clarence's death, dying in her ninetieth year on January 9, 1975. She was buried beside her husband at Clover Hill Methodist Church.

Sources: Interview with Sue Kathryn Warlick DePriest; Personal remembrances of Margaret B. Falls Warlick; *Daniel Warlick of Lincoln County, North Carolina and His Descendants* by Alfred Caldwell Warlick, Sr., Gastonia, North Carolina; *Genealogy of Peiter Heyl and His Descendants* by Elizabeth Hoyle Rucker, Tuttle Publishing Company, Rutland, Vermont, 1938.

— Patricia DePriest King



Clarence C. Warlick Family

JOHANN DANIEL WARLICK

1070

The date of birth for Pioneer Daniel Warlick has not been established, but the date of his death was probably in April, 1772. He married Maria Barbara Schindler and came to Pennsylvania from the Palatinate in Germany on the ship *Mortonhouse*. He took the oath of allegiance August 19, 1729. Later he came to North Carolina and was issued land grants as recorded in the Court Records bearing dates September 27, 1750 and March 28, 1751 for a total of 5,100 acres in what is now Lincoln County. This section of the state was a wilderness for the most part; being very sparsely settled and with Cherokee Indians roving about in small bands hunting and fishing, and with very little cultivated crops of corn.

According to State Records Volume 23, Page 769-70, the House of Commons passed a bill creating Tryon County by making the Catawba River the eastern boundary, and east of the Catawba River was to remain Mecklenberg County. This bill was passed to take effect April 10, 1769. Daniel Warlick was appointed to serve as one of the first County Commissioners. When the House of Commons met in 1770, an act was passed naming the commissioners to survey the county lines. The western line crossed Tryon Mountain in what is now Polk County. A part of this territory was claimed by the Cherokee Indians, and a well organized militia was maintained and was frequently called into service to drive out the Indians and repulse attacks. In one of these engagements a son of Pioneer Daniel, Daniel, Jr., was killed by the Indians.

Daniel and Maria Barbara Schindler had nine children: Daniel II, Nicholas, Phillip, Valentine, Mary, Eve Catherine, Elizabeth, Barbara, and Lewis. Daniel II was born 1738 and married Maria Margareta Mosteller. Their children were:

Daniel III, John, David, Barbara, and Absalom. Daniel III was born 1773 and married

Mary Whisonant. Their children were: Valentine, John, Daniel IV, Mary, Phillip, Sara, Matilda, Barbara and Abram.

Abram (1816-1889) married Rosa Boggs, and their children were: Samuel, Gaither, William, John Francis, and Abram Decatur.

Abram Decatur (1859-1947) married Mittie Lou Falls, and their children were: Alfred Caldwell, Walter Theodore, Zula, Vangie, Lou Ella, Zeb Zimri, Franklin Decatur, Boyd Thurman, and Glenard Lee.

Sources: *Daniel Warlick Publication* by: Alfred Warlick, Sr.

— Robert Warlick

THE JOHN THOMAS WARLICK FAMILY

1071

John Thomas Warlick, known as "John T.," was born June 2, 1876, and died on December 3, 1965. He was married to Lily Amanda Hull, known by her friends and customers as "Miss Lily." She was born near Cherryville on March 4, 1884, and died December 1, 1975. Both are buried in the Pleasant Hill Methodist Church cemetery near Belwood. They not only donated land to the church cemetery, but, together with their daughters, Mary Beth Warlick Brackett and Mabel Warlick Kroll, gave eleven acres to the Loy White Methodist Camp near the church property.

John T. Warlick's great, great, great grandfather, Pioneer Daniel Warlick and his wife Marie Schindler Warlick, came to America from the Palatinate in Germany on the ship *Mortanhouse*. They landed in Philadelphia and made an oath of allegiance on August 19, 1729. Pioneer Daniel's son, Daniel II was John T. Warlick's great, great grandfather. He was born in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1738. He moved with his parents to the Daniels Church section of Lincoln County where the family settled on 5100 acres of land. The land grants are dated September 27, 1750, and March 28, 1751.

Next came Daniel III who was the son of Daniel II and the first to migrate to Cleveland County. He was born in Lincoln County in 1773 and was the great grandfather of John T. He went into business with his brothers and brother-in-law, Michael Schenck, and built the first cotton mill south of the Potomac River. This mill was located east of Lincolnton and is marked by a North Carolina Historical marker. After selling his interest in the mill to Michael Schenck, he moved to the Belwood section. He settled on land that had been granted by George III. He died in 1841 and is buried in the Warlick Cemetery which is on part of the original land grant.

The first John Thomas Warlick was John T.'s grandfather. He was born in 1802 and died in 1862. He married Jane Boggs and they are buried at Knob Creek Methodist Church. Their son, Noah Boggs Warlick, was John Thomas' father. He served in the Army of Confederacy with the North Carolina 55th Regiment. He was wounded at Chancellorsville, Virginia, in 1863 and lost a leg due to his



John Thomas Warlick



Lily Hull Warlick

wound. When the war was over, he returned to Cleveland County and married Sara Ann Falls, the daughter of Thomas Dixon Falls of the Double Shoals community.

John T., the eldest son of Noah, the Civil War veteran with one leg, had to assume the operation of the family farm at an early age. He married a young enterprising Lincoln County teacher, Lily Amanda Hull, who was the daughter of Tillman and Mary Wehunt Hull. She was an ambitious woman who wanted the best for her family — a college degree and graduate school for each child. This she accomplished. She and her husband opened their first general mercantile store in 1921. The second store was opened in 1936 with their son, John T. Warlick, Jr., The Warlick Company in Casar. By November 1938, Warlick's Department Store was opened in Clover, South Carolina, by John T. Warlick, Jr., Pauline Mace Warlick, and Mabel Warlick Kroll.

Although the stores and farms in upper Cleveland and York, South Carolina, had become successful ventures. Lily Warlick did not retire until she was 79 years old. Although they no longer traveled extensively as they had in earlier years, she learned to drive, and they drove to Florida for the winters.

The children of John T. and Lily Warlick are: Selma Warlick who married Harry W. Warner and lives in Setauket, Long Island, New York. They have one son, David Warlick Warner of Geneva, Switzerland. He married June Longfellow of Davenport, Iowa, and they have three children — Cynthia, Daniel, and Derek Warner.

A son, Fred Hull Warlick died in infancy. Mary Beth Warlick married Ralph Miller Brackett who is deceased. Formerly of Charlotte, she now resides in upper Cleveland on part of the Old Warlick Homestead. Her son, Robin Brackett married Nancy Lancaster of Burlington and they have two children, Noah Warlick and Christine Brackett.

John T. Warlick, Jr., married Pauline Mace and they live in York, South Carolina. They have three sons. Dr. John Thomas Warlick III

of Gastonia married Barbara MacCackin. Their children are John Thomas Warlick IV and Catherine Warlick. Frank Mace Warlick lives in Charlotte and married Janie Stethens of Charleston, West Virginia. They have three children — Ashley, Cameron, and Piper Warlick. The third son, Hal Jerome Warlick lives in Pickens, South Carolina. He married Mary Stowe and they have two children, Wendy and Ginger Warlick.

The youngest daughter, Mabel Warlick married Robert Edwin Kroll of Sturgis, Michigan. They formerly lived in Miami, Florida, but have recently retired and moved to Boone. Their son, Robert Edwin Kroll II married Patricia Guido Miller and they reside in Miami, Florida.

Sources: *A Genealogy of the Warlick Family*, Alfred C. Warlick, Sr., Gastonia, N.C.; North Carolina Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, N.C.; D.A.R. Genealogical Library, Washington, D.C.; The Family Bible of the late John Thomas Warlick.

— Mabel Kroll

MYRTLE MARY HARTMAN WARLICK

1072

Myrtle Mary Hartman, born February 9, 1903, is the daughter of Quincy Hartman and Sarah Elizabeth Johnson Hartman. Quincy Hartman, born December 12, 1878, was married on August 28, 1898 to Sarah Elizabeth Johnson, born December 23, 1879. They lived in Belwood, North Carolina, where all of their twelve children were born. Quincy Hartman, lifelong farmer and carpenter, died November 3, 1961, and Sarah Elizabeth Johnson Hartman died June 5, 1968; both are buried in the cemetery of Knob Creek United Methodist Church in Belwood.

Myrtle Hartman's paternal grandparents were John H. Hartman, born April 23, 1846, and Nancy Pool Hartman, born September 1, 1833. Their license to be married was issued by the Cleveland County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions on May 30, 1867. John H. Hartman was a member of Company C of the

71st North Carolina Infantry in the Army of the Confederate States of America. John Hartman died in February, 1925, and Nancy Pool Hartman died February 26, 1905. Both are buried in the cemetery of Knob Creek United Methodist Church in Belwood.

Myrtle Hartman's paternal great-grandparents were Wiley Hartman, born December 12, 1803, and Pertheney Hartman, born June 24, 1816. Wiley Hartman died May 25, 1890, and Pertheney Hartman died August 19, 1894; both are buried in the cemetery of Friendship United Methodist Church in Fallston, North Carolina.

Myrtle Hartman's maternal grandparents were Joseph P. Johnson, born May 18, 1852, and Pheby Bass Johnson, born December 13, 1853. Joseph P. Johnson died January 26, 1937, and Pheby Bass Johnson died August 23, 1911. Myrtle Hartman's maternal great-grandparents were David Johnson, born October 26, 1826, and Susanah Johnson, born August 25, 1832. David Johnson died July 6, 1863 from wounds suffered in the Battle of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and was buried in Richmond, Virginia. Susanah Johnson died July 10, 1894 and was buried in the cemetery of Knob Creek United Methodist Church in Belwood.

Myrtle Mary Hartman attended the Belwood School in Belwood and the Piedmont School in Lawndale. She was married to Raymond Aubrey Warlick, son of Abram Clarence Warlick and Minnie Ann Carpenter Warlick, on March 26, 1921. At the time of their marriage, Raymond Warlick was General Freight Agent for the Lawndale Railway and Industrial Company of Lawndale. Several years after they were married, Myrtle Hartman Warlick became a clerk in the railroad freight office and gave much general assistance in the daily operation of the railroad.

Myrtle Hartman Warlick was the charter treasurer of the Lawndale Woman's Club, which was organized in 1941. She served as club president from 1945-1947. She was also a charter member of the Piedmont Home Demonstration Club in Lawndale and of its predecessor club sponsored by Cleveland Mill and Power Company. Myrtle and Raymond Warlick lived in Lawndale from 1921 to 1936, where their three sons, R.A., Jr., Bobby B., and Teddy D. were born. In 1936, they built a home located about one mile west of Lawndale, at Palmtree United Methodist Church, where they became lifelong members. Mrs. Warlick was given a Life Membership Pin by the Woman's Society of Christian Service in the Palmtree Church.

— R.A. Warlick, Jr.

THE OCTAVIA NEWTON WARLICK FAMILY — DESCENDANTS OF CAPTAIN BENJAMIN NEWTON

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According to the "Captain Benjamin Newton — William Downs and Other Lineage History" compiled and written by Rev. Posey Downs in



Needlework of Hartman Coat-of-Arms made by Mrs. Raymond Aubrey Warlick when she was seventy years of age.

1953, all the Newtons who ever lived in the general Casar (Upper Cleveland) area were and are the descendants of Captain Benjamin Newton.

It is also stated by Rev. Downs that the ancestors of the Newtons crossed over the English Channel in 1066 with William The Conqueror from the Normandy area of France. Six centuries later the name Newton could be found among the early settlers.

According to the Veterans Administration, Washington, D.C., Benjamin Newton was born in York County, Pennsylvania on February 3, 1748. He came to North Carolina and settled in Tryon County — this was later divided by the Legislature to form Lincoln and Rutherford Counties. He entered the army during the American Revolution, achieving the rank of captain.

On January 24, 1775, he married Nancy McCall, daughter of John McCall of Orange County, N.C., and in 1802 moved to Rutherford County — that part which is now Cleveland County. They had twelve children: June, Elizabeth, Ebenezer, Patsy or Patience, Mary (Polly), John McCall, Margaret (Peggy), Ben-

jamin, Jr. George, Nancy, Cynthia, & Calvin. Capt. Newton died Feb. 20, 1835 at the age of 87. His wife died May 12, 1835 at the age of 85. They are buried in the Old Clover Hill Methodist Church Cemetery.

My great-great-grandfather was John McCall Newton, the sixth child of Captain Benjamin Newton. According to records in the Rutherfordton Courthouse, he was married to Jenny or Jane Erwood (Earwood, Wood, or Arrowood — the writing is not legible.) Nine children were born to them: John A. ("One-Legged John"), B.B. (Captain Ben), Sarah, Jane, Fannie, Susan, Catherine, Ruth, and Nancy.

One of these children, B.B. ("Captain Ben") Newton, was my great-grandfather. He served with Company F, 34th N.C. Infantry Regiment of the Confederate States of America. He married Millie Norman and they had seven children: Thomas, Susan, Robert, B. Frank, John A., Sarah, and Mary. (The name "Captain Ben" could have been given to him to distinguish him from the many Ben or Benjamin Newtons of his day.)

Of these children, John A. Newton was my

grandfather. He married Ellen Canipe, Daughter of John and Rhody Newton Canipe. They were the parents of nine children: Ausney T., Octavia, D. Clarence, Essie Matilda, Alexander, Lula, Hattie, J. Cline, and Frank M. Octavia Newton was my mother. She married Andrew Carlo Warlick, son of John and Catherine Eaker Warlick. Five children were born to them: Lula (1902-), Minnie (1904-1973), Frank (1906-1941), Ora (1905-1981), and Ruby (1909-1951).

Minnie Warlick married James William Osborne, son of Dr. Ruffin and Texie Lattimore Osborne. Minnie taught school for approximately 49 years at what was once known as the South Shelby School, where she was loved and admired by her many students and friends. She was a member of Central Methodist Church in Shelby and was active in both civic and religious work.

Ora Warlick married John Stowe of Kings Mountain. She worked for many years at the old "State Theater. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Shelby where she met and maintained many friends who stood by her during her illness.

Ruby Warlick married Guy Carlan of Shelby. They had one surviving son, Philip, who now lives in Chicago.

Frank Warlick was unmarried and died at the age of 35. During the late 1920's and early 1930's he played banjo with local groups which would now be known as "country music". He was nicknamed "Bus".

I, Lula Warlick, married Lawson C. Walker, son of Jim (James) and Nancy Jenkins Walker in 1918. We bought a farm in the 1920's and somehow survived the Great Depression of the 1930's. We had five children listed below according to date of birth: Mazel Walker married N. Joseph Wright, son of Albert and Dillie Willis Wright of Fallston. Mazel is presently employed as Guidance Counselor at Burns High School in Lawndale, N.C. Joe is self-employed. They have one son, Joseph Walker Wright, who practices veterinary medicine at the Cottonwood Veterinary Clinic. He is married to Linnie Brooks Wright who teaches at Graham School in Shelby.

Geraldine Walker married William Christopher and is employed by the City of Shelby. She has one son, Stephen Christopher who is presently employed by Pneumafil Corporation of Charlotte, N.C.

James Walker married Doris McMurry, daughter of Laverne and Delphia Byers McMurry. James is a teacher at Crest Hill School, while Doris works for Arr-Bee Enterprises. They have two sons: Gary Walker, who is married to Kathy Hamrick. They live in Charlotte and are employed as teachers with the Charlotte School System. Philip Walker, the youngest son, married Suzanne Whisnant of Polkville. Philip is employed by PPG Industries of Shelby.

Donald Walker married Pauline ("Polly") Eckard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Eckard of Conover, N.C. Donald is employed by the City of Shelby — Polly by Fasco Industries. They have one daughter, Brenda who married Julian Parker III of Fayetteville, N.C. Brenda is employed by the Charleston, S.C. Medical

School as a researcher while her husband "Jay" is employed by the College of Charleston Chemistry Department. They have one daughter, Elizabeth.

Raymond Walker married Rosetta London, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Everett London of Polkville. Raymond is a teacher at Burns High School in Lawndale, N.C.; Rosetta teaches at Fallston Elementary School in Fallston. They have two sons, David and Kenneth Walker who attend school at Burns Jr. High School

— Mrs. Lula Walker

OSCAR VANCE WARLICK

1074

Oscar Vance Warlick was born to Samuel Monroe Warlick Sept. 22, 1849 d. Dec. 23, 1938 and Frances Wood Warlick b. Dec. 5, 1853 d. Feb. 4, 1918. Lela Warlick, the eldest, married Zimri Kistler. Hattie Warlick, married Rev. N. Graham Bethea who was a methodist minister for many years. Oscar Vance, was born Dec. 5, 1877, died May 6, 1968 and lived at the Samuel homeplace all his life.

After Frances died, Samuel married Lizze Towery. Their children were twins, Christine and Samuel Eugene Warlick b. May 16, 1924. Eugene married Naomi Stone b. May 26, 1925, and is a State Farm Insurance salesman in Shelby. Christine married Willie Costner b. May 20, 1927 who operates a chain of furniture stores.

Oscar married Laura Alice Dixon (b. Aug. 6, 1879 d. May 3, 1951), the daughter of "Little Tom" Dixon and Mary Catherine Allen Dixon.

Samuel owned and operated the first cotton gin in upper Cleveland County on his farm. Oscar farmed and helped operate the gin. He was witty and had a tale for every occasion. He took great pride in his July fox dogs, and with his friends spent many hours on the hillsides fox hunting. Oscar and Laura were active in the church and believed in education. They furnished transportation for the children to attend Piedmont School at Lawndale (four miles south). To Oscar and Laura were born the following: Ruby Estelle b. Feb. 6, 1908, graduated from High Point College with a B.S. Degree in Home Economics. She taught Home Economics At Piedmont and Casar schools until 1941. In 1948 she opened a kindergarten in her home until 1974. On March 18, 1938 she married Taft S. Putnam b. Oct. 17, 1908. A Graduate of U.N.C. Chapel Hill, he taught English at Piedmont High School from 1935 to 1943 when he was appointed Postmaster in Lawndale. He retired in 1973. Their Children are Rebecca Warlick Putnam b. April 13, 1941 married David Conrad Beam B. March 1, 1938. Rebecca graduated from Appalachian State University with an A.B. degree Cum Laude. She taught fourth grade at Marion in Shelby. Their children: Susan Rebecca Beam b. July 1, 1966. Barbara Ann Beam b. May 23, 1969, and Jonathan David b. Dec. 8, 1970. Their second child, Laura Kathryn Putnam b. Sept. 16, 1942 graduated from Appalachian State University with an A.B. degree. She married Lonnie Dale Martin b. June 1, 1941. She

teaches second grade at South in Gastonia. Their children are Laura Ellen Martin b. April 20, 1967, Beth Michelle Martin b. Feb. 20, 1969, and Matthew Dale Martin b. April 23, 1970.

Robert Dixon Putnam b. Dec. 30, 1946 graduated from Appalachian State University with an A.B. degree in P.E. and Health. He has taught in Cleveland County Schools since graduation and is now teaching P.E. and Health in Burns Jr. High School and coaches football and Golf. He is married to Marilyn Dycus and they have two children: Robert Dixon Putnam, Jr. b. Nov. 3, 1973 and Deniece Tanya Putnam, b. July 15, 1975.

Harvey Sam Warlick b. Mar. 28, 1909 married Pearl Gold Cornwell b. Feb. 6, 1909. He graduated from High Point College with an A.B. Degree. After teaching school and coaching several years he moved to Raeford where he operates a store and mill. He is an avid golfer and belongs to the Senior Golfers Assn. Their Children are Barbara Cornwell b. May 2, 1938, (graduated from Wake Forest University and taught English in High School); Barbara married Richard Alton Johnston b. July 15, 1934. Their children are Laura Elizabeth Johnston, b. May 30, 1963, and Catherine Ann Johnston, b. June 23, 1964. Elizabeth is a student at Meredith College.

Laura Judith Warlick, b. Oct. 13, 1941, married Charles Samuel Byers, b. July 19, 1940. She graduated from High Point College. Their children are Warlick Laine Byers b. Apr. 12, 1965, Julie Dawn Byers b. Oct. 6, 1966, Sam Russell Byers b. Mar. 21, 1969, and Charles Brandon Byers, b. Nov. 2, 1970.

Samuel Dixon Warlick, b. May 1, 1945 was active in all sports in Raeford High School. He was selected to play in the North-South Shrine Bowl game. He attended N.C. State University. While there he volunteered for the U.S. Marine Corp. He was killed in action on Nov. 30, 1967. His body rests in Raeford.

James (Jim) Graham Warlick b. Feb. 11, 1912 married Evelyn Fowler b. May 19, 1913. Jim graduated from High Point College. After teaching and coaching for several years, he operated an FCX store and mill, The Washam and Warlick FCX Firm in Whiteville, N.C. until he retired in 1978. He enjoys fishing and golf. Their children are: James Graham Warlick II b. Jan. 30, 1940. He married Harriett Heywood. After graduating from Wake Forest and earning his M.A. degree from East Carolina University he has been teaching in Whiteville. He and Harriet play organ and piano in Whiteville Baptist Church. Their children are Elizabeth, b. Dec. 20, 1971 and James Graham Warlick III b. July 24, 1975.

Flora Frances Warlick, b. July 23, 1941, graduated from Whiteville High School. She works in the Children's Dept. in Whiteville Bapt. Church.

Carol Anne Warlick, b. Mar. 8, 1944, married Colin Thorn from England. She graduated from Agnes Scott College and received an M.A. degree at U.N.C. Chapel Hill. Their children are Stephen Reginald Thorn b. Mar. 6, 1976 and Jeffrey Graham Thorn, b. Feb. 24, 1978. Colin came to the U.S. and earned a P.H.D. in Geomorphology from U.N.C. Chapel

Hill. He teaches at the University of Illinois.

Mary Frances Warlick b. June 28, 1916 married Thomas Alexander Lattimore b. Aug. 28, 1914. She graduated from High Point College with a B.S. degree in music. She is Music director and organist for Lattimore Baptist Church. She teaches music in the Lattimore School. Her husband owns and operates a farm in Lattimore. Their children are:

John Broadus II b. Feb. 6, 1942, married Joan Cline. Their son, John Edley, b. May 19, 1970. His second wife, Mildred Fray Lattimore, b. Sept. 4, 1944. Their children are Alexander Yancey, b. June 24, 1977 and William Lee Lattimore, b. Oct. 22, 1979. John graduated from Gardner Webb College. He farms and raises beef cattle.

Martha Warlick Lattimore, b. Feb. 6, 1945 graduated from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N.J. She received a scholarship from the Metropolitan Opera in New York City to study. She also received a Fulbright Scholarship to study in Vienna.

Thomas Alexander Lattimore Jr. b. Dec. 2, 1950 graduated from Furman University majoring in voice. He also studied in California for two summers with the opera singer, Singher. He studied voice in Philadelphia with Wayne Conners.

— Mrs. T.S. Putnam

RAYMOND AUBRY WARLICK

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Raymond Aubrey Warlick, son of Abram Clarence and Minnie Carpenter Warlick, b. March 11, 1900, near the present location of Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church in northern Cleveland County, was a seventh generation Warlick in the county. His ancestry is traced through his grandfather John Francis Warlick to his great-great-great-great-great grandfather Martin Warlick, who lived and died in Germany. Johann Daniel Warlick, son of Martin Warlick, came to America on the ship Morehouse and landed at Philadelphia, Pa. in August, 1729. Daniel Warlick lived in Lancaster County, Pa. for some years before he moved to Lincoln County, N.C. in the late 1750's.

Raymond Aubrey Warlick attended Piedmont School at Lawndale in Cleveland County. When he had completed the business administration course of study he was named passenger agent of the Lawndale Railway and Industrial Company in July, 1920. After passenger service was terminated, he became General Freight Agent for the railroad and continued in that capacity until 1959. In the latter year he became president of the Lawndale Railway and Industrial Company and continued in that responsibility until his retirement in 1965.

Mr. Warlick was married to Myrtle Mary Hartman, daughter of Quincy and Elizabeth Johnson Hartman of Belwood in northern Cleveland County on March 26, 1921. Their children were: Raymond A., Jr. b. February 25, 1924; Bobby Bryan, b. November 26, 1931; and Teddy Delano, b. October 14, 1933.

Mr. Warlick's church life was found in the Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, organized in the 1880's on Warlick ancestral land in



Needlework of Warlick Coat-of-Arms made by Mrs. Raymond Aubrey Warlick when she was seventy years of age.

northern Cleveland County, and later, when he moved his residence to Lawndale, in the Lawndale Union Church and finally in the Palmtree United Methodist Church.

He was a charter member of the Lawndale Lions Club and served as its secretary for a number of years. He also was the Lions district secretary under District-Governor M.I. Clark.

Mr. Warlick died on August 25, 1980, in Cleveland Memorial Hospital, Shelby, N.C.

— Bobby Warlick

WALTER THEODORE WARLICK 1076

Walter Theodore Warlick, b. August 27, 1890, d. December 20, 1973. Theodore attended Piedmont High School. He married Lessie Lawrence Downs, b. May 11, 1900, d. January 19, 1975, the daughter of Robert Kelley Downs and Rena Hull Downs of Casar. After his marriage he entered the service of World War I on August 6, 1916. He was sent overseas as a member of Company C, a pioneer infantry outfit, which was engaged in the Argonne sector when the war closed.

Back in Cleveland County, he became a well-

known farmer of the Belwood Community. He was very active in all the affairs of the community. His beloved church, Norman's Grove, was rebuilt under his leadership. It has been said that was a monument of his dedication to his church. Their children are:

Robert Decatur, b. July 9, 1920; graduated from Belwood High School 1938 and N.C. State June, 1942 with a BS Degree in Agricultural Education. He married Blanche Elizabeth Peeler, daughter of Summy Alfred and Mattie Stamey Peeler; graduate of Belwood High School and Asheville Teachers College with a BS Degree in Education. Robert taught in Union County for two years and served in the US Navy 1944-1946. He then returned to Cleveland County in 1946 and taught thirty two years in the Cleveland County School system before retiring in 1978. He is active in county and community affairs and became the first mayor of Belwood (1978). Their children are: Sheila Lynn, b. June 20, 1949, graduate of Appalachian State University with a Masters from Georgia State in Atlanta; married Nelson Lee London; children are Seth and Rob. Roberta Ann, b. August 9, 1951, graduate of Appalachian State University; married Ralph Dixon, Jr. Their children are Chris-

topher and Heather. Susan Elizabeth, b. July 7, 1956, graduate of Appalachian State University; married Mark Jolley.

Mary Lou, b. March 14, 1923, graduate of Belwood High School and attended Meredith College. She was a sales person for ready-to-wear clothing before establishing her own seamstress business. She married Fred DeLane Davis, son of Lawrence and Lula Rose Davis, a graduate from Watch Makers School in Winston Salem. He operates a jewelry store in Shelby. He served in the US Navy in the South Pacific during World War II. DeLane has served many years as Fire Chief with the Cleveland County Department and County Fire Marshall. Their children are: Fred DeLane Jr., b. April 28, 1952; graduate of Nashville Diesel School, married to Debra Hambright. Cynthia Ann, b. December 12, 1955, graduate of UNC at Greensboro.

Walter Theodore, Jr., b. August 12, 1925, graduated from Belwood High School, enlisted in the US Navy for three years during World War II. He attended Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, North Carolina, and later joined his father in a farming operation. He and his brother, Ray, own and operate a three-hundred acre dairy farm. He married Willa Mull, graduate of Belwood High School and Carolina Business School, Charlotte; the daughter of Sanford and Mary Tallent Mull. Their children are: Jane Rebecca, b. December 29, 1952, graduate of Limestone College; married Van Steen Moss, one daughter, Carrie. Lois Ruth, b. January 26, 1955, graduate of Piedmont Community College; married Donnie Sain, one son, Will. Gail Elaine, b. May 5, 1960, graduate of Wingate College. Beth Amanda, b. January 20, 1963, attending Western Carolina University.

Ella Cecelia, b. November 22, 1928, graduated from Belwood High School and Appalachian State University with a degree in Physical Education. She taught five years in the Lenoir City Schools. She married Perkin Douglas Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sidney Miller of Lenoir. He was a partner in the Miller Concrete Company of Lenoir until retirement. Their children are: John Warlick, b. September 17, 1956, graduate of NC State University. Nancy, b. August 31, 1959, graduate of NC State University.

Ray Lawrence, b. February 3, 1931, graduated from Belwood High School, and was called into service in the Army August 1954. He served eighteen months in the Hawaiian Islands. He and his brother, Walter, operate a large dairy farm. He married Marilyn Martin, daughter of Grier and Eloise Royster Martin of Fallston, North Carolina. Their children are: Ray Lawrence, Jr., b. July 7, 1954, married Cynthia Hoyle. Terry Lane, b. August 8, 1957, graduate of Catawba Valley Technical Institute; married Sherry Bolick.

Troy Franklin, b. January 29, 1933, graduated from Belwood High School and played professional baseball in Lincolnton, North Carolina for two years. He served in the US Army for twenty-one months in Germany. He married Ella Ann Pruett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Pruett of Casar. Ann took nurses training in the Shelby Hospital School of

Nurses. Troy worked for P.P.G. Industries, and is now self-employed with his welding shop. Their children are: Kathy Lynn, b. June 8, 1954; married Buddy Oliver, and their children are Ernest and Jared. Miriam Frances, b. March 13, 1957. Mary Jeanne, b. March 13, 1959, graduate of Western Carolina University; married Keith Shufford.

Margaret Ann, b. December 19, 1935, graduated from Belwood High School and Appalachian State University with a Masters Degree in Physical Education. She earned her Ph D from the University of Mississippi. She is Associate Professor and head of Women's Athletics at East Texas State University of Commerce, Texas. She has been elected to the National Executive Committee of the National Association of InterCollegiate Athletics. She married Jack Waters and they had one son, Jack, Jr. She is now married to Paul Harbison.

Phyllis Jane, b. December 15, 1938, graduated from Belwood High School. She married Robert Edward Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Banks Miller of Fallston, North Carolina. He is a supervisor with Western Electric in Charlotte, North Carolina. Their children are: Patricia Jane, b. December 8, 1956, graduate of UNCC of Charlotte; married Mike Mayberry. Vickie, b. July 15, 1959.

Sources: The book of *Daniel Warlick*

— Robert D. Warlick

CHARLES GABRIEL WASHBURN

1077

Charles Gabriel Washburn was the son of Abram Washburn and Rebecca Durham. Abram was born May 23, 1798 and died on September 14, 1874. Rebecca was born February 7, 1803 and died on July 7, 1873. Charles Gabriel was the grandson of Gabriel Washburn and Pricilla McSwain Washburn and Charles Durham and Patience Davis Durham of Sandy Run.

Charles Gabriel Washburn was born on June 18, 1826 on the farm now owned by G.A. Adams. He was first married to Earsley Walker. She lived only one year.

Charles Gabriel Washburn and Sarah Schenck Crowder were united in Holy Matrimony at the home of Allen Crowder on the 5th day of October in the year of our Lord 1854. Sarah Schenck Crowder was the daughter of Allen Crowder and Phobie Grigg of Polkville.

Charles Gabriel Washburn's home was where the present PPG Plant is located. At that time Washburn Switch was called DePew. He served in the Civil War as a prison guard at Salisbury, N.C. and was a very successful farmer. They were the parents of sixteen children. Their children were:

1. Willard Winslow — born July 2, 1855, married Eliza Harrill;
2. Rebecca Hessentine born August 20, 1856, married Cleophus Hamrick;
3. Phoebe Adeline — born January 14, 1858, married George Washington Hamrick;
4. Abram Chauncey — born February 22, 1859, married first to Roseline Harrill and second to A. Estella Hamrick;
5. Seaton Allen — born May 27, 1860, married Mintie M. Ham-



Front: Ray, Jr., and Kathy Warlick; Back: Lessie and Theodore Warlick.

rick; 6. John Thomas — born May 10, 1862, died March 25, 1866; 7. Chivus Avanosé — born November 11, 1863, married Hessentine Irvin; 8. Charles Beatty — born June 20, 1866, died August 31, 1867; 9. Margaret Jane — born June 18, 1867, married George Washington Stockton; 10. Doctor William — born May 8, 1869, married Catherine Briscoe; 11. Patience Priscilla — born October 21, 1870, first married Joseph Cabiness, second to Sidney Hill Hamrick; 12. H.I. (Hone) — born March 27, 1872, married Hannah McMurry; 13. Dennis Gordon — born April 16, 1874, married Ella Hamrick; 14. Cora Schenck — born June 7, 1877, married Coleman Doggett; 15. Minnie Victoria — born August 19, 1878, died June 21, 1880; 16. James Broudis — born March 23, 1880, died April 15, 1901.

Most of Charles Gabriel Washburn's children lived in the Washburn Switch, Lattimore, Shelby area. His son Abram Chauncey moved to Macon Georgia about 1912 and was a very successful lumberman. His descendants still live there. Doctor William (Dock) lived in Newport News, Virginia.

Charles Gabriel Washburn died March 23, 1896. His wife died April 6, 1905. They are buried at Double Springs Church.

Sources: Family Bible, census and cemetery records, and Joe C. Washburn records.

— Joe Stockton

GABRIEL WASHBURN

1078

In what is now Cleveland County, near Beaver Dam Creek, in a family graveyard surrounded by pipe fence lie the remains of Gabriel Washburn and his wife Priscilla.

Gabriel was born October 12, 1752 and died January 8, 1826. Other records are in his Bible which is here in Cleveland County. Much of the ink has faded dates, but by foresight some have been preserved by use of a copying machine years ago. The family Bible came down through Susanna Washburn Harrill, a daughter. One of her great-granddaughters married a great-grandson of Abram Washburn, so it is still in Washburn hands. Susanna and Abram were two of Gabriel's seventeen



Charles Gabriel and Sarah Crowder Washburn — 1896.

children, fourteen of which are named in his will. The other three children died in infancy. A great number of descendants can trace back to Gabriel through at least three of his children: Martha, Susanna, and Abram. Many of the descendants are eighth generations. As far as we know, research has not yet revealed the birthplace of Gabriel.

The following is a copy of the will of Gabriel Washburn, September 12, 1822, on file in Rutherford County Courthouse:

"In the name of God. Amen.

"I Gabriel Washburn of Rutherford County No. Carolina being of sound and perfect mind and memory (blessed be God) do this twelfth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two make and publish this my last will and testament in manner following that is to say.

"First: I give and bequeath to my daughter Mary Davis five dollars to be paid by my executors in twelve months after my decease. "Secondly: I give and bequeath to my daughter Elizabeth Morris five dollars to be paid as aforesaid.

"Thirdly: I give and bequeath to Thomas Martin Junr. and the four children he had by my daughter Rhoda his wife who is since dead five dollars to be paid as aforesaid.

"Fourthly: I give and bequeath to my daughter Martha Harrill five dollars to be paid as aforesaid.

"Fifthly: I give and bequeath to my son Josiah Washburn one horse bridle and saddle two cows and calves one featherbed and furniture to be delivered when needed.

"Sixthly: I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Priscilla Washburn all my estate real and personal during her life or widowhood otherwise to have a

childs part also to have the privilege to sell 'swap or convey any part of my property whatever except my lands and two negro girls Polly and Rachel with their increase.

"Seventhly: At the death of my wife or marriage I give and bequeath to my son Abraham Washburn three hundred acres of land by estimation to be run off the No. Est. side of my land above Dills branch joining lands of Martin Elliott, Richard Covington and Charles Durham and my line, also the aforesaid negro girl Polly with her increase if any.

"Eightly: At the death or marriage of my wife I give and bequeath to my son Josiah before mentioned all the ballance of my real estate, also the aforesaid negro girl Rachel and her increase if any a still and vessels belonging thereto with my tight casks, also a pair of chain traces and harness, one pole axe and mattox two ploughs one weeding hoe and all my farming carpenter tools.

"Ninthly: At the death of my wife I give and bequeath all my personal estate to my following children Is. to John Washburn, Thomas Washburn, Sarah Laws, Reuben Washburn, Margaret Laws, Gabriel Washburn, Lewraner McSwain, Susannah Harrill, Abram Washburn and Josiah Washburn to be equally divided among them, and I hereby make and ordain my beloved wife Priscilla Washburn and my sons Abraham and Josiah Washburn my executrix and executors of this my last will and testament.

"In witness thereof I Gabriel Washburn have to this my last will and testament set my hand and seal the day and year above written,

"Signed sealed and declared by the sd. Gabriel Washburn (*Gabriel's mark*) seal.

"Testator as his last will and testament in the presence of us who were present at the signing and sealing thereof"

Archilles Durham Jun (Jurat)
Farmer Moore (Jurat)
John Moore

Gabriel's descendatns, like the Israelites of old, are as the "sands of the sea."

— Mrs. Mary Wilson

JESSE HEYWOOD WASHBURN 1079

Born July 27, 1900 in Lattimore, N.C., Jesse Washburn was the only son of Hannah Elizabeth McMurry and Hone Illiff Washburn. Orphaned at an early age, he was reared by his grandfather, Jesse Jenkins McMurry and step-grandmother Mrs. Hessie Gardner McMurry. His only sister, Mrs. Hannah Robinson was reared by an uncle and aunt, Mr. & Mrs. Debro Wilkins of Shelby. After attending Shelby public schools, he attended Georgia Military Academy and North Carolina State University.

He returned to Shelby after two years in the lumber business in Macon, Georgia and became a cotton broker, in business with his grandfather and two uncles.

On June 14, 1928, he was married to Edna Earle Jordan of Hartsville, S.C. In July, 1929, they moved to High Point, N.C. where he and J.J. McMurry, also from Shelby were partners as Gulf Oil distributors. The Washburn Oil Company was organized.

The Washburns three children are, Margaret Jordan — born October 2, 1929; Jesse Heywood Washburn, Jr. — born January 26, 1931; Albert Jordan Washburn — born July 2, 1936. They were all born in High Point, N.C.

Margaret who is married to James Maynard Randle, lives in High Point, N.C. Their children are Margaret Wells, Julie Jordan and James Maynard, Jr.

Jesse Heywood, Jr. married Sue Thomas and they live in Tupelo, Mississippi. Their children are Murphy Thomas, Jesse Heywood, III (deceased) and Emily Ann.

Albert Jordan married Wilma Lou Snipes of Menola, N.C. Their children are Lou Wilson, and twins; Albert Jordan, Jr. and Jesse Heywood, II. They live in High Point, N.C.

The Washburns, both Baptist, were affiliated with First Baptist soon after moving to High Point. Mr. Washburn became active in church, political and community affairs. He served as Director of the Board, Member of the American Business Club, Member of the Chamber of Commerce, Co-chairman of the United Appeal, Co-chairman of Financial Drive to raise \$350,000 for a new YWCA, a member of Rotary Club, received the Paul Harris Fellowship Award. He was active in the Cancer Society in High Point and the State. He served as Crusade Chairman; he was a member of BPOE Shrine Ancient Free and Accepted Masor. He was a charter member of the American Legion Post in Shelby, a veteran of World War I having served in the Navy, a member of the Navy League. He was a charter member of Emerywood Baptist which was constituted May 20, 1956. A group of 41 members from First Baptist saw the need for a residential church. He served as a trustee and was active in both Sunday School and church.

He was a very loyal democrat, reared in Shelby and influenced by such prominent Democrats as Governor Max Gardner and

Clyde Hoey. This interest continued after moving to High Point.

He served four years on the High Point City Council and four years as Mayor from 1958-1962. He declined the offer of his party to seek another term.

His administration was far sighted and some outstanding progress was made in these years. The city annexed 26 square miles bringing into the city 20,000 residents. By this expansion, the city was able to provide services for many new industries that they were not able to offer before. The most important aspect of this acquisition was to create and insure an adequate water supply for generations to come.

A very beautiful recreational park was developed including a golf course, a tennis complex, camping and picnic facilities. The lake provides boating, fishing and annually the national boat races are held here. The large dam that contains this lake is named "The Jesse Heywood Washburn Dam."

One way streets, a much needed change, was enacted into law. Also a retirement plan for city employees was begun in his administration.

After retirement, the Washburns sold their 113 Brantley Circle home and bought an apartment at the Presbyterian Home in High Point, N.C.

Mr. Washburn died March 10, 1978 in the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. He is interred at Floral Garden Cemetery in High Point.

— Edna Jordan Washburn



Jesse Heywood Washburn

JOE CHAUNCEY WASHBURN 1080

Joe Chauncey Washburn had little formal education, but he made good use of that he did have. Born on November 6, 1880 and married to Estilla (Tillie) McSwain on March 21, 1906, he became the father of 14 children, 33 grandchildren, and 27 great grandchildren during their married life of over 67 years. Eleven of the children reached adulthood and are living as of this writing. He and his wife were regular stu-

dents of the Bible and studied with their children, encouraging them to take advantage of their educational opportunities. He especially stressed the use of the dictionary for studying school and Sunday School lessons.

Hard work, self-reliance, honesty, concern for others, and cooperation were constant examples before the children and community in which he lived. He devoted his life to his family, his church, the school, the community, and Gardner-Webb College.

"Mr. Joe," as he was affectionately called, lived a disciplined life and early became a tither. Some weeks before his 21st birthday as he placed his usual penny in the offering plate on Sunday morning, the picture of a nickel flashed in his mind, the nickel he had recently been spending to buy a pack of cigarettes each week. From that point on he resolved that as of his 21st birthday he would never smoke again, and that if he could afford a nickel a week for that which did him no good, he could surely afford to double that amount for the Lord each week. For the rest of his life he faithfully gave the tithe and more and gave up smoking.

He was often referred to as the man with "nine" lives due to several accidents that occurred in which he miraculously escaped or survived:

He was run over by a wagon.

A chimney fell on him.

During the repair of a bridge he was literally buried alive.

Poison used in a house for treating sweet potatoes rendered him unconscious.

His car stalled on a railroad track with a train coming.

Mr. Joe was a planner, a man of action. Fortunately or unfortunately, he was born with a speech impediment, but he compensated for this in so many ways. He developed and improved land that was eroded and full of gullies into productive and cultivatable land, being the first man in Cleveland County to produce over 245 bushels of corn per acre. He installed the first generator to provide electricity in his community. He pioneered in the development of pure bred Jersey cattle and purchased one of the first milking machines in the area. Unlike many farmers in the community who majored on one crop, cotton, he diversified his crops, terracing, planting legume and cover crops to improve the soil and increase yield. When there was disagreement or strife among his neighbors, he was often called upon by them to render his opinion and they usually followed his judgment. He felt most things could be settled out of court.

Although he was a sawmill man, a dairyman and farmer, he was engaged in many activities. He found time to serve on the Lattimore School Board, the Federal Land Bank, Mooresboro Creamery, Lattimore Telephone service (before Southern Bell), Eagle Roller Mill Company, taught a Sunday School Class, served on the jury many times, served as a deacon, assisted in locating and digging graves, served on the Building and Grounds Committee of his church, setting out trees, shrubs, and landscaping to beautify the grounds.

His research and keen interest in his family tree led many people to his door for assis-

tance, information and facts about their families. He spent a great deal of time in searching court house records, libraries, and cemeteries in order to collect and present to Gardner-Webb College pictures and data on all the trustees of the original board from the Kings Mountain and Sandy Run Baptist Associations and to Double Springs Baptist Church all of her pastors since its organization in 1844. He served on the Board of Trustees of Gardner-Webb College from 1933 to 1946.

Several years before his death, he expressed a desire to "go" when the crepe myrtles were in bloom, "but not this year," he said. His wish was granted in 1973. He died on August 7 and the crepe myrtles, which he had set out along the roadway leading to the church, were in bloom.

— Mrs. Dorothy W. Edwards

W. WYAN WASHBURN, M.D. 1081

Born June 22, 1912, in Cleveland County, North Carolina in the Double Springs-Washburn Switch Community near Lattimore, North Carolina, he was the fourth child of fourteen born to Joe C. and Estilla McSwain Washburn.

His intensive schooling began at Double Springs Elementary School and he was graduated from Lattimore High School in 1929. He received the B.S. degree from Wake Forest University in 1934.

From 1939 to 1941 he was a student in the Wake Forest Medical School and went from there to Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, where he was granted the M.D. degree in 1943. He served an internship at North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, in 1943. Post graduate study was done at both Duke and Cornell Universities.

Wyan was in the United States Army Medical Corps from December of 1943 until August of 1946, serving as physician to the 214th Field Artillery in Germany and as Group Surgeon at the dispensary at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Following army service he came back to his native county of Cleveland where his professional life has been long and varied.

He served as attending physician for Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, North Carolina 1946-1980 and helped to found and operate the Gardner-Webb College Community Health Center in 1946.

In 1949 he helped to found Royster Memorial Hospital in Boiling Springs and served for many years as its administrator. In 1977 it moved to a new building and became Crawley Memorial Hospital. He took an active part in this project.

For a while Wyan was chief of staff for Cleveland Memorial Hospital in Shelby, North Carolina. His specialties have been General Practice and Family Medicine. He has delivered about 3,000 babies.

He is a member and former chairman of the Cleveland County Medical Society, the North Carolina Medical Society, the Southern Medical Association, and the American Medical

Association; at one time serving this group as Chairman of the Rural Health Committee. He is also a member of the American Academy of General Practice.

After this varied service he retired from medical practice December 31, 1980.

His talents and dedication have found many other outlets. He was a Boy Scout, an Eagle Scout, a Scoutmaster, and served on the Scout Troup Committee for more than 50 years.

He was a reporter, Sports Editor, and News Editor for the *Shelby Daily Star*, Shelby, North Carolina, from 1934 to 1939. He served as Medical Editor for *The Progressive Farmer* for ten years, and is the author of *Canaan in Carolina*, a biography of the late Reverend John W. Suttle, a pioneer Baptist minister in Cleveland County, and in retirement is writing a history of the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

Religion has been a large part of his life, having served Boiling Springs Baptist Church as a deacon, Sunday School teacher, and member of the building committee. For years he has been Historian for the Kings Mountain Baptist Association.

For ten years he served as a trustee of Gardner-Webb College, on the Advisory Board, and is a former trustee of the North Carolina Homes for the Aging.

His civic responsibilities have included membership and presidency of the Boiling Springs Rotary Club. He helped to begin the Cleveland County Historical Museum and is a past president of the Cleveland County Historical Association.

He has been a member of the Town Council and the School Board of the town of Boiling Springs, also serving on the Planning Committee for Cleveland County Schools. He was a member of the Regional Planning Council for Cleveland, Gaston and Lincoln Counties.

In 1958-59 he and his wife took a year's leave to visit twenty countries in Africa, Asia and Europe. They worked three months as a physician-nurse team in a hospital in Ogbo-mosho, Nigeria under the auspices of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

In 1966 he was a volunteer to Vietnam in *Project Vietnam* sponsored by the American Medical Association and the People to People Foundation. There he worked in a civilian hospital treating civilian war casualties.

September 10, 1944, Wyan married Emily Davis, R.N. of Earl, North Carolina and they have three sons.

David Bruce Washburn, Ph.D. in Nuclear Engineering, is teaching nuclear medicine at the University of North Carolina Medical School in Chapel Hill.

Paul Victor Washburn, Ph.D. in Psychology, is teaching psychology at the University of California, Los Angeles.

Phillip L. Washburn, B.A. from Wake Forest University, is now in the Graduate School of Philosophy at Columbia University, New York, New York.

Wyman's life, varied and busy, has been and continues to be a blessing to people in all walks of life in his native Cleveland County, and its influence has spread to many other areas around the world.

Sources: Family Bible.

— C.O. Greene

WILLARD WINSLOW WASHBURN

1082

Willard Winslow Washburn of the Double Springs community in Number 7 Township, was a man for all seasons, and in a full and productive lifetime became a strong family man, a good farmer, a devout churchman, a pioneer in education, and was known far and wide for his skill in folk medicine.

Winslow, or "Uncle Wins", as he was generally called, was born on July 2, 1855 and was reared in the near-poverty days of the Civil War and the Reconstruction period which followed the war. He was the son of Charles Gabriel Washburn, grandson of Abram Washburn and great-grandson of Gabriel Washburn, the first known Washburn to settle in western North Carolina.

Physically, he was a small to average size man of about five feet seven inches in height and weighed about 150 pounds. However, he was quite muscular, and his reputation for doing hard physical work was legendary in the community.

Winslow walked erect with a quick, firm step and could keep up the pace for hours. Following the custom for men in his day, he usually wore a mustache and a pointed well trimmed Vandyke type beard.

His temperament was mild and restrained, and he was not given to swearing or using foul language. His strongest expressions were "shucks" or "pshaw", but he often advised his children and grandchildren that "even a good man must at times express righteous indignation", if it becomes necessary to uphold a principle.

For many years he was a deacon, teacher and sexton of the Double Springs Baptist Church, and took a delight in improving the grounds, shrubbery, buildings and cemetery at that church.

At age 21 he married Eliza Jane Harrill and their eight children were Joe C., Coran, Maynard, A.V., Fred R., D. Purvis, Alma and Annie Lee, all now deceased.

In the fall of 1905 when the Kings Mountain Baptist Association met at Zoar church near Shelby, Winslow was a messenger who made the motion to establish a Christian school at Boiling Springs. That school is now Gardner Webb College.

Winslow was on the board of trustees of the high school for many years and made many contributions of time and money to it. He lived to see it become a prominent high school and college preparatory institution and helped it become a Junior College in 1928. Most of his children and scores of his descendants attended what is now Gardner Webb.

As a farmer, he was the first in his community to produce more than two bales of cotton per acre. Other "firsts" for him include: carbide (acetylene) lights, dutch flue for kitchen, cultivation of Himalaya blackberries, cultivation of celery, asparagus and grass nuts and

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use of commercial fertilizer for garden and farm crops.

In the late twenties Winslow was elected to the Board of County Commissioners and part of his duties was the care and repair of roads, culverts and bridges of Townships No. 1, No. 2 and No. 7 on the west side of the county. He either did the work himself or contracted such repair or maintenance as was necessary.

Winslow's formal education stopped at about a third grade level, but he became a self-taught, self-educated man who read books, magazines, farm and religious journals and newspapers to an extent that he often passed for a college trained person. His interests encompassed religion, philosophy and history, as well as the natural sciences which came along with the advances in the agriculture of his day.

In his Bible study Winslow assigned himself the task of memorizing a verse of Scripture from some part of the Bible every day for more than 25 years. He had a very private "praying place" about 50 yards from his home and often spent an hour of prayer in seclusion.

During the influenza epidemics in 1917, 1918 and during any illness of his family or neighbors, Wins Washburn was soon there with home remedies such as hot turpentine stupes, liniment, hot teas, poultices, and a prayer. He had no drugs but he knew the value of pennyroyal, lion's tongue, and the boiled infusion of willow or birch bark for fever, or the use of certain clay or mud packs for ulcers and skin infections.

He set numerous simple fractures of bones and applied splints or slings as a doctor would do. There were no doctors in the community at that time.

Two mottoes ring in the ear of all who knew him: "Be above the average" and "Learn something new every day."

He died in August, 1933 and is buried at Double Springs church cemetery.

— Dr. Wyan Washburn

ALBERT G. WEATHERS

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Albert G. Weathers, son of William (Billy) Weathers and Cecelia Padgett (born Jan. 21, 1822, died Jan. 10, 1902), married Polly London (born Jan. 3, 1820, died Oct. 3, 1897). Both are buried in the Zion Baptist Church community, near Shelby in Cleveland County.

A.G. and Polly Weathers had a large family of nine children, all of whom were married, and the descendants of these children are prominent Cleveland County families and names today.

Harriett Weathers, b. 25 Jan. 1843, d. 8 Apr. 1878, married Rev. A.C. Irvin, b. 4 Feb. 1843, d. 8 Jan. 1926, buried Zion Baptist Church, Cleveland County.

Manda Etta Weathers, b. 14 Dec. 1850, d. 2 Dec. 1916, married Lawson B. Sweezy, b. 23 Aug. 1853, d. 31 Jan. 1891, buried New Bethel Baptist Church, Cleveland County.

Davaney Summie Weathers, b. 25 Sept. 1853, d. 4 Feb. 1933, married Josephine Sweezy, b. 20 Jun. 1858, d. 19 Mar. 1917, buried Mission Burial San Antonio, Texas.

Garmalla (Gorrah) Weathers, b. 15 Apr. 1855, d. 21 May 1904, married J. Matt Hord, b. 24 Jun. 1856, d. 23 Dec. 1921, buried Zion Baptist Church, Cleveland County.

William Yancy Weathers, b. 10 Mar. 1857, d. 23 Mar. 1927, married Amelia Eskridge, b. 15 Jun. 1855, d. 14 Oct. 1928, buried Zion Baptist Church, Cleveland County.

Albert Pinkney Weathers, b. 28 Mar. 1860, d. 22 Mar. 1933, married Amelia Octavia Nolan, b. 22 Sep. 1861, d. 18 Apr. 1942, buried Sunset Cemetery Shelby.

Josephine Weathers, b. , d. 1 Dec. 1931, married A. Sabe Hord, b. 4 Jan. 1844, d. 4 Aug. 1901.

Maggie Weathers, b. , d. , married John T. Poston, b. 5 Feb. 1850, d. 15 Feb. 1909, buried Zion Baptist Church, Cleveland County.

Emeline Weathers, b. , d. , married James A. Wesson, b. 6 Dec. 1836, d. 5 Jul. 1909, buried Zion Baptist Church, Cleveland County.

In his obituary from *The Cleveland Star*, of Jan. 15, 1902, it related he was a deacon for about 30 years at Zion Baptist Church. He was a gallant Confederate soldier and left a large family. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Tom Dixon and Rev. A.C. Irvin.

— Henry L. Weathers, Sr.

ALBERT PINKNEY WEATHERS

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Albert Pinkney Weathers (born March 28, 1860, died March 22, 1933), former mayor of Shelby and for years one of the city's leading citizens and builders, died in the Shelby hospital. His death was attributed to hardening of the arteries.

Mr. Weathers married Amelia Octavia Nolan (born Sept. 22, 1861, died Apr. 18, 1942). They had three children — J. Flay Weathers, prominent Forest City business man; Lee B. Weathers, publisher and editor of *The Cleveland Star* (later *Shelby Daily Star*); and Pearl, wife of H. Dixon Smith of Columbus, Ga.

He was the son of Albert G. Weathers and the grandson of William Weathers at whose home the first court in Cleveland County was held after the county was formed. Born in the Zion community of Cleveland County, he moved to Shelby at the time the Seaboard Railroad was being constructed. For a time, he operated a lumber and mill work plant, manu-

facturing chairs, tables and fencing. He was also a contractor and built many residences and business buildings in the city, furnishing the millwork for the Shelby cotton mills and supervising the erection of the Shelby hospital of which he was a trustee, helped build the First National Bank and other structures. For years he was associated with C.T. Hord in the hardware business, and was one of the organizers of the Farmers Hardware company here and at Forest City. He served as alderman in Shelby for 16 years and was elected mayor in 1925. While he was mayor, the modern city pump station was erected. He put down the city's first paved sidewalks, installed the first plate glass show windows and electric elevators.

In his business career, he was associated with numerous other Shelby enterprises. He served as president of the Ideal Ice and Fuel Company and was a director of the Cleveland Building and Loan Association. At all times, he was a public spirited citizen during the growth of the city from a small town into an important industrial and trading center.

— Henry L. Weathers, Sr.

HENRY LEE WEATHERS, SR.

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Henry Lee Weathers Sr. was born April 12, 1913 in Shelby, N.C., the sixth generation of direct descent to live in Cleveland County. His parents were Lee B. and Williewee Wiseman Weathers. His mother was from Danville, Va. and taught school for two years at Fallston, N.C. His father was publisher and editor of *The Shelby Daily Star* for 47 years.

Weathers attended Shelby High School and Duke University (1931-1935), where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity. He began working for *The Shelby Daily Star* in the fall of 1935 in the advertising department and was one of the original carrier boys when *The Star* started the carrier system. He later became circulation director and then business manager. After the death of his father in 1958, he became president and publisher of the *Star Publishing Company*.

Weathers was president of the Shelby Lions Club (1952-53); past president of the Cleveland County United Fund; secretary-treasurer of the Shelby Industrial Development Inc.; and a member of the Shelby Downtown Improvement committee (1972-76). He is a member of the Cleveland Country Club and North Lake Club.

He was president of the Printing Industries of the Carolinas in 1950-51. He is an elder in the Shelby Presbyterian Church and a director of the First National Bank of Shelby. He was president of the Associated Dailies of North Carolina in 1961.

In 1977-78 he was president of the Greater Shelby Chamber of Commerce, served 4 years as trustee of Cleveland Memorial Hospital and two years as president of the Cleveland County Historical Museum. He was district chairman of the Boy Scouts of America in 1971 and 1972 and has served on the Executive Council of the Piedmont Council Boy Scouts from 1973 to

date. In 1974 he received the Silver Beaver Award, an outstanding Scout award. He has served 2 times on the Board of Advisors of Gardner-Webb College and at present is a member of that board. In 1965 Gov. Dan Moore appointed him to a six-year term on the North Carolina State Ports Authority.

Weathers served for three years in the U.S. Navy Reserve in World War II and was discharged a Lieutenant. In 1981-82 he served as president of the North Carolina Press Association.

On Jun. 6, 1939, Henry Lee Weathers Sr. married Lillie Taylor (b. Oct. 19, 1918 in Tarboro, N.C.). She is the daughter of James Brock Taylor, Asheville, N.C. (b. Jun. 16, 1888; d. Dec. 25, 1922) and Alice Thurston Pender of Tarboro (b. Jan. 19, 1894,--), who later married Judge Edwin Yates Webb on Oct. 29, 1928.

Henry Lee and Lillie have two children, Henry Lee Weathers Jr. (b. Feb. 19, 1945) and James Yates Weathers (b. Oct. 21, 1948). Henry Jr. married Jacqueline Greene and they have two children: Henry Lee Weathers III (Tripp) (b. Jan. 30, 1970), and Jacqueline Anne (Annie), b. Feb. 11, 1977. Henry Jr. is advertising director of *The Shelby Daily Star*.

James Yates was a reporter for five years for *The Star* and is now a freelance writer living in Charleston, S.C. Both sons attended the University of North Carolina.

During Henry Weather Sr.'s years as publisher of *The Star*, the newspaper moved into a new building, added all new machinery, and converted to offset printing. Under his leadership, the paper supported all school and hospital bond issues. He believes in the promotion of local news.

He and his wife live at 920 Elizabeth Road, Shelby.

— Henry Lee Weathers, Sr.

LEE BEAM WEATHERS

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Lee Beam Weathers (born Sept. 15, 1886; died Jan. 11, 1958) was born in the Metcalf section of Cleveland County, the son of A.P. and Octavia Nolan Weathers. He was editor and publisher of *The Shelby Daily Star* (formerly *The Cleveland Star*) for 47 years. He died suddenly of a heart attack while vacationing in Florida.

Mr. Weathers was first married to Miss Williewee Wiseman (born Aug. 5, 1886; died Aug. 22, 1937) of Danville, Va. There were three children born to this marriage; Henry Lee Weathers (born April 12, 1913); Mary Wiseman Weathers (born Aug. 1917, died Nov. 1920); and Pearl Amelia Weathers (born May 22, 1922).

Two years after the death of his first wife, his second marriage was to Mrs. Breta Noell Clary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Noell of Roxboro, N.C.

His son, Henry Lee Weathers, succeeded his father as publisher of *The Shelby Daily Star*, and his daughter Pearl, at the time of his death was associate news director for the Presbyterian Church in the U.S., based in Atlanta, Ga.



Lee B. Weathers, Author. Publisher Shelby Daily Star.

Mr. Weathers attended the Shelby public schools and was graduated 1908 at Wake Forest College where he was editor of the year-book. After 18 months of newspapering on two Charlotte newspapers, *Charlotte Observer* & *Charlotte News*, he bought stock from Clyde R. Hoey and became editor and publisher of "The Star," then a semi-weekly paper. He joined the Star on Jan. 1, 1911.

In his long career as newspaper publisher, Mr. Weathers headed various drives in Cleveland County, his most notable being for public school buildings. He also supported bond issues for hospitals and backed the movement for a county-wide system of dial telephones.

One of the paper's editorial campaigns of which he was the proudest was the successful effort to bring a municipally owned natural gas system to Shelby. He dedicated his newspaper to civic, social and religious progress and achievement for Shelby and Cleveland County. Among the projects supported by the Star during his years at its helm were: Opposition to the sale of the city's water and light plant in the 1920's; promotion of Red Cross and United Fund; the promotion of the Cleveland County

Fair. He strongly supported the establishment of a new water plant, the establishment of a city and county health unit. He promoted agriculture, better rural roads and the textile industry. He actively supported the building of rural churches and the advancement of religious activities in the county. He strongly supported Gardner-Webb College editorially and was a trustee of the college.

Mr. Weathers was president of the N.C. Press Association in 1928-29, served four consecutive terms as state senator from the 27th district (1943-1951); was president in 1937 of the Shelby Kiwanis Club of which he was a charter member when it was founded in 1914.

Gov. O. Max Gardner appointed him to the State Board of Conservation & Development in 1932 and Gov. J. Melvin Broughton reappointed him in 1942. Under Gov. Clyde R. Hoey, he served as secretary of the N.C. Railroad Commission.

In 1941, Gov. Broughton appointed him a member of the State School Board, which supervised the entire state school system. In 1948 he received the Lions Club's "Man of the

Year" award for outstanding civic service.

In 1957 Mr. Weathers wrote and published the first history of Cleveland County in a book entitled *The Living Past of Cleveland County*.

He was director of the First National Bank of Shelby, vice president of Cleveland Savings and Loan Assoc., 16 years a deacon of the First Baptist Church and chairman of its building committee. He was also a Mason. He is buried in Sunset Cemetery beside his first wife and parents.

— Henry L. Weathers, Sr.

WILLIAM THOMAS WEATHERS HIS ANCESTORS and DESCENDANTS

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Little is known of John Weathers, the great-great grandfather of William T. (Will) Weathers. He came from Danwiddie County, Virginia some time prior to the Revolutionary War and settled in what is now Gaston County. The fourth born of the thirteen children of John and his second wife, Rosa Stanberry, was Willis, born in Sussex County, Virginia in 1759 and the first Weathers to settle in what is now known as the Zion Church Community of Cleveland County. The first child of Willis and his wife, Polly Terry, was William (Billy), born in 1796, died in 1867. Squire William Weathers gave the site for the Zion Baptist Church built in 1816, and he and his wife, Cecelia Padgett are buried in the Zion Church Cemetery.

The parents of Will Weathers (March 15, 1874 — June 14, 1956) were Rufus Y. Weathers (April 7, 1830 — July 28, 1898) son of Billy Weathers, and Pantha Wilkins (1826-1892). He was their twelfth child. On January 8, 1896, he married Ossie Connor (January 15, 1876 — October 6, 1963), daughter of A.F. Connor, a Civil War Veteran, and Mary Ann Spangler. The Will Weathers farm and home were in the Union (sometimes referred to as Camp Call) section of the county. Will and Ossie are buried in the Union Baptist Church Cemetery.

To this marriage were born the following children:

Ethel (1896-1981) attended Boiling Springs High School and married J. Arthur Greene on August 21, 1917. Their home was Fort Mill, S.C., where they owned and operated the Ford automobile agency for many years.

Wilbur (1898-1970) attended Boiling Springs High School. He was owner and operator of a restaurant in Chicago for many years. Following World War II, he returned to Cleveland County and married Beuna Green Philbeck. They made Charlotte their home, where Beuna still lives.

Lawrence (1902-1904)

Mozelle (b. February 19, 1906) attended Cleveland County Public Schools and married George W. Lee, a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps, on February 19, 1931. Mozelle has been active in the Eastern Star, serving at one time as Worthy Matron. Their first child, Robert, was born in 1937 and died at the age of

two. Linda is married to Hazel Zealy, III, and they have one child, Susie. Georgeanne is married to Dean Weaver, and they have a daughter, Kelly. Tommy married Kay Wellmon; they have two sons, Todd and Eric.

Nellie (b. May 20, 1907) graduated from Lattimore High School and from Western Carolina University, with honors. She taught school in the Cleveland County School system until her retirement.

Paris (b. May 24, 1908) married Mattie Lou Johnson (see James Albert Johnson family history).

Ray (b. July 23, 1910) graduated from Lattimore High School and the University of North Carolina, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society, and received a Masters Degree in mathematics from Duke University. In July of 1947, he married Dorothy Thompson Andrews of Durham. Their daughter Kay is married to Curtis Shaw and they have a daughter, Julie.

Virgil (b. April 13, 1913) graduated from Lattimore High School and the University of North Carolina, where he and Ray roomed together for three years. Virgil was president of his senior class and also served as president of the Student body. He was an all-conference basketball player, played baseball and was awarded the Patterson medal, given annually to the outstanding student athlete in the senior class. On March 30, 1982, he was inducted into the Greater Shelby Sports Hall of Fame. Virgil and Elizabeth Hewitt of Lattimore were married September 7, 1937, and they have two daughters. Robbie married David A. Irvin of Winston-Salem, N.C. and they have two children, Alex and Elizabeth. Jane married Richard Addis of Shelby and they have a son, Rick. (See the Robert R. Hewitt family history.)

Inez (1915)

Many members of the Weathers clan have served their country, state, or county in times of peace and war. Willis Weathers saw service during the Revolutionary War. In the year

1841, the home of William (Billy) Weathers was used in setting up the organization for government of the new county and for holding Superior Court terms until the county seat was located. Rufus Weathers served as a second lieutenant during the War between the States. Paris, Ray, and Virgil Weathers all served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Paris was stationed in the Pacific at Pearl Harbor. Ray was a fighter director officer on the aircraft carriers *Enterprise* and *Bon Homme Richard* and was honorably discharged as a lieutenant commander. Virgil was a Beachmaster in the landings of Normandy and Okinawa and was honorably discharged as a lieutenant, senior grade.

Interesting facts in the family history must include a note about A.F. Connor, father of Ossie Connor Weathers. When he married Mary Ann Spangler in 1866, he followed the customs of the times and, as the groom, arranged a bond guaranteeing that he would not leave the bride waiting at the altar. The bond was signed by J.J. McMurry of Shelby, who was the father of former mayor, S.S. McMurry and Avery W. McMurry. A.F. Connor, one of the survivors of the Civil War, was born November 27, 1846, and died at the age of ninety-three.

Surviving Will and Ossie Weathers are three sons, two daughters, ten grandchildren, and twelve great-grandchildren. One granddaughter lives in California, two granddaughters and two great-granddaughters live in Texas, but the great majority are in North Carolina. To all, home is Cleveland County.

Sources: Family records, Newspaper articles, County records.

— Virgil S. Weathers



Center: Will T. and Ossie C. Weathers; Others, L to R: Ray, Paris, Mozelle, Ethel, Wilbur, Virgil, Nellie.

WILLIS WEATHERS

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John Weathers (or Withers), father of Willis Weathers, was among the first settlers who arrived in the Cleveland and Rutherford counties section of North Carolina before the Revolutionary War.

Little is known of John Weathers, or his descendants, for the next two generations. This is the first Weathers on which there is some record, in this line of the Weathers family. The following is all that has been obtained on this line to date.

John Weathers came from Danwiddie County, Virginia, and settled a few hundred yards east of where Long Creek Baptist Church now stands in what is now Gaston County. He was twice married, first to a Miss Foreman, and second to a Miss Rosa Stanberry. It was by his second wife that he reared a large family. Willis Weathers was one of 13 children by John Weathers and Rosa Stanberry.

Willis Weathers married Polly Terry and was the first Weathers to settle in what is now known as the Zion Church Community, Cleveland County, North Carolina. He lived some 200 or 300 feet north of the William (Billy) Weathers "old home" near Zion Baptist Church. It is said that the mother-in-law (Mrs. Terry) of Willis Weathers lived with him and died there and was the first person buried in the Weathers Graveyard, now known as the Wellmon Graveyard, near the Billy Weathers "old home place".

Willis Weathers, his mother-in-law (Mrs. Terry), his wife and his daughter all are buried in the Wellmon Graveyard. A government headstone now marks the grave of Willis Weathers.

The only date known about Willis Weathers and Polly Terry is that Willis was born March 29, 1759.

Willis and Polly Weathers had five children as follows:

William (Billy) Weathers, (born 1796, died 1867), married Cecelia Padgett, (born 8 Aug. 1801, died 26 Feb. 1896). Both are buried in the Zion Baptist Church graveyard, Cleveland County. Very little is known about the other children, who are Willis Weathers, Jr.; Rebecca Weathers, who married William Wellmon; Isham Weathers; a daughter whose name is unknown and another daughter who died young.

— Henry L. Weathers, Sr.

CARL RAY WEBB

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Carl Ray was b. November 3, 1908. In his family it is remembered as the day Taft was elected President. His heritage goes back to Cleveland County's beginning and before.

His paternal great grandfather David Christopher Webb m. Eliza Jane Alexander, the first child born in Cleveland County. (see Eliza Jane Alexander history). His great great grandparents, James Franklin Wray and his wife Elizabeth, emigrated from England, (see John Stanhope Wray history).

Charles Manly Webb, the oldest child of

David and Eliza, was b. July 11, 1860 d. April 24, 1951 m. Sarah Agnes Oates b. January 1, 1861 d. October 25, 1926. "Paw Paw" to his grandchildren, Mr. Charlie, as he was generally known, was a merchant and had a store on the "Courtsquare" on LaFayette Street. Charlie and Agnes had four children: Carl Rush b. September 8, 1884 d. September 22, 1963; Birdie b. September 31, 1889 d. June 1, 1960; D.C. b. June 9, 1894 d. July 31, 1894; Mary Agnes b. July 3, 1899 d. May 29, 1979. This family is buried in the Wray-Austin plot in Sunset Cemetery.

Carl Rush Webb and Mary Ella (Mayme) Wray, b. January 28, 1887 d. July 29, 1979, m. September 24, 1906 in a ceremony at the home of her parents. Carl Ray was their only child. During their marriage, Carl Rush was General Agent for Atlantic Life Insurance Company of Richmond, Virginia. Later, he was General Agent of Western North Carolina for Pilot Life Insurance Company.

After his parents divorced, February 5, 1924, Carl Ray lived with his maternal grandparents. It was his loved "Ma" and "Pa" who formed his character and instilled in him the values he was to keep all his life. He graduated from Shelby High School and attended Bailey Military Institute in Greenwood, South Carolina and North Carolina State in Raleigh.

In 1930 Carl Ray joined Pilot Life Insurance Company and was a field representative for forty-three years. He had a business reputation of honesty and integrity. An unpretentious man he had friends in all walks of life and was beloved "Papa" to his five grandchildren.

As were his grandfathers Charles Webb and John Wray, Carl Ray was a Mason. He was a member of Cleveland Lodge 202 AF and AM, a York Rite Mason, member of LaFayette Chapter No. 27, Shelby Commandery No. 36, a Shriner and a member of Oasis Temple.

He was a veteran of World War II, a member of Warren Hoyle American Legion Post, a charter member of Shelby BPOE 1709 and North Lake Club and a Rotarian.

After a three week illness Carl Ray died of acute leukemia on June 30, 1973. Masonic rites were administered at graveside services on July 3.

On July 31, 1932 Carl Ray m. Virginia Hoyle, a daughter of Martin Luther and Idona Hendricks of Lincolnton, North Carolina. She is a direct descendant of pioneer Peiter Heyl b. May 17, 1710 d. November 1, 1776 m. April 10, 1714 in Spandau, a suburb of Berlin, Germany, Catherine Dales b. April 7, 1730 d. June 7, 1787.

Peiter and Catherine sailed from Rotterdam, Netherlands on the ship "Robert and Alice" landing at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 11, 1738. Jurgen Heyl the great, great grandfather of Peiter m. Gertrant Buschler September 21, 1597 in Nikolai Kirche, a Lutheran Church, in Spandau.

Virginia a graduate of St. Mary's College in Raleigh, is a sustaining member and past president of the Junior Charity League. She served as president of Graham School Parent Teaching Association and the Shelby Council of Parent Teacher Associations.

She is a charter member of the Cleveland

Historical Association, has served two terms on the executive board of United Way, is a member of Reviewers Book Club, Triple Deck Bridge Club and North Lake Club. She continues to live in the family home on Woodside Drive.

Carl Ray and Virginia had two sons: Carl Ray Jr. and Walter Hoyle.

Source: Family Records, Peiter Heyl Genealogy

— Virginia Hoyle Webb
and Lynne Ray Webb

CARL RAY, JR. and WALTER HOYLE WEBB

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Commodore Carl Ray Webb, Jr. is the first native of Cleveland County to attain flag rank. He is also the first supply officer to be selected commodore since World War II, and was the first supply officer to serve on the *USS Nimitz*, the largest combatant vessel ever constructed, when she was commissioned in May, 1975.

He is currently assigned to Naval Supply Systems Command in Washington, D.C. Before this assignment he was commanding officer of the Fleet Material Support Office in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Commodore Webb attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill as a midshipman in the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps. He graduated in 1955 with an AB degree and entered the supply corps. He also received an MA degree in logistics management from the Air Force Institute of Technology.

His awards include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Navy "E" Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal.

Always an achiever, he was an Eagle Scout, and in high school a marshal, a member of the National Honor Society, Latin Club and Forensic Club. He won several state awards for declamation. Our home echoed to the sound of Poe's "Quoth the Raven-Nevermore."

Commodore Webb was b. July 17, 1933 in Shelby Hospital to Carl Ray and Virginia Webb. He m. Elizabeth Nina (Peg) Pearce, September 7, 1963, in a ceremony at the home of her parents, Lawrence and Louise Pearce, in Ponte Vedra, Florida. Peg was b. January 8, 1941.

Their children; (1) Louise Kendall Webb, b. August 21, 1966, in the Navy Hospital Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. (2) Kevin Wray b.



Judge Edwin Yates Webb

September 30, 1967 in Childrens Hospital, Philadelphia. (3) Lawrence Keith Webb b. February 25, 1971 in the Navy Hospital, Subic Bay, Phillipine Islands.

Walter Hoyle Webb is a man of strong character. A quadriplegic for over ten years, he has met multiple tragedies and challenges and faced them with a courage and determination which has earned the pride and admiration of his family and friends from all over the United States.

His very promising career came to an abrupt halt on November 13, 1971 when he was in an automobile accident in Stonington, Connecticut resulting in paralysis and loss of feeling from the neck down.

Walter, the second son of Carl Ray and Virginia was b. February 25, 1936 in Shelby Hospital. He graduated from Shelby High School in 1954 and immediately joined the Army. He was assigned to Evans Signal Laboratory at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey where he was a cryptography specialist.

After separation from the army he entered North Carolina State University, graduating in 1960 with a BS degree in engineering mathematics. That same year, he accepted a position with VITRO Laboratories in Silver Springs, Maryland where he began work in the Fleet Ballistic Missile program.

Walter joined Control Data in June 1964 and was assigned to Fleet Ballistic Missile Submarine Training Center at the Charleston Navy Base, as a field engineer installing Polaris-Poseidon training equipment.

During the years of this assignment Walter and family lived on Sullivan's Island and in Hobcaw, east of the Cooper River. Here, he indulged his love of fishing, and often joined his father for happy days of angling at Santee-Cooper. In June 1971, he was transferred by Control Data to the training center at the New London, Connecticut Navy Base.

Walter has a Plato terminal, installed by Control Data, in his home in Shelby. It has a special keyboard which he operates, by touch, with one finger of his right hand. It affords him great pleasure and allows him communication with the home office in Minneapolis and with other disabled employees throughout the nation.

On March 2, 1957 Walter m. Margie Helen Elmore, daughter of Ralph and Cordelia Elmore. She was b. January 24, 1939 in Rutherford County. Margie d. January 17, 1976 of cancer.

They had two children: (1) Walter Hoyle Webb, Jr. b. September 22, 1959 in Shelby Hospital; (2) Lynne Ray Webb b. April 16, 1962 in Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C. Lynne Ray was the first daughter born in the Webb family in 63 years.

Source: Personal family history.

— Virginia Hoyle Webb

JUDGE EDWIN YATES WEBB

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Judge Edwin Yates Webb was born in Shelby, N.C., May 23, 1872. He was a grandson of James Milton Webb (born Oct. 7, 1802, died



Judge Edwin Yates Webb, 1872-1955

April 24, 1854), and Nancy Hamilton. James Milton Webb founded and was the first pastor of the First Baptist Church in Shelby.

The parents of Edwin Yates Webb were George M. Webb, (born 1831, died 1917) and Priscilla Jane Blanton (born 1833, died 1901). His father also was a Baptist minister and to this union were born 6 children; George Milton Webb, Jr.; Ralph Lamar; Charles S.; James Lamar; Edna (Mrs. Darwin) and Edwin Yates.

After graduation from the public schools, he attended Wake Forest College (1889-1893). He received the Doctor of Laws degree from the University of North Carolina in 1894, an honorary Doctor of Law degree from Davidson College (1918) and Wake Forest College in 1920. He was chairman of the board of trustees of Wake Forest College and served a number of years as trustee.

On Nov. 15, 1894, he married Willie Frank Simmons (born May 8, 1873) of Wake Forest. They had 4 children; Elizabeth Yates (1903-1981); Edwin Yates Jr. (1904-1978); Priscilla Jane (1907-1908); and William Yates (1910-).

His wife, Willie Simmons, was a member of the United Daughters of the Confederacy; a charter member of the Cecelia Music Club; founder of the Benjamin Cleveland Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. She

died of cancer November 17, 1923.

Judge Webb was elected to the State Senate in 1900 and to the United States House of Representatives in 1902 where he served for 17 years (1903-1919). He co-sponsored the 18th Amendment, The Webb-Kenyon Bill, and the Webb-Pomerene Act which permitted domestic exporters to combine in marketing activities abroad to compete more efficiently with foreign cartels without violating the anti-trust pact.

Other bills in Congress for which he was responsible were the bill providing \$30,000 for the construction of the monument at the Kings Mountain Battleground; chartered the Boy Scouts of America; required patented medicines to indicate the narcotic and alcoholic content on the label and protected certain rights in the Soldiers and Sailors Civil Relief Act of 1918.

During 1914-1918 Congressman Webb was chairman of the powerful House Judiciary Committee. President Woodrow Wilson gave him major responsibility for pushing the legislation necessary to recognize certain departments and to eliminate the red tape that was hampering the war efforts. Impressed by his loyalty, integrity and ability, President Wilson appointed Congressman Webb, his close

friend and advisor, Judge of the Western District Court of North Carolina, and he took office Nov. 11, 1919.

On Oct. 28, 1928, Judge Webb married Mrs. Alice Thurston Pender Taylor (b. Jan. 29, 1894) of Tarboro, widow of Captain James Brock Taylor (1888-1922) of Asheville. She was educated at Peace College, Raleigh, N.C., and at Gunston Hall, Washington, D.C., where she was a member of Kappa Delta Sorority.

Mrs. Webb was on the original planning committee for the new Shelby Presbyterian Church in 1949. In 1956 a group of ladies interested in forming a hospital auxiliary met with the hospital administrator, Mr. George Laycock, at the home of Mrs. Webb and plans were formulated for the present Shelby Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Webb continues her husband's interest and support of the Boy Scouts, is active in her church, several social clubs and the 20th Century Book Club. She resides at her home, 331 S. Washington St., Shelby.

Judge Webb had 3 grandchildren, Edwin Yates III and William Eugene by Edwin Yates Jr. and Ruth Pearce Webb. Also, Shirley Jane (Mrs. Moses McCall) by William Y. and Laura Mae Webb. The widow of Edwin Webb, Joan Haygood Webb, now lives in Gastonia. He also had 2 stepchildren, James Brock Taylor Jr. (1920-) who married Anne Royster (1927-), (see James Brock Taylor Jr.) and Annie Lillian Taylor (1918-) who married Henry Lee Weathers (1913-), (see Henry Lee Weathers Sr.), both of whom live in Shelby, N.C.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Shelby and was especially interested in Boiling Springs Junior College where he served as a trustee 1936-1945, and 1951-1955. He was chairman of the board of trustees in June 1942 when the college changed its name to Gardner-Webb College in honor of these two outstanding Cleveland County families.

Judge Webb liked people, jokes, bridge, golf, red ties, & red roses.

Portraits of Judge Webb were presented by the District Bar Association to the District

Court of Appeal in Charlotte (Jan. 8, 1940); by the Cleveland County Bar Association to the Federal Court in Shelby (March 17, 1948); and to Gardner-Webb College at a testimonial banquet honoring him on his 80th birthday, May 23, 1952. He was elected to the Cleveland County Hall of Fame in 1976.

Edwin Yates Webb died from heart failure on Feb. 7, 1955 while visiting in Wilmington, N.C. He is buried in the family's plot in Shelby's Sunset Cemetery. He was survived by his children, Elizabeth Yates; Edwin Yates, Jr.; and William Yates; by three grandchildren, Edwin Yates III, William Eugene, and Shirley Jane Webb McCall; and by his widow, Mrs. Alice Pender Taylor Webb and his two stepchildren, 6 step grand children, and 2 step great grandchildren.

Sources: *Asheville Citizen Times*; *Biographical Directories of the American Congress — 1774-1971*; *Bryson City Times*; *Charlotte Observer*; *Cleveland Star/Shelby Daily Star*; *Cleveland Times*; *Lengthened Shadows* a history of Gardner-Webb College, by Francis B. Dedmond; *News and Observer*; *Congressional Directory* 1904, 1919; *The Living Past of Cleveland County*, by Lee B. Weathers.

— William Y. Webb
and Mrs. Edwin Yates Webb

EDWIN YATES WEBB, JR. and PRISCILLA WEBB

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Edwin, the elder of the two sons of Judge Edwin Yates Webb, Senior, and Willie Simmons Webb, was born in Wake Forest, North Carolina, on October 13, 1904. After graduation from Shelby High School (1922) and North Carolina State College in Raleigh (1926), he took postgraduate work in electrical engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Edwin was employed by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company (1928-1944) as a communications engineer in Atlanta, Georgia. Employment elsewhere as section chiefs of communications and electronics included the War Production Board (1944-1945); the Office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Washington, District of Columbia (1945-

1946); the Department of Commerce (1946-1948); the Technical Industrial Intelligence Committee, with much travel in Germany (1947); and the Federal Civil Defense Administration (1948) until he retired.

Edwin built the first wireless in Cleveland County. He was the author of the *The Origin of Harmonic Frequencies in Vacuum Tube Circuits* (1945), and *The Origin of the Universe and the Secret of Light and Magnetism* (1951). He received several patents on voice communications, the most important of which is known as "scramblers."

He was a member of Tau Beta Pi. After graduation from college, he married Ruth Pearce of Rocky Mount, North Carolina in 1926. They had two children, Edwin Yates III and William Eugene. Several years later he and Ruth were divorced.

Edwin III married and had three children: Eileen, Michael and Stephen. They live in California.

William Eugene married Donna Ann Schelkin in 1965 and then lived in California, childless. He also was an electrical engineer. He died in 1973 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Edwin Yates Webb, Junior, married Joan Rucker, of Gastonia, in February 1966, and moved there. He died of cirrhosis of the liver on April 3, 1978. He is buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Priscilla, the younger daughter of Judge Edwin Yates Webb and Willie Simmons Webb, was born in Shelby in 1907. She died in 1908, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: *The Georgetown* (Washington, D.C., Nov. 30 — Dec. 6, 1981), page 1: "Miss Elizabeth Webb." Personal knowledge, and interviews with her husband, Roy Veatch.

Sources: *International Blue Book of World Notables*; *The Gaston Independent* (Gastonia, N.C., March 13, 1969), p. 1: "Webb's Universe."; *The Cleveland Times* (Shelby, N.C. Aug. 1, 1967), p. 1: "Webb's Legacy; Former Shelbiana Has Lived Full Life."; Personal knowledge and interviews with his wife, Joan.

— William Y. Webb

ELIZABETH YATES WEBB

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Elizabeth Yates Webb, the oldest of the four children of Judge Edwin Yates Webb, Senior, and Willie Simmons Webb, was born in Wake Forest, North Carolina, on February 9, 1903. After graduation from Shelby High School, she attended and was graduated from Brenau College, Gainesville, Georgia (1925), where she majored in history. She took postgraduate work at the University of California at Los Angeles.

Elizabeth was deeply interested in improving race relations, especially in the South. While attending an inter-racial conference at Duke University in 1927 she met Roy Veatch, from Eugene, Oregon. They had similar interests, and were married in August 1927. Both received their Doctor of Philosophy Degrees from the Robert Brookings Graduate School for Government and Economics (now the Brookings Institution) in Washington, District of Columbia, in 1929.

For several years Elizabeth worked with the Young Women's Christian Association, and other organizations, in efforts to improve race



"Shelby Dynasty": L to R: Governor O. Max Gardner, Judge James L. Webb, Judge Edwin Yates Webb, Senator Clyde R. Hoey.

relations. Then she accepted an offer from Vassar College, in Poughkeepsie, New York, to teach American and European history.

In 1947 Elizabeth began the operation of The Early American Shop, which was, and is, one of the best antique stores in the Washington Metropolitan area.

Her husband, Roy Veatch — she retained her maiden name — worked for several years as an economist in the State Department; taught political science at Princeton University; became interested in real estate; and now operates Period Houses in Washington. It specializes in large American and foreign estates.

Elizabeth and her husband had no children. She died from influenza and heart complications on October 22, 1981, and is buried in Sunset Cemetery.

Sources: *The Georgetown* (Washington, D.C., November 30 — Dec. 6, 1981); "Miss Elizabeth Webb."; Personal knowledge, and interviews with her husband, Roy Veatch.

— William Y. Webb

**ELIZA JANE ALEXANDER
WEBB, CLEVELAND COUNTY'S
FIRST BORN**

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Eliza Jane Alexander, the first child born in Cleveland County, was born in Sandy Run, December 4, 1841; the year the county was created.

She was the daughter of Gabriel Alexander, born August 8, 1807, and Sarah Elizabeth Hambright, born July 18, 1818 who were married December 10, 1840. The grandfather of Eliza, Colonel Frederick Hambright, fought in The Battle of Kings Mountain.

Eliza Jane married David Christopher Webb, a leading merchant and farmer, born January 16, 1831 at Beaver Dam. The marriage took place in Shelby May 24, 1859 at the home of Reverend Thomas Dixon. To this union were born eleven children: Charles Manly (1860-1951), Sarah Martha (1862-1888), Louisa Adaline (1864-1865), Mary Elizabeth (1866-1942), Fannie Laura (1868-1935), Alexander Hatcher (1870-1941), Lawrence Cleveland (1872-1917), Thomas Paul (1874-1945), Catharine Rebecca (1877-1940), Peggy Corene (1879-1922), Selma Caroline (1883-1959).

David Webb died May 7, 1893. Eliza lived forty one years longer. She was a faithful member of The First Baptist Church and the senior member of a family in which five generations were living. Members of her family were always active in the religious, civic, social and business life of the community.

She died August 14, 1934 at the age of 92 in the home built by her husband, and where all her children were born. This house is presently The Lutz Austell Funeral Home on West Marion Street.

A maternity ward at The Shelby Hospital was donated by her son, Hatcher Webb, in her memory.

Sources: Shelby newspapers, Cleveland County Court House records

— Estelle C. Webb
and Anne W. Duncan



Eula Jane Cline and Emilius Lee Webb. Wedding day, January 26, 1905, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Franklin Cline.

EMILIUS LEE WEBB FAMILY

1095

Emilius Lee Webb was born April 9, 1875 in Cleveland County, North Carolina. He was a descendant of Henry Webb who was born May 15, 1350 in Warsickshire, England.

Henry's great grandson William Webb was Lord of London under Henry VIII. His great, great grandson John Alexander Webb was born January 16, 1472, and became known as Sir John. His daughter Mary Webb and her husband John Shakespeare were the parents of William Shakespeare the famous English dramatist.

In 1629 Alexander Webb came to America. His sons Richard, Christopher, William and Henry came with him. Two children Elizabeth and John remained in England. The son William was called the Merchant of Norfolk, Virginia. William Webb's grandson, also named William, was born May 1, 1745. He moved from Virginia to Rutherford County, North Carolina.

William Webb's great, great grandson John McWebb (father of Emilius Lee Webb) was born in 1877 and died October 26, 1909. He was married to Amanda Elvira Weathers. She was born November 9, 1848 and died Septem-

ber 19, 1918. They had four sons: George, Emilius Lee, John Thomas and David Christopher. Two daughters: Theodocia (Mrs. Cicero Lutz) and Margaret (Mrs. Hoyle Alexander). The first Celveland County Court was held in their house in 1841.

Emilius Lee Webb married Eula Jane Cline, who was born December 25, 1878 in Cleveland County, North Carolina. Her parents were John Franklin Cline and Mary Elizabeth Hoyle Cline. She is now 103 years old.

Three of their children live in Hickory, North Carolina. They are Mrs. Philip Graham Menzies (Grace), Mrs. Charles William Burns (Mary Ruth), Emilius Lee Webb, Jr. (Married Dorothy Beam). Another son, John Cline Webb lives in Shelby, North Carolina. He is married to Elizabeth Lamar Gidney.

Emilius Lee Webb was a good, kind and honest man. He was a member of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, North Carolina, and a member of Cleveland Masonic Lodge. He was in the hardware business in Cherryville, North Carolina. For a short time he farmed at Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He was Cleveland County's first tax collector, retiring from this office in 1945 after fourteen years. He was vice-president and agent for Mutual Fire Insurance Association of Cleveland County.

He died July 23, 1968 at the age of 93 and is buried in Sunset Cemetery, Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Research by Cleveland County Historian Robert S. Gidney, Sr.

— Elizabeth Gidney Webb

LORANZO DOW WEBB FAMILY 1096

Loranzo Dow Webb (b. 1807) married Martha "Patsy" Irvin, daughter of the Revolutionary soldier, James Irvin and wife Rebecca Hardin Irvin.

Loranzo Dow owned a large farm near Beaver Dam, Cleveland County. His old log house stood for many years on the land that is now occupied by the Union Carbide Plant. The log house had four rooms down stairs with sleeping quarters upstairs. Two large chimneys stood at each end of the house. The basement or "cellar" as they called it was underneath the building. The kitchen was separate from the house.

During the Civil War the Webb family heard that a large number of soldiers were camping near Shelby. The family worked hard and fast to hide all their valuables so that they would not be stolen by the "Yankee" soldiers. The valuables were all stored in the cellar. The steps leading into the cellar were covered with planks and straw and a pen enclosed the covered area. Here they put their young geese. This was called the "goslin pen". Their valuables were never found by the soldiers since they did not wish to bother the geese, however, they went all through the house destroying everything in their path. The chest of drawers that was battered by the soldiers is owned by a great granddaughter.

Loranzo Dow and "Patsy" Martha were the parents of twelve children, seven boys and six girls. Each of the six girls had "line" to their names. Aleline married Bill Pruett; Emaline married Elijah Hamrick; Caroline married Hosea H. Harrill; Roseline married Joe Quinn; Louise Eveline and her sister Eliza Aveline never married. They always talked about how their "sweethearts" were killed in the Civil War.

The six boys were John G., David C., James I., Ansel J., Loranzo D., and Franklin W.

The two sisters, that never married, remained at the home place. Life was not easy for them. The water was carried from a spring some distance away from the house. They would help cut and haul wood to burn in the large fireplaces. The kitchen had a large fireplace where they cooked in iron pots and pans which hung over the fire. The little cast iron stove that stood in the corner of the kitchen was seldom used. The great grandchildren enjoyed visiting their great aunts. The ovens on the hearth were most always steaming with cornbread, sweet potatoes and chicken pie.

The two sisters would walk two miles to Beaver Dam Church. In the summer they were dressed in long black skirts, white blouses, poke bonnet hats and carried large palm leaf fans. In the winter, for warmth, they wore their homemade wool petticoats.

Their favorite story was about a young lady from the north who came to visit them. The

lady was a "society gal that talked proper." She said to their father, Loranzo Dow, "Well, Mr. Webb, I presume that you are anticipating a nice time at the revival tonight." Their father had no idea what those big words, "presume" and "anticipating" meant so he just said the biggest word that he knew, "constantinople be god mam".

Loranzo Dow and his wife "Patsy" Irvin Webb are buried in the Beaver Dam Baptist Church Cemetery.

— Mrs. John S. Blanton

ROBERT WEBB FAMILY 1097

Robert Webb born CA 1750-60 VA d. 30 October 1843, Rutherford County North Carolina, m. 1776 (first wife thought to have been Milly Clirton but not proven). m. second 30 April 1824 Rutherford County, Margaret (Peggy) Roach.

Issue — 1st wife: Clinton Webb, b. 1778 N.C. d. 1862 Milton County, Fulton, Georgia, m. 1802 Rutherford County, NC, Christina Robinson. Elisha Webb, b. 1780 N.C. d. CA 1845 Dallas County, Alabama, m. Malinda Sorrell, daughter of John Sorrell; Robert Webb, b. 1784, m. Nancy Sorrell daughter of John Sorrell; Edith Webb b. 1784 N.C. d. 9 November 1855 Rutherford County, m. 2 August 1800, Rutherford County, NC, Jacob Magness, son of Benjamin Magness. Both buried Concord Baptist Church Cemetery; Temperance (Tempy) Webb, b. 1785 NC, d. after 1860 Spartanburg County, SC, m. Charles Hill; Delila Webb, b. 1787 Rutherford County, d. 1 July 1867 Cleveland County, NC, m. 1801 David McBrayer. Both buried McBrayer Cemetery, Cleveland County; Helty Webb, b. 1790 Rutherford County, d. 1857 Ashville, St. Clair County, Alabama, m. 19 September 1808 Rutherford County to Richard Goode, son of Edward Goode and Mary (Polly) Turpin; Jeremiah, b. 15 Sept. 1791 Rutherford County, d. 19 December 1869 White County, Tenn., m. 19 January 1809 Rutherford County to Sarah Copeland. Both buried Mt. Pisgah Church Cemetery, White County. Jeremiah was a Methodist minister; Druscilla, b. Rutherford County, m. 24 August 1819 Rutherford County to Samuel Aspey (Espey); Didima, b. 1797 Rutherford County, d. 1865 Ningold, Georgia, m. Joseph Weir; Alfred b. 1 February 1800, Rutherford County, d. 7 October 1883 Dawson County, Georgia, m. Arabelle Hill. Alfred was a Baptist minister in Rutherford County and moved to Georgia CA 1843; James Milton, b. 2 October 1802 Rutherford County, d. 24 April 1854 Rutherford County, m. (1) Katherine White, (2) Nancy Hampton 3 May 1849, Rutherford County. James Milton was a Baptist minister in Rutherford County, his son George Webb was a Baptist minister in Cleveland County; Sarah (Sally) b. 1803 in Rutherford County, m. 28 November 1822, Rutherford County to Robert Kincaid; Jesse J. b. 11 January 1825 Rutherford County, d. 25 November 1855 Rutherford County, m. Mary Burge; Malinda, b. 1827 Rutherford County, m. (1) Rodney Toms, m.

(2) 22 July 1845 Rutherford County to Jacob Shuford.

The children of Delila Webb (6th child of Robert and Milly Clinton Webb) and David McBrayer are as follows: Edith, b. April 19, 1816, North Carolina, d. November 13, 1876 buried McBrayer Cemetery, Cleveland County, m. W.B. Stroud son of Thomas Stroud; David b. 6 February 1820, North Carolina, moved west; Reuben Hill, b. February 11, 1824, d. January 6, 1896, m. Elizabeth Stroud; Martha, m. August 12, 1931 Rutherford County to Noah Weeds; Milly McBrayer; William b. 7 January 1805 Rutherford County, m. 24 June 1831 to Druscilla McIntier, moved to Georgia; Loicy, b. October 1, 1801, d. February 3, 1890 Rutherford County. Buried Concord Church Cemetery, m. September 19, 1820 Rutherford County to Housan Harrill b. April 19, 1798, d. November 10, 1887; Narcissia McBrayer; Robert, b. 1803, d. June 30, 1884 buried McBrayer Cemetery, Cleveland County, m. Francis Harrill, b. June 6, 1815, d. January 23, 1911, 10 March 1831 Rutherford County; Elisha, b. 17 July 1818 North Carolina, m. Juliette Stroud; Margaret, b. 1809 North Carolina, m. August 4, 1829 Rutherford County to Reuben Hill; James, m. Susannah Harrill.

Reuben Hill b. 1764 York County, South Carolina, d. July 25, 1858 Damson County, Georgia, m. Margaret McBrayer (11th child of Delila Webb and David McBrayer). Issue — Asaph b. 15 March 1804, d. before 1860, m. January 7, 1830 to Martha Hudlow; David McBrayer, b. May 1, 1795, d. June 10, 1895 Damson County, Georgia; William, d. 1871 Etawah County, Alabama; Arabella, b. January 1, 1798, d. June 3, 1879 Damson County, m. Rev. Alfred Webb; Martha, m. Lewis J. Ledbetter; Abel, m. August 30, 1925 to Druscilla Mooney; Lillian Delila, m. Thomas Jefferson Evans, moved to Texas; Bellreal, m. John Webb; Reuben Nathaniel, moved to Texas.

William McBrayer (6th child of Delila Webb and David McBrayer) and Druscilla McIntier were living in 1843 in Haheshem County, Georgia. Their daughter Leah m. Sameul Harrill, Jr., daughter Mary Louise Harrill m. John Audley Martin, daughter Cara Marin m. Henry Grady Withrow.

James Madison Toms was the son Malinda Webb (15th child of Robert and Milly Clinton Webb) and Rodney Toms. Rodney died 1844, Rutherford County. Malinda m. Jacob Shuford in 1845. James Madison was reared by his Uncle Charles French Toms. James m. (1) Barbara Chesey, (2) Miss Wray from Cleveland County, (3) Missiuri Carpenter, daughter of James Hine Carpenter. James Madison lived in Burcombe County, North Carolina, on the old Asheville Highway. His children were: Mary, Herbert, Batu, James, Blanche m. C.B. Justice, Eila m. J.R. Dover, founder of the Dover Textile Mills, Shelby, Cleveland County, North Carolina.

James Milton (12th child of Robert and Milly Clinton Webb) m. (1) Katherine White, d. 3 September 1848, age 39, m. (2) Nancy Hampton. Children by first wife Katherine White were: George, m. April 16, 1851, Rutherford County, Pruscilla J. Blanton; Sherod, b. 1834, m. 9 February 1854 Rutherford County, m.

Druscilla Haney; Toliner Davis, b. 1835; A.D. b. 1837; Charlotte, b. 1838; Elizabeth, b. 1840; D. Lewis, b. 1843; Wade, b. 1845; Jason, b. 1846; James Pinkney, b. 1831, m. 22 November 1849 Rutherford County to Malinda H. Whitesides.

By second wife, Nancy Hampton, children were: Julius, b. 1849; Catherine b. 1850. All of the above were born in North Carolina.

James Milton Webb was a Baptist minister at Mountain Creek Baptist Church. His brother Alfred was also a minister (1824-1837) at the same church. James Milton was editor of the *Rutherford Intelligence* 1842-43. He was elected to the General Assembly when 26 years of age and represented Rutherford County in the House for the terms of 1828-30-31. He served as clerk of the Superior Court (data from "History of Mountain Creek Baptist Church" and "History of Rutherford County").

George Milton Webb (1st child of James Milton and Katherine White Webb) m. Priscilla J. Blanton. Their children were: James L., b. November 12, 1853, d. October 1, 1930, m. 1878 K.L. (Kansas) Andrews; Edwin Yates, m. Willie Simmons; George, m. Ida Cox; Dara, m. Sammey Alexander; Edna, m. John Darwin.

James L. Webb, son of George Milton and Priscilla Blanton Webb, was born November 12, 1853, d. October 1, 1930, m. 1878 Kansas, to Lane Andrews, daughter of Dr. W.P. Andrews, Shelby, North Carolina. One of their children was Faye Lamar, b. September 7, 1885, d. 1968, m. 6 November 1907 to O. Max Gardner and their children were: Margaret Love, m. N.E. Bugess; James Webb; Ralph Webb; O. Max, Jr.; Madge, m. Riley.

Sources: Estate records, census books, family data & Bible, cemetery — church records.

— Ms. Velvo Chaney



Thomas Paul Webb, Sr.

THE THOMAS PAUL and ALMA McBRAYER WEBB

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Named for two apostles, Thomas Paul Webb was born August 30, 1874 in Shelby, North Carolina; son of Eliza Jane Alexander

and David Christopher Webb. His early schooling was in Shelby schools and Bell's Military Academy.

In 1898 he graduated in The University of North Carolina's first pharmacy class. Paul began his business career in the employ of McBrayer and Wilson Drug Company of Shelby, one of the oldest drug stores in the area. The store was founded by Victor McBrayer, M.D., who received his pharmacy license from The North Carolina Board February 19, 1891. In 1901 Paul Webb married Dr. McBrayer's daughter, Alma Gray, and in 1902 purchased the store.

They had one child, Thomas Paul Webb, Jr., born June 8, 1902. Paul Jr. entered into partnership with his father in 1924 and the business was operated as Paul Webb and Son. The younger Mr. Webb was a graduate of The University of North Carolina, and prior to his professional training he received his education in Shelby, and at Virginia Military Institute. He married Anne Estelle Clark of Hertford County in June 1926. They were the parents of a daughter, Mrs. Hugh Monroe (Anne Taylor) Duncan, and a son, Thomas Paul Webb III.

Paul Sr. built up one of the largest and most extensive drug businesses in this section of the state. The store carried a large and complete stock of drugs, paint, oils, and field and garden seeds. It was said that no one ever left his store without the medicine prescribed or needed, money or no money, and that he went out of his way to alleviate suffering.

Holt McPherson, former managing editor of *The Shelby Daily Star*, labeled him "golden-hearted Paul, a spreader of happiness, a dispeller of gloom; no one was a stranger to him." Dr. Zeno Wall called Webb "the friendliest man I ever knew." He was known as "Whistlin' Paul" because he always whistled in his walks around the square, and greeted people with "Hi roota-toot" or "raggity". He was a one man Chamber of Commerce. His cheery greeting to everybody, regardless of class or standing, was one of the hallmarks of the city.

He served as mayor of Shelby during World War I. Among other contributions, he was Vice-president of The Shelby Creamery, Director of The First National Bank, Deacon of The First Baptist Church, a Vice-President of the North Carolina Pharmaceutical Association, President of The Kiwanis Club, and because of his genuine interest in people, served as a member of Governor Clyde R. Hoey's Hospitality Committee.

He died January 5, 1945 in Shelby. After the death of his son, Paul Webb Jr., January 7, 1960, a very appropriate tribute was written by Edward Kemper in the *Kiwanis Bulletin*:

"Paul Webb Sr. and Paul Webb, Jr. — they go together in my memory. Like the water in a river, it is the same water loud and fast in the rapids and slow and quiet in the deep places. Paul Sr. never met a stranger — always with a smile, a whistle, and a greeting to everyone on the street, an ambassador of good will and a fond memory to those who knew him. Paul Jr., quiet and reserved, yet a wonderful person. Long association sitting beside him for years at Kiwanis will always be a pleasant memory to me."

Sources: Family records, Shelby newspapers

— Estelle C. Webb
and Anne W. Duncan

THOMAS PAUL and ALMA McBRAYER WEBB

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Alma McBrayer Webb was born August 15, 1881 in Shelby, North Carolina, first daughter of Dr. Victor McBrayer and Esther Jane Suttle McBrayer.

She attended Shelby schools and graduated from Converse College in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

Following her graduation she taught school for one year, and married Thomas Paul Webb, June 27, 1901. She was the mother of one son, Thomas Paul Webb, Jr.; and grandmother of Mrs. Hugh M. (Anne Taylor) Duncan, Charlotte, North Carolina, and Thomas Paul Webb III, Louisville, Tennessee. Mrs. Webb was also proud to be the great grandmother of six great-grandsons: Hugh Monroe Duncan, Jr., Thomas Taylor Duncan, David McBrayer Webb, John Cralle Webb, Thomas Purnell Webb and Patrick Clark Webb.

She was a member of The Daughters of The American Revolution, The First Baptist Church, and The Chicora Literary Club, but "Miss Alma" was best known as proprietor of The Old Homestead Antique Shop.

The shop was started as a hobby, and grew into one of the finest and most famous stocks of antiques in the South.

When old opaque glass was at its height in popularity, her unusually fine collection was featured on the cover of *Hobbies Magazine*, July, 1943. It was one of the largest milk glass collections ever assembled.

Some very interesting letters she received during World War II were from soldiers asking for help with their collections of glass, old letters, canes, bells, maps and prints.

Quoting from *The State Magazine*, May 9, 1936: "Among Mrs. Webb's relics are some interesting historical pieces. There is an Eli Terry clock that was in the first courthouse in Cleveland County."

She had a brass tea caddy and teapot swung over a little alcohol burner that Judge A.C. Avery took on the stage coach between Asheville and Salisbury to make his morning coffee.

The Williamsburg Foundation bought from her a country piece for The Wythe House.

After operating the shop for more than thirty years, it was sold in 1955. From an interview, Erma Drum wrote in *The Shelby Daily Star*, March 11, 1955:

"She loved her shop, and the contacts it brought her with interesting people who shared her enthusiasm for beautiful old things. She loved the antiques which passed through her hands. "When I sold a really fine piece," she says, "it was like placing a child. I wanted to place it in the right home where it would look its best, and be loved and appreciated."

In the month before she sold The Old Homestead it was visited by four New York buyers. One was Israel Sack, recognized as the "biggest antique dealer in America". Another was O'Reilly of the prestigious Plaza Art and Auction Galleries. A buyer for the DuPont Estate, Winterthur, at Wilmington, Delaware, contacted Mrs. Webb after she had sold out.



The Old Homestead Antique Shop, Alma McBrayer Webb, Proprietor.

One of Mrs. Webb's intangible dividends from the years spent in The Old Homestead, is a choice assortment of little stories about the antiques she has bought and sold.

A woman in one of the mountain counties wrote to tell Mrs. Webb she had a drop-leaf table to sell. After some time, "Miss Alma" got around to making the trip and when she went into the house, saw in the hall two beautiful inlaid half-circle tables that were the banquet ends to the drop-leaf. She knew instantly she had stumbled upon something choice.

The drop-leaf proper was being used in the kitchen. The woman of the house was a bit miffed because Mrs. Webb had delayed coming to see the table, and announced she had changed her mind about wanting to sell. Mrs. Webb was an old hand at this cat-and-mouse game of buying and selling. She spent the day at the farm house, and before she left that afternoon the beautiful table and banquet ends were hers. She did what she liked best about her business . . . placed them in a home where they would look their best, be loved, and appreciated."

"Miss Alma" led a full active life and cherished the many, many friends and contacts made over thirty years in business; some who kept in touch until her death December 26, 1973 at the age of 93.

Sources: State Magazine, Shelby newspapers, Mrs. Webb's personal papers

— Estelle C. Webb
and Anne W. Duncan

WILLIAM YATES WEBB

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William, youngest child of the late Judge Edwin Yates Webb, Senior, and Willie Simmons Webb, was born in Shelby (October 12, 1910), and baptized in the First Baptist Church (1923). He played clarinet in the High School Band and Orchestra. Graduating from Shelby High (1928), he attended Wake Forest College

(1928-1929), and Columbia University, receiving the degrees of Bachelor of Arts, with Honors in Economics (1932), and Master of Arts (1933). He held graduate economics fellowships at Duke University, New York University, and The Brookings Institution.

During 32 years of federal employment (1937-1969), William worked for the Bituminous Coal Consumers' Counsel (1937-1939) on freight rates, realization, and minimum prices. He co-authored "*Price Fixing in the Bituminous Coal Industry*." In the Census Bureau (1940-1942) he supervised the collection of primary data on crude petroleum, natural gas and natural gasoline.

In the Office of Procurement and Material (1942), William, a Navy lieutenant, represented the Navy Department in the Army-Navy Munitions Board in obtaining controlled materials for Navy use during World War II. As Materials Division civilian (1946-1951) he became Chairman, Munitions Board Interdepartmental Non-metallic Minerals Committee, and Vice-chairman, Munitions Board Interdepartmental Non-ferrous Metals Committee. In the Munitions Board Conservation Division he prepared conservation directives and authored "*Materials Availability and Conservation*." (1951-1953).

William, in the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Supply and Logistics) — 1953-1955, identified strategic materials and facilities for inclusion in the Joint Chief of Staff's *Key Facilities List* required for continental defense. He prepared reports on various materials, three of which were for the Congressional Joint Committee on Defense Production.

Primarily in the office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (1955-1969), William had the responsibility for assembling and organizing data on military installations and personnel for computer input-output studies of theoretical nuclear attacks upon military facilities and contractors. He represented that office at the National Damage Assessment Center.

For outstanding service William received a Navy Department citation, and letters of commendation from the Industrial College of the Armed Forces; the Army Department, Joint Chiefs of Staff; Office of Civil Defense; and the Office of Emergency Planning.

William and Laura Mae Brown of Centralia, Missouri, were married in Washington, District of Columbia (October 12, 1941). Their one child, Shirley Jane, attended Wake Forest College (1961-1965). She and Moses Nathaniel McCall III, an alumnus from Acworth, Georgia, were married in Washington (July 17, 1965). They and Moses Nathaniel McCall IV live in Lithia Springs, Georgia.

With the federal government 30 years, Laura Mae Webb developed specifications for textiles and apparel items priced for inclusion in the Consumers Price Index, and contributed several articles in the Bureau of Labor Statistics Monthly Labor Review regarding measurements and changes in these prices, and problems in evaluating their effect.

Laura Mae had the responsibility in the Budget Bureau for the coordination of federal statistical programs measuring changes for consumer goods, and for the collection of textile and clothing production statistics. Her work in the Agriculture Department dealt with developing statistics on expenditures of rural families for family living, and on materials for family financial management.

She served as consultant to the United Fruit Company, evaluating the techniques used to measure differences in living costs on banana plantations and in urban areas. These differences were used by governments in establishing wage differentials between the two areas. She also served as consultant to the Brazilian Ministry of Labor in revising its consumer price index.

William is the Palisades Community Orchestra's alto clarinetist. He is a member of Kappa Alpha Order, Pi Gamma Mu, American Economic Association, American Legion, National Economists Club, Reserve Officers Association, and a Special Advisor in the American Security Council's United States Congressional Advisory Committee.

William's Tar Heel roots remain deep. He contributes books to the Cleveland County Historical Museum and Gardner-Webb College. He is a "Keeper of the Light," a democrat, a member of the Roanoke Island Historical Association, and the North Carolina Society of Washington's historian. Laura Mae and he are Life Members, Cleveland County Historical Association.

William and Laura Mae have traveled in 40 countries, where he took many color slides. Their final trip, someday, will be to Sunset Cemetery.

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— William Yates Webb

RALPH FURMAN WEBBER

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Ralph Furman Webber was born November 30, 1903, the second child of John Joseph and Minnie Lee Ellis Webber.

His brothers and sisters were: Emily Obie, who later married Jeff D. Guinn; Everette Logan, who married Ophelia Bridges; James Raeford, who married Pauline Bowen; Charles Howard, who married Gladys Rich; Janie Pauline, who married Miles Sams, Jr.

Born and raised on a farm in Blacksburg, South Carolina, Ralph and his brothers took over the farming business when his father died December 14, 1920.

Ralph was married December 17, 1927 to Willie Belle Jones and the children from this marriage were: Furman Lee Webber, Johnny Edwin Webber, Elsie Mae Webber Glenn, Billy

Joe Webber and Rachel Aniece Webber Crowe.

When the depression came in the thirties, he began making cedar furniture in his spare time. The cedar was grown on the farm, dried in a homemade kiln and turned on a homemade lathe. This furniture was sold to supplement the family income along with a part time job at the John Randall handle factory.

In 1938, he started to work with the D.L. McMurry Construction Company. At the start of World War II in 1941, Ralph worked on military housing projects in Savannah, Georgia. In 1944 he came back to Shelby and worked in the carpenter shop at Lily Mill until he started his own construction company in 1945.

In the late 1940's, Webber and Sons Construction Company built and remodeled numerous homes for residents of Boiling Springs, North Carolina. They also built the parsonage and educational building of Boiling Springs Baptist Church and the Boiling Springs Sandwich Shop. In 1949 they completed the first part of the Gardner-Webb Clinic, later adding two more sections.

In addition to building many homes in and around Shelby, North Carolina, Ralph Webber Construction Company was privileged to build

Zoar Baptist Church and parsonage, Macedonia Baptist Church in Kings Mountain, Bethel Baptist Church in Ellenboro, Campfield Memorial in Ellenboro, Concord Baptist Church in Rutherford County, Mt. Vernon Baptist Church in Rutherford County, Mt. Harmony Baptist Church in Rutherford County, and Calvary Baptist Church in Gastonia.

At his retirement in 1966, Ralph Webber went back to his hobby of woodworking. He died in May of 1972 at the age of sixty-eight.

— Mrs. Donna Webber

WEIDNER/WHITENER

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On October 17, 1741, a small group of immigrants from Saxony, Germany landed in the Port of Philadelphia on the ship "Molly". Among this group was a tall, blond blue-eyed, Saxon named Johann Henrich Weidner, then twenty four years old, having been born on October 9, 1717.

The name "Weidner" has undergone many spelling changes during the years. We now know it as "Whitener". Johann Henrich Weidner became known as Henry Whitener and therefore, we will call him by that name.

After working as a trader in Pennsylvania for about four years, he became restless and decided to head south, following in the footsteps of other German and Dutch settlers who had gone on before him.

In the year of 1745, he packed his horse with a bedroll, his long barrelled rifle, and with his dogs headed south for the Carolinas.

After several months, he arrived in that part of North Carolina, now known as Catawba County, being the first white man to explore the unknown wilderness west of the Catawba River. He discovered another fork of the river which was named the Henry River in his honor. Another fork was discovered and named the Jacob River in memory of Henry's brother who had moved south in 1749.

After hunting and trapping a few years, with frequent trips back to Philadelphia to sell his furs, he returned to North Carolina in 1749 with a young girl, Maria Katrina Muehl, as his wife. She was born May 24, 1733 and was only sixteen years old at the time of their marriage. The spelling of her name also has changed through the years and is now known as Mary Catherine Mull Whitener.

They built their home near the Henry River, on land they acquired through a land grant from the King of England, dated 1750. It was here that they made friends with some of the Indian tribes who taught them how to survive and helped them through several of the Indian uprisings.

Through the years, they became the parents of three sons and five daughters; Daniel (1750-1833), Henry Jr. (1752-1811), Abram (1759-1780), Barbara, Molliana, Mary Ann (1755-1839), Catherine (1756), and Elizabeth. (Some birth and death dates were not found).

Henry Whitener died July 13, 1792 and his wife Catherine died August 20, 1804. Both are buried in the family cemetery near their original home place with their headstones being inscribed in German.

We shall now trace the life and decedents of the eldest son, Daniel, who was my great, great, grandfather.

Daniel Whitener was born October 14, 1750. He was married in 1784, to Mary Wilfong born March 11, 1765 as the daughter of George and Mary Poffh Wilfong, Daniel served in the Revolutionary War and fought in the Battle of Kings Mountain.

After their marriage, Daniel and Mary Wilfong Whitener lived near his father and raised five sons and five daughters; Daniel, John, Henry, George, David, Sally, Rachel, Mary, Betsy, and Catherine.

Daniel Whitener died on January 8, 1833 and Mary Wilfong Whitener died on October 22, 1827. Both are buried in the Whitener family cemetery in Catawba County, North Carolina.

For more information on decedents refer to article under "Catherine Whitener Stacy Family" in this book.

Sources: Historical Records of Catawba County, The Annals of Lincoln County, The Mormon Library, Provo, Utah

— Eunice Brooks Hart

THE WEIR FAMILY OF CLEVELAND COUNTY

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In going back in history we find that in 1743 Captain John Weer was born in Ireland. While still a young man he married Elizabeth McKelvy.

The family came over to the new world and settled on a farm near what is now Buffalo bridge between Kings Mountain and Shelby. There was no bridge at that time. The wagons had to go down into the swift water and cross. Later a wooden bridge was built. It was called Weer Bridge. Captain John had four sons. John Jr., Alexander, William and Thomas.

Captain John Weer was thirty-seven years old when he heard that General Ferguson was headed for Kings Mountain, so, he gathered a company of his neighbors as quickly as he could and went immediately to the Kings Mountain area. He was too late to help whip the foe, but he was not too late to render great assistance to our forces as they needed so much help to care for the wounded and the dying. They helped carry water for the thirsty men and water from nearby springs to wash the wounds of the injured. He and his men had nothing in which to carry water so they took off their boots and used them to carry water to the suffering men. He had the true American spirit but was not quick enough to see the greatest fight the sun ever shone upon. Yet he rendered a great service to his fellow man.

Captain John and his family rode in a wagon about twelve miles to church at the original Pisgah Church (back of what is now PPG Truck Traffic Division just off I-85 on highway 74 between Kings Mountain and Gastonia). This church was a log church from 1797 to 1855. It was then moved several miles east. Captain John died September 4, 1819 and is buried in the old church graveyard along with other members of his family.

Captain John's son John, Jr. had four sons: Alexander, born 1809, William, born 1811, John, and Thomas Ceaton, born 1814.

William had two sons and two daughters; James W. born 1841, Alexander Franklin born 1838, Mary and Susanna. Also, by his second wife a son William Boyce born 1848.

Somewhere along the line they began spelling their name Weir. Then later some spelled their name Ware. For instance Charles P. Weir (James' son) had sons who all spell their name Ware. At Long Creek Church Graveyard there is a grave marked Ware. Beside that grave is a marker for Jane C. Wife of T.C. Weir. So, some spell it Ware and some Weir. At one time most of them spelled it Weir but pronounced it Ware.

Alexander Franklin Weir, born December 25, 1838, died April 23, 1898, married Martha Regina Falls. Their children were William Rush, Samuel Sylvester, Mattie, Lee, Louisa Elizabeth, James Franklin, Boyce McLean, and Mamie. Also, Deleightful by second wife (Dovie Wilson). Alexander lived in a two story house with a porch all the way across the front. It was located in the exact spot where Macedonia Church is now located on Grover Road. In fact, the Weir family donated the spot where the first church was located. This is now the parking lot in front of the church.

Samuel Sylvester Weir, born April 23, 1867, died September 23, 1955, married Sarah (Sallie) Wells, born October 5, 1870, died January 9, 1960. Their children were Alexander Franklin, born November 22, 1889, died May 21, 1975; Pearl Veatress, born May 17, 1891, Lee Curtis born March 14, 1893, died September 7, 1960; Sallie Mable, born January 23, 1895, died January 15, 1980; Dewey Fredrick, born January 18, 1898, died July 30, 1944; William Theadore (Ted), born September 1, 1901, died December 15, 1978; Samuel Sylvester Jr. born October 15, 1914.

Alexander Franklin married Ethel Hord. Children Jess W. Cook and A.F. Jr.; L. Curtis married Elizabeth McKenna. Children Monica, Robert Lee, James S. and Betty W. Bertetto. S. Mable married Thomas A. Hambright. Children Louise H. Roberts, Aileen H. Cantrell, Bess H. Phifer, Lucy H. Kinard. S. Anderson Hambright, J. Lawrence Hambright, Sue H. Drye and Thomas A. Hambright, Jr. Dewey F. married Mae Gantt. Children Lillian W. Ives, Jean W. Smith and D. Fredrick, Jr. William T. married Josephine Ellerbe. P. Veatress unmarried. Samuel S. Jr. married Mary Ervin. Children Derice W. Falls and Marlene W. Allen.

Samuel S. Weir Sr. and family moved to a farm house at 919 Grover Road in early 1902. They farmed and sold some milk. People would bring a jar to the farm and his family would fill the jar with milk. At that time there were no milk deliveries and no milk sold in stores.

When World War I started there was a need for wagon teams and drivers. So S.S. and Ted took wagon teams to Fort Bragg and helped to build Fort Bragg near Fayetteville. They also helped build Camp Green near Charlotte. They became head of wagon crews.

While they were at Fort Bragg they saw farmers delivering milk house to house in

wagons. So after the war they came back home and started the first home delivery of milk by wagon in Kings Mountain. Later they bought a horse drawn hearse and converted it to an enclosed milk wagon.

S.S. became postmaster in the late 20's and early 30's. He served in that office for many years. He was superintendent of Sunday School and deacon in the First Baptist Church. He and other leaders of Kings Mountain and Gastonia organized Lake Montonia Club and helped build the lake. Back during the depression days, the early 30's, he had plenty of milk but people had no money so he kept delivering milk knowing that the people could not pay. When things began to get better he set aside the old bills and let the people pay a few cents at a time on the old accounts.

William (Ted) Theadore was postmaster for some time. He as a deacon and leader in the Baptist Church for many years. He was owner and manager of Weir's Store & Coal Yard for many years. He also bought Crawford's Market (where B&B Food Store is now) from the Crawford Brothers during World War II and sold it back to them when they came back from serving their country during the war. He was an active Kiwanian and Mason. He served his community very well during his lifetime.

In the 1930's, or there about, a geologist was passing Kings Mountain and stopped. He went from store to store showing a rock sample to whomever he saw asking them if they had seen such a rock. No one had seen a rock like that before. Ted happened to go in the store where the geologist was and saw the rock. He said that he had seen rocks like that. He told him that one of his milk cows had not come to the barn at feeding time so he had gone to look for her. He found that she had caught her foot in a stump hole. Around that stump hole there were rocks like that one. Ted took the man to the place where the cow had caught her foot. There were rocks with green crystals of spodumene that contained lithium. The man sent The Solvay Processing Co. into Kings Mountain and they surveyed this section and found there was the greatest amount of lithium here than in other section of the country. This led the way for Foote Mineral to come to Cleveland County and also for Lithium Co. to come to Gaston County. There were also samples of mica in these rocks that led several Mica Mines to come to Cleveland County.

— Samuel Sylvester Weir, Jr.

SAMUEL S. WEIR, JR.

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Samuel S. Weir Jr. married Mary Ervin in 1936.

He moved his Baptist membership to First Presbyterian in Kings Mountain in 1938. He was elected Deacon in 1947. He was elected Elder in 1949, and served in that office for many years. He is now Elder Emeritus. He was Supt. of the Sunday School for a number of years.

He was Manager and Partner of S.&T. Grocery at Mauney Mill for seventeen years.

He was an Agent with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for seventeen. He won Honor Club

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Billie's son William Pressley was born June 4, 1949 in Pahoa, Hawaii. W.P.'s son Sage Anderson was born October 26, 1978.

Sources: Information over a period of years, mostly from kinfolk. I have visited graveyards all over this part of the country. I read and reread Rev. C.J. Blacks *History of The First Baptist Church* written in 1926.

— Samuel Sylvester Weir, Jr.

ALEXANDER VESCO (DAN) WELLS FAMILY

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Alexander Vesco (Dan) Wells was a descendant of John, Isaac, and Robert H. Wells. (See related articles in this volume).

Because of our interest in the *Cleveland County Heritage* book, we have met and come to know more people in our family than ten funerals or homecoming picnics would have done, including this family, which is my grandmother's family.

The Wells family cemetery has been on my grandmother Florence Wells Hughes' land all my life. It is now owned by her grandson, John Lewis Hughes. I never learned until about two or three weeks ago that the John, Isaac, and Robert H. Wells that are buried there are my first three grandfathers on that side of our family.

Alexander Vesco (Dan) Wells (Dec. 1, 1838 — Dec. 1, 1896), was married on Feb. 1, 1859 to Lucy Ann Blalock (Feb. 7, 1840 — June 11,

1925). She was a daughter of Jeremiah Blalock and Hannah H _____ (maiden name unknown.)

Alexander and Lucy Blalock Wells were farmers. We were told how Grandpa would pan for gold on the farm. They had nine children. They were (1) Lawson C. (Uncle Bud), b. April 6, 1860 — d. Dec. 31, 1934. He married Nannie Crawford. (2) Mary Hannah Lucinda (Dec. 14, 1863 — Dec. 18, 1951) married Beatty Barber. (3) Elizabeth (Lizzie) Jane (Sept. 5, 1865 — Jan. 29, 1950) married George Fredrick Hambricht. (4) M.L. Isabelle (Jan. 22, 1868 — Oct. 25, 1868). (5) Sallie A. (Oct. 5, 1870 — Jan. 9, 1960) married Sylvester Weir. (6) Rossie Lee (Nov. 7, 1873 — Dec. 29, 1960) married Andy McCarter. (7) Robert Lee (July 8, 1875 — Aug. 18, 1941) married Letha Anna Lucus.

"Uncle Bob" was the one that everybody would go to if they needed help, day or night. If you could get to his house he would find the answer to many problems. He was a farmer and the community carpenter. He had a cut-off saw pulled by tractor, or jack up a wheel on a Model T or Model A truck, put on the belt, drop it in gear and saw wood! He ground corn into meal with a tractor and mill stones. He took toll for grinding, not money. He ran a cotton gin in the fall of the year. Family reunions were held at their house. Aunt Anna could cook and bake anything. Her blueberry bread — I believe I can still smell it when I pass where they lived.

status for 3 years. He was honored as leading salesman for the district in 1968.

He was an active member of the Lions Club for many years. He was Lion of the year for District 3I-C.

1964-65, he was honored by District Governor 1965-66 as the most outstanding Lion. He is now retired.

They have two daughters and four grandchildren. Derice, who is married to Rev. Fred Falls. They live in Gastonia where Fred is one of the Ministers of First United Methodist Church.

Marlene, who is married to Arthur Allen Jr. They live in Charlotte where he is sales manager for Dogwood Fabricks of Charlotte.

Kinfolk from all over carry the Weir name into the future.

Dr. A. Frank Weir Jr. was born June 7, 1928 in Spartenburg, S.C. His sons are David Frank, born April 19, 1951, Richard Mark born December 26, 1955 and Paul Daniel born April 2, 1959. David's sons are David Jr. and Chris.

The late L. Curtis of Long Beach Calif. was born March 14, 1893, & died September 7, 1960. Son, James S. was born August 22, 1921. James' sons Kenneth J. was born January 2, 1943, and Robert Lee II was born July 19, 1955.

The late Dewey Fredrick of Hampstead, N.C. was born January 18, 1898, died July 30, 1944. D.F. Jr. of Raleigh was born October 21, 1939. D.F. Jr's son David F. was born September 21, 1963.

The late William Rush was born February 3, 1865, died March 26, 1950. His sons are Lee Sullervan, who was born August 29, 1902, James Oscar was born October 7, 1907, and William David was born July 14, 1925. James O. Lives in Morganton. Son Jack Cooper. J.C.'s son Jonathan. Lee S. Lives in Bostic, N.C. His sons Johnny William and Dermus Lee. William D. lives in Maryland. His sons are David Joseph and John Francis.

The late Boyce Mclean, was born December 30, 1877, died October 27, 1965. Son Marshal, was born January 5, 1919 died Febuary 12, 1966. His son Boyce F. was born Febuary 5, 1942, in Belmont. B.F., son Eric Marshal was born October 23, 1977.

William Boyce, was born October 1, 1848, died August 4, 1934. (his home was where the Home S.&L. now stands.) Son William Orr, was born October 5, 1885 & died June 8, 1916. W.O. son William O. Jr. (Billie) was born September 18, 1915 in Jacksonville Fla.



Alexander Vesco (Dan) Wells

(8) Elvie Florence (Sept. 17, 1877 — April 16, 1969), was the writer's grandmother. She married William Gordon Hughes (see Hugheses, this volume). What can anyone say about these Saints that would give them half of what they deserve? She was loved and she loved. We felt that their home was as safe as the City of Refuge in the Bible. She thought no evil and saw no evil in her grandchildren . . . mischievous, maybe, but not bad. She always had something good to eat hidden for us. A pat on the head or a hug was always waiting at Grandma's house. She lived a long and happy 92 years. With family and children (all twelve of them) and many grandchildren — no one can come close to filling the place left by our Grandmother.

(9) Etta Ann (Apr. 22, 1881 — d. 1935): married Ben Logan.

Sources: family records and family *Bible*

— Jack Hughes

THE CHARLES HUDSON WELLS FAMILY

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I am Charles Hudson Wells IV and I was born on May 23, 1979 in Shelby, North Carolina, and I have one brother, Jonathan David who was born March 10, 1981.

My father, Charles III, an only child, was born March 14, 1949 in Shelby. He graduated from Shelby High School, showed an early interest in music and played clarinet in the band, studied piano and organ and is an accomplished musician. His military service was four years Navy, 1969 to 1973. My mother, Sandra Perry Wells, was from Milton, Florida. My maternal grandparents are Sanford Earl and Roberta Ann Pfeiffer Perry, natives of Milton, Florida.

My grandfather, Charles H. Wells, Jr. who is compiling this record for me, was born April 16, 1915 in Shelby, North Carolina and my grandmother, Sue Ellen Propst Wells was born in Catawba County, North Carolina, February 3, 1915. My maternal great-grandparents were James O. and Cary Bumgardner Propst, natives of Cleveland County. Sue Propst Wells attended school in Shelby and graduated from Appalachian State University and taught in Shelby schools until her retirement in 1976. Charles Wells, Jr. attended school in Shelby and served four and a half years in the Army during World War II, serving in the United States, England, France and Germany.

Charles H. Wells, Sr. was born November 7, 1881 in Shelby, North Carolina, attended Shelby Schools and Rutherford College, and had a varied career of teacher, salesman, farmer, merchant and United States Postal Service where he retired at age seventy. He married Tonce Walker December 25, 1912 in Shelby. Their children were Rachel (Hobbs), born November 9, 1913; Charles H., Jr., born April 16, 1915; Mary (Wray), born February 18, 1918; Helen (Toole) born December 1, 1919; Judge Hugh A. Wells, born June 8, 1922; W. Lucille (Turner) born January 19, 1924.

Tonce Walker was a daughter of Joseph



Lucy Ann Blalock Wells

Morgan and Eliza Ann (Williamson) Walker of Rutherford County.

Charles Wells, Sr. was a son of John Kendall Wells, Jr., born October 1, 1844 and Rachel Ware Wells, and their children were: Robert Mason, born August 9, 1872; Dr. Thomas Marvin, born June 5, 1874 (married Lucy Hoyle); John K. III, born May 7, 1876; May (Connor) born November 13, 1877; Charles H. born November 17, 1881; Guy born December 18, 1884; Ruth (Christopher) born August 23, 1888. All the children of John K. graduated from high school and attended college.

John K., Jr. was the son of John K. Sr., born April 10, 1805 and Mary Y. Carson Wells, born November 25, 1806. This couple married December 18, 1832. Their children were William Carson, born November 14, 1833; Robert Gidney, born February 21, 1835; Thomas Price, born October 26, 1836; Mary E.C., born September 6, 1938; Lewis McCurry, born June 12, 1840; Cynthia J.G., born February 26, 1842; John K., Jr., born October 1, 1844; James Hughey, born December 20, 1847. Lewis J., John K., Jr., and James H. served in the Civil War for C.S.A. Lewis M. was killed in battle at Chancellorsville, Virginia, May 2, 1963.

John K. Wells, Sr. was the son of Robert, born April 22, 1773 and Jemima Price Wells, born June 10, 1775. This couple married April

10, 1800. Their children were: Thomas Price, born February 3, 1801; Erixana Caroline, born December 22, 1802; John K., born April 10, 1805; Cynthia Sharp, born September 1, 1807; Rachel Hambright, born January 22, 1810; Isabella Price, born June 10, 1812; Jemima Levina, born October 24, 1814; Mary Hollaway, born May 15, 1816.

Robert Wells was the son of John Wells and Britter Hollaway Wells. Their children were: John, born 1760's; James born 1760's; Robert, born April 22, 1773; Isaac, born 1782; Aaron, Sally (Whisonant); Rachell (Hambright); Priscilla (Whisonant); Nancy (Collins).

John Wells claims to have been born in Pennsylvania about 1741. He was probably the son of Joseph Wells and grandson of Thomas Wells who came from England about 1635.

Joseph Wells migrated with a group of Quakers to what was then Granville Precinct of North Carolina (later Orange County) and died there between 1765-1768.

Joseph's sons, John and James migrated to what was then part of the former Tryon County (later Lincoln County and now Cleveland County) between 1769-1772, when John appears in records and obtained several land grants in the area about two miles northwest of the site of the Battle of Kings Mountain of the Revolutionary War, in which John, a loyal Patriot fought along with his friend and neighbor Colonel Fred Hambright. John's name appears as a

signer of the Tryon County Declaration of Rights and Independence August 14, 1775.

Sources: *Family Bibles*, Research on Old John by Ruby Wells Cartledge of Goldsboro, N.C.

— Charles H. Wells, Jr.

THE JOHN WELLS FAMILY 1107

John Wells claims to have been born in Pennsylvania about 1740. He was probably the son of Joseph Wells Sr. and probably the grandson of Thomas Wells who came from England about 1635.

This Joseph Wells Sr. was a Quaker and probably migrated with a colony of English Quakers who came from Mass., Penn. and Va. (Fairfax or Loudon Co) to what was then the Granville Precinct of North Carolina (Later Orange Co), sometime shortly before 1750 and settled on Bloody and Caine Creeks. Deeds place him there, having already acquired land by 1752.

Joseph Wells had a son Joseph Jr. (d. 1804) and probably, Robert, John, James, Isaac, (d. 1792) and William. John Wells may have been a younger son.

Joseph Wells probably died between 1765-68.

John Wells, along with his brother James, migrated to the area of what was then part of the former Tryon Co. (later Lincoln, now Cleveland) between 1769 and 1772, when John appears in records and obtained several land grants in the area south of the town of Kings Mtn. (formerly White Plains) very near the South Carolina line and about two miles N.W. of the site of the Battle of Kings Mtn. of the Revolutionary War, in which John, a loyal patriot fought along with his friend and neighbor, Col. Fred Hambright.

John's name appears as a signer of the Tryon County Declaration of Rights and Independence, August 14, 1775, at the site of the old Tryon Co. Court House, which was located five miles north of Bessemer City.

An old log house built by John in 1780, while the Revolutionary War was still raging, still stands today, a silent memento of this hardy pioneer, settler, soldier who survived hardships and perilous times of our early days as a colony and later as a young nation.

Amongst the stories told of "Old John" is one in which he "killed a big black bear" that was literally "knocking at the door".

The name Wells has held a prominent place in the history of Cleveland Co. since the arrival of these first two patriarchs, John and James Wells.

James Wells apparently settled near John and may have moved to Rutherford Co. and predeceased John.

The name of John's wife is an enigma. Orange Co. records gives her name as "Sarah", but John gives her name as "Britty" on his will. A possibility of two wives or a nickname. Some believe she was a daughter of Robert Holloway of Orange Co.

John Wells had nine children; John Wells Jr., Robert H., Isaac, Aaron, James, Rachel (Hambright), Priscilla (Whisonant), Nancy

(Collins) and Sarah Amanda (Whisonant). There was probably another son Joseph, who predeceased John.

John Jr., Aaron, James, Rachel and Nancy moved west to Tennessee, Kentucky, Missouri and Mississippi. The others remained in the nearby areas of Lincoln, Cleveland and York Co, S.C.

John Wells died March 4, 1819 and is buried, together with his son Isaac, grandson Robert H. and other descendants in a family cemetery located in the Dixon School section, south of the town of Kings Mtn. and very near his old homestead.

Isaac Wells, born 1782, died September 1, 1857, son of John Wells, was born in the old house built by John. Isaac was a blacksmith, hatter and a maker and dyer of horse blankets. He married Ann Gladden, (b. 1785 — d. 1857), a daughter of Joseph Gladden Sr. They had nine children; Jane (Randal), Eason, John, Mary M. (Hambright), Robert H., Rachel Editha (Falls), James Simpson, Sarah (Patterson) and Jemima (Berry). Descendants of most of these can be found in the area as records seem to indicate that most remained in that area. Eason predeceased Isaac, leaving issue.

Isaac and Ann Wells died in a flu epidemic in 1857, three days apart. They are buried in the old family cemetery with Isaac's father.

Isaac's son, Robert H. Wells (b. 1810 — d. 1879) married his first cousin Lucinda Gladden, daughter of Joseph Gladden Jr. Robert H. moved just south of the state line into York Co. S.C., Clark's District about 1851, when he received land grants. Robert H. was a farmer and ran a grist mill.

Some think the H. in his name was Hambright, while others think it may have been Holloway. The close association of his father, Isaac with the Hambright family tends to suggest that his name was really Robert Hambright Wells.

Robert H. and Lucinda Wells had thirteen children: Francis Marion, William M., Sarah R. (Farris), Alexander Vesco, Robertson, Aruther Hambright, Emily Ann, David Zacheriah, Margaret Caroline (Sansing), Mary Jane (Sansing), Robert Sumpter, Edward E. and Isabella Elizabeth (Gordon).

A list of the children giving birth, death and marriages were included in a Bible that belonged to his son David Z. who joined the "mormon" Church and moved to Utah in 1880. Another list is contained in an 1885 partition brought by Robert Sumpter and Alexander V. against their mother Lucinda. Ten children are named and the three children of deceased daughter Mrs. Thomas Farris (Sarah R.).

Robert H. is buried in the Wells family cemetery in Cleveland Co. N.C. No tombstone has ever been found for Lucinda, but her obituary which appeared in the Yorkville Enquirer, states that her funeral was held at Bethany A.R.P. Church, near Clover, S.C. very near the site of Robert H. old homestead. Her age was given as 98 years.

Sources: New York & Cleveland Co. Census Records, Tax Lists, Mormon records.

— Ruby Wells Cartledge

THE JOHN WELLS FAMILY 1108

John Wells, who was born in 1741 and died March 4, 1819, moved with his wife Britter, to what is now Dixon Community, near Kings Mountain about 1770. Here he built his first cabin and began farming. Being successful at this, John tried his hand at land speculation. With this also a success he built another, larger cabin in 1780 for his growing family. This house is still occupied and is recorded as the oldest standing house in Cleveland County. By the time of his death, John was considered a wealthy and respected man. At one point he was appointed constable of what was then Tryon County, and he was also a signer of the Tryon Declaration of Rights and Independence in August of 1775.

There were nine children born to John and Britter Wells: John Jr., James, Issac, Aaron, Robert, Sally, Rachell, Priscilla, and Nancy.

Two sons, Robert and Issac eventually divided the family properties, giving cash and slaves as estate settlements after John's death. Robert took the properties near Shelby and expanded them into a large plantation. His decendents remain mostly in the Shelby area today.

Issac remained on the Dixon Community properties and developed it into a profitable plantation. Residing at his father's old home, he and his wife Ann Gladden Wells reared a family of nine children: Jane, John, Easome, Mary M., Robert H., Rachel C., James Simpson, Sarah, and Jemima C. Carrying on the family tradition of honor, Issac became Justice of the Peace at one time.

Issac died September 1, 1857 three days before his wife during a flu epidemic. He left his son James Simpson with the main plantation, his daughter Sarah and her husband James W. Patterson with a neighboring plantation in his possession, and the remaining children with cash, household items, and slaves as their inheritance.

James Simpson Wells, who was born September 8, 1821, remained on the old John Wells plantation he inherited from his father. He and his wife Dulcinia reared seven children: Saphia J., John A., Marcus R., Morris Gaines, Pinkney, Aaron Lee, and Mary E.

Struggling through the War Between the States, financial loss of his work force of slaves, and Reconstruction, James managed to keep the plantation intact. His staunch faith in God must have helped carry him through the troubled times. James was very active in the family church, Antioch Baptist Church, and the Baptist Association. It is even inscribed on his tombstone that "He was a member of the Baptist Church."

Two of James Simpson's sons, Gaines and Aaron Lee, inherited the plantation and divided into two separate tracts. Gaines sold his share which included John Sr.'s old homeplace to John Stewart. Mr. Stewart's son George resides there presently with his wife Letha and their daughter Elizabeth.

Aaron Lee Wells, who was born January 6, 1863 built a home on his share of his father's property. There with his wife Pamela Jane

McCarte Wells they reared nine children: Whitney, Earl, Wayne, Hunter, Quinn, Britie Maldena, Harley, Daily, and Bonnie Mae.

Aaron Lee followed in the tradition of his ancestors as a respected leader of the community. He served many years as head of the school board at Dixon School. At times when they were without a teacher, he filled in as an excellent schoolmaster. Aaron Lee died of a heart attack on January 3, 1931 at the home of a neighbor, Bently Blalock.

Four of Aaron Lee's children are living at the present: Wayne, residing with his wife Leona, son Richard, and his family in Dixon Community, Hunter, residing in Kings Mountain with his wife Lydle; Harley, residing at the veteran's hospital in Washington, D.C., and Britie W. Frances, residing in Blacksburg, South Carolina.

Sources: County records, Family Bibles and records, Family and church cemeteries

— Wayne Wells
and his grandson
Robert D. Wells

TONCE WALKER WELLS

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If service and citizenship ever resided in a more unselfish and dedicated individual in this area, then they have escaped my notice.

Tonce Walker, the seventh of ten children, was born in Rutherford County near the Cleveland County line, in what is known as the New House Community. Her parents, both from pioneer families, were Joseph Morgan and Eliza Ann (Williamson) Walker. At an early age Tonce moved with her family to a farm near Landrum, South Carolina because her father knew of a good school that the children might attend. Learning was an exciting experience for Tonce for her entire ninety-six years. They stayed in Landrum for three or four years and returned to their home in Rutherfordton.

In her early teens Tonce went to Belwood, North Carolina to stay with a sister, Mrs. Frank L. (Aunt Mamie) Hoyle, attended school in Belwood and helped care for the Hoyle children. Later, when the Hoyles moved to Shelby, she came back to live with them and to work as a clerk in department stores and help her sister. There were twelve Hoyle children. It was while working in Shelby that Tonce met and later married Charles Hudson Wells. They were married December 25, 1912. To this union was born six children: Rachel (Mrs. Junius Hobbs); Charles, Jr. (married Sue Propst); Mary (Mrs. Charles Wray); Helen (Mrs. James Toole); Hugh (married Virginia DeFabio and later Ann Cloninger); Lucille (Mrs. Max Turner).

Besides caring for her own children she at various times wet nursed three other babies at a time of crisis in their young lives; all lived. She was a devoted member of Central Methodist Church, she saw that the children also learned to love the church.

Tonce was a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary in Shelby, for over fifty years a member of Shelby Woman's Club, a member of the United Daughters of the Con-

federacy, a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and held top offices, at times, in everything she belonged to. A tireless worker in anything she felt would make for a better community in which to live. She loved people and had an infallible memory for the older families of this area. I'm sorry that I didn't record more of Shelby's history while she still lived.

Our branch of the Walker family starts with John and Urcilla (Covington) Walker before the American Revolution. This couple had twelve children. One was my great, great grandfather Jessie Walker. Jessie and Minimie (Whitaker) Walker had fourteen children, twelve girls and two boys, one my grandfather Joseph Morgan Walker. Joseph and Eliza Ann (Williamson) Walker had ten children which brings us down to Tonce Walker Wells, my mother.

My brief sketch can only bring you a tiny ray of the light that shone brightly for all those who knew and loved her.

Source: Family records and personal knowledge

— Charles H. Wells, Jr.

JOSEPH CARPENTER WHISNANT

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Joseph Carpenter Whisnant was born August 24, 1901 in Henrietta, Rutherford County, North Carolina. He is the son of Dr. James Fletcher Whisnant and Sophia Jane Willis Whisnant.

Dr. Whisnant, a dentist, was born in 1865 and died in 1936, and he is buried in the public cemetery of Henrietta, North Carolina. Sophia Jane Willis was born in 1870 and died in 1905, and is buried in the Mt. Harmony Methodist Church cemetery.

After the death of his mother, Joe, as a young child and young man lived with his father and step-mother and various family members, and of necessity became self-sufficient at an early age. He attended Brevard Institute and graduated from Duke University (formerly Trinity College), with a A.B. degree in 1925 and from Duke University Law School in 1929.

During the intervening year between college and law school, Joe Whisnant taught history at Shelby High School. During his years in college and law school, in addition to being completely self-supporting, he was both an outstanding student, and while small of physical stature, was an outstanding athlete. He was inducted into the Order of Coif, which is the highest honor attainable by a law student and was also Manager and Editor of the student paper, *The Chronicle*. Joe was North Carolina intercollegiate tennis champion in 1927, Manager of the college book store and snack shop and member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity.

He was licensed to practice law in 1928, the year before he graduated from law school. With a background of industriousness and talent, it is only natural that upon his return to Shelby in 1928 he would enter into the practice of law with Robert L. Ryburn and Clyde R. Hoey. At that time the attorneys' offices were located on the West side of LaFayette Street,

directly across the street from the Courthouse.

Joe practiced law in that location continuously until he moved his practice to the Shelby Savings and Loan building on East Warren Street in Shelby. A leading member of the Cleveland County Bar, Joe was recognized by all for his integrity, intelligence, and the quality of his work.

From the beginning of his law practice, Joe Whisnant gave freely of his professional and personal time and efforts. He served as a Cleveland County-Shelby area Chairman for Duke University's Annual Loyalty Fund Drive for 35 years. A member of Rotary for 35 years and former President of the Club, he was designated a Paul Harris Fellow for 1980, which is the highest honor bestowed by Rotary International.

He served as both attorney for and Director of the First National Bank, was on the Park Board and the Cleveland Country Club Board of Directors for many years, where he also served as Chairman at one time. While serving on the Board of Cleveland Memorial Hospital, he prepared a Corporate Charter for that organization. He also served as attorney for both the City of Shelby and Cleveland County, and also as School Board attorney for both Cleveland County and the Shelby City School Systems. Joe served the public and individual clients without regard to personal compensation. Long before the existence of government legal services for the poor, Joe made himself available to provide legal services for the underprivileged.

At age 41, Joe Whisnant volunteered for the Military and served as a Navy officer during World War II. After his discharge as a Lt. Commander, he returned to the practice of law with Governor Clyde R. Hoey, in March of 1946.

During his career, Joe Whisnant became recognized as an expert in the areas of real estate and probate law. His reputation went far beyond Cleveland County, as evidenced by the fact that he was retained by many national corporations which located plants in the Cleveland County area. Joe Whisnant served the Lord as a member of the Central Methodist Church in Shelby. A Sunday School teacher, he taught the Hoey Bible Class for 50 years and was Chairman of the Administrative Board and was Finance Chairman, responsible for the Fund Raising Campaign for the Educational Building.

As a lifelong bachelor, Joe Whisnant and Lou Alice Hamrick were married September 19, 1959. The daughter of William Franklin Hamrick and Emma Jane Cline Hamrick, Lou Alice Hamrick was born and raised in Cleveland County. She graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. One of four children, and the only daughter, her brothers are D.S. Hamrick, now deceased, Alvin H. Hamrick and W. Dixon Hamrick.

Joseph C. Whisnant, Jr. was born September 24, 1960. The only child born to Lou Alice and Joe Whisnant, Joe, Jr., an outstanding student, has the distinction of scoring 800 on the Scholastic Aptitude Test for mathematics, which placed him in the upper one percent of all students tested. He attends Furman Univer-

sity and will graduate in June, 1982.

— John Schweppe

DAVID PHILLIPS and MARIAN KIRKPATRICK WHITE

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David Phillips White, son of Matthew Elder and Lula Dale White, was born November 28, 1911 in Chester, S.C. He graduated from Erskine College, Due West, S.C. and moved to Shelby January 1, 1935. He became associated with his brother, Harvey S. White, in the life insurance business with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of New York. He continued with the Equitable and is now on a semi-retired basis. His motto has been, "When you think of me, do not think of insurance but when you think of insurance, think of me".

David has been very active in the civic, social and religious affairs in Shelby.

He joined the Shelby Presbyterian Church in 1935. He has served as Sunday School teacher, Deacon and Elder. He also served on many committees in the local church as well as in the Presbytery.

He became a member of the Shelby Lions Club on March 10, 1936. He served as president in 1947-1948 and as treasurer for seven years and on the board of directors for several years. He also served as Zone Chairman and Deputy District Governor of district 31-C. He has been very active in many of the projects to raise money for many charities. He has had 45 years perfect attendance up to 1982.

David has been active in the Boy Scouts. He became scout master in 1936 of Troop #1 at the Shelby Presbyterian Church and served for nine years in this capacity. He also served on committees on the local troop, County and Piedmont Council level. He received the Silver Beaver Award in 1959, which is the highest award available to adult leaders in Boy Scout work on the Council level.

He was a member of the Shelby Life Underwriters for 20 years. He served as president and was active on many committees. He received the National Quality Award for 20 years.

He has been active in the United Fund and served as solicitor each year since its beginning.

He was married to Marian DeArmond Kirkpatrick, Charlotte, N.C., on June 30, 1939. They have two children, Jane Dale and David Phillips, Jr.

Marian, daughter of Hugh DeArmond and Jennie Galloway Kirkpatrick, was born October 4, 1912 in Charlotte, N.C. She graduated from Erskine College. She taught school in the Charlotte City schools for four years. She married David Phillips White and moved to Shelby in 1939. She has been active in the Civic and Religious affairs in Shelby. She is an active member of the Shelby Presbyterian Church, where she has served as president of the Women of the Church, Sunday School teacher and Circle chairman. She has been an active member of the Junior Charity League for many years. She taught in the Shelby City Schools for 13 years.

Jane Dale White was born in Shelby Febru-

ary 14, 1942 and graduated from Duke University. She is married to Dr. Edward Boyd Stokes, a Methodist minister, and they live in Taylorsville, N.C. They have one son, Edward Boyd Stokes, Jr. She teaches at West Alexander Junior High School.

David Phillips White, Jr. was born in Shelby February 10, 1944. He is married to Marsha Jean Reid and they live in Clover, S.C. He received his Masters Degree from U.N.C. at Charlotte and is Assistant Principal in the Gaston County School System. They have one son, David Phillips White, III.

The David P. Whites agree with the slogan, "Shelby is the City of Pleasant Living".

Source: Family Record, *Shelby Daily Star*

— David Phillips
and Marion Kirkpatrick White

ELLA WHITE FAMILY

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Ella Warlick married Edward (Ed) White. Ella was the daughter of Noah Warlick and Ann Falls. Ed was killed in a Saw Mill boiler explosion near Cockran, Georgia, October 13, 1922. He was buried at Pleasant Hill, NC. Ella died April 20, 1971. Their children are Ethel, Ed, Jim, and Kay.

Ed is a Mail Carrier and owns a furniture and appliance store in Casar.

Jim is a Car Dealer and Real Estate Dealer in Shelby.

Ethel married Eugene Hubbard in 1943. Eugene's parents were Noah Hubbard and Dorris Peeler, her parents were Ambrose Peeler and Rossie Boggs.

Ethel and Eugene's Children are Edward, John, Gail, and Donald. Donald was killed in a car wreck on September 1970. John was electrocuted while working for Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation on June 26th, 1975. Both are buried at Kadesh. Edward married Grace Marshall. They have two children, Pam and Jennifer.

John married Judy Willis, and their children are Donald and Johnette.

Gail married Frank McSwain who was the son of Bill McSwain and Betty Dedmon, grandson of Clee Dedmon and Corney Wellmon. Gail and Frank's children are Tommy and Carry.

Donald was never married.

Eugene's first wife was Vernice Mae Morrison. Their children are Elizabeth, Reba, Kenneth, and Mary Lou.

Elizabeth married Frank Glenn, son of Lee Glenn and Myrtle Queen. Elizabeth's and Frank's children are Patricia, Mary, Franklin, John, Carolyn, and David.

Reba married Clemmie Tallent and their children are Clemmie (Ricky), Bobby, Revonda, and Renee.

Kenneth married Patty Hartsook. Their children are Lara and Barney.

Mary Lou married Dewey Lail. Their child is Stanley.

Ed White married Louise Hawkins. Their children are Eddie, Patsy, and Scottie.

Jim White married Olkey Chapman. Their children are Jimmy, Barbara, and Loy. Loy was killed in a car wreck on June 15, 1961. Loy

White Camp was built in Memorial of him. He was buried at Pleasant Hill. Kay married Pete Chems. Their children are Richard, Patsy, and Bobby.

Sources: Family

— Ethel White Hubbard

JAMES WILSON WHITE & OKLEY CHAPMAN WHITE

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James Wilson (Jim) White was born on May 2, 1918 in Cochran, Georgia. He was the third child of Edward Whitney and Ella Warlick White.

Jim began his career as a merchant in Casar, North Carolina. He was the first independent used car dealer in Cleveland County. It was Jim and Robert Hause Used Cars in Shelby. He was among the first land developers to sub-divide land in Cleveland County. Along with this interest he engaged in the construction business. In 1955 he purchased the Shelby Auto Auction which continues to operate a weekly car sale.

His main interests in life, outside his family, are Pleasant Hill Methodist Church and Camp Loy White, both of which are located in the upper area of Cleveland County.

Okley Chapman White was born October 12, 1922 in Burke County. She was the fourth child born to William Tyree and Zula Botts Chapman. She attended school in Burke County and graduated from Morganton High School. Jim and Okley were married on October 22, 1939 and had three children: James Wilson, Jr., b. September 10, 1940. He graduated from U.N.C. and currently resides in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. He is in the construction business and has three children: Susan Elizabeth, b. April 21, 1967; Margaret Chapman b. September 23, 1969; James Wilson, III, b. February 24, 1972. Barbara Ann was born July 6, 1942 and married Archibald Gordon McLarty December 10, 1966. They have two daughters: Melinda Ann b. December 31, 1968. Mary Angela b. December 29, 1969. Lon Edward was born December 26, 1945 and died June 15, 1961. Loy was a very outstanding athlete and scholar at Shelby High School. He was killed in an automobile accident in the summer after his sophomore year in high school. Camp Loy White, which is a Gastonia District Methodist Church camp, is named in memory of this youth.

Okley and Jim worked together in business over the years and have developed their interests. They are charter members of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Shelby as well as Pleasant Hill Methodist Church near Belwood, North Carolina.

Sources: Family records

— Barbara White McLarty

STEPHEN WHITE

1114

From Italy came one Stephen White and a Garibaldi: Mr. Garibaldi stopped in Charlotte

and established the jewelry firm of Garibaldi & Burns: Mr. White came further west on through the Carolinas and finally settled in Grover.

With his hand-organ he would grind music while the dressed-up monkey danced and solicited pennies or dimes from on-lookers. This was the beginnings of a fortune amassed in later years.

It was customary in those days for travelers to stop at a home and ask for hostelry for the night or longer. Mr. White stopped at a Mr. Hullender's home near Grover and was accorded hospitality.

He became enamoured with the daughter of the home, Elvina. As he prepared to resume his trek with the organ and monkey, he proposed to her, with the promise "I'll be back in a year and a day to marry you."

"In a year and a day" he returned for his bride.

Together they built their "nest for two" just across the Southern Railway near John White's lovely home, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hambright, a grandson.

The old home burned a few years ago, but it was interesting to note that White sawed lumber by hand and carried it on his back three miles to build the house.

He made a plough-stock of sourwood, which he pulled for his wife to plough as they harvested their first crop. Mrs. White picked the seed from the cotton, spun and made clothes.

He was thrifty and seems to have the "Midas touch" in turning his ideas and undertakings into gold. He became a very wealthy man.

He had a little treasure chest 12x12x18 inches (now in possession of a grandson, E.A. Hambright) for the gold that he accumulated — \$4,000 in gold.

Just before the death of Mrs. White she asked that he divide up the gold among the children.

"Well, see here now 'by blamee,' I go gettee gold and divide with children to ease her mind before she die."

He always wore a derby, and when the weather was cold he wore a fascinator around his head and ears, but always the derby was on top.

He kept abreast of inventions and progress. When his son John carried the mail, he saw that he had a foot-warmer for the mail wagon. The foot-warmer is a long box with a convex top covered in carpeting. It has an inside drawer that pulled out. The hot brick was placed inside and then fastened. And the box was placed in the foot of the wagon.

Also, White was interested in Grover's first Victrola, owned by his son.

He was a very quaint old fellow and always used mixed phrases of broken English and Italian. Many of his sayings were humorous. He rode a mule to the mill, and it was hard to balance the sack of meal on the donkey's back. He said, "See here, now by blamee, she pick-ee up before and raree up behind, and I can't get the sack to stay puttee."

Embalming was a new process for burial at the time of Mrs. White's death, and some of

the old folks thought "she was pickled." His second wife was Mary Carter.

White was a far-sighted man — always looking forward to "a year and a day." He held investments in cotton mills — the Bonnie Mill and the Old Mauney Mill — and other interests.

Stephen White was born June 15, 1835 and died May 9, 1923. He was buried in Antioch Cemetery.

On the wife's side of the marker is the inscription "Jane E. — wife of Stephen White — 'Weep not she is not dead but sleepeth.'" (Jane Elvina Hullender White — May 27, 1835 — April 18, 1907).

There were four children: Eliza (Mrs. John Hambright); Kansaida (Mrs. Logan Turner); Ellie (Mrs. Fielding Bell); and John G. White.

There were nine grandchildren — five still living: Ernest Hambright of Grover; Walter Turner of Grover; Mrs. Frank Goforth (Louvenia Turner) of Grover; Mrs. Charlie Turner (Sophia Bell) of Grover; and Boyd B. Turner, San Antonio, Texas.

Representative of the large number of great-grandchildren is Stephen Goforth of Kings Mountain, the only name sake in the family. He is the proud owner of his ancestor's ring and picture willed to him by Stephen White as the first name sake.

Source: A 1960 article in the *Cleveland Times* written by Mrs. B.A. Harry of Grover.

— Walter B. Turner

GEORGE WILLIAMSON and DESCENDANTS

1115

George Williamson, a private in the Revolutionary War, enlisted in the Massachusetts Regiment while living in Middlesbough, Massachusetts. Wounded during the battle of White Plains, he was discharged early. He later lived in Woodstock, Vermont and died June, 1822 in Bangor, Maine.

Little is known about the southward migration of the Williamsons or the date of their arrival in North Carolina. George Williamson, the son, a resident of Halifax County, North Carolina, on April 28, 1786 purchased from Patrick Martin "land on both sides of First Little Broad River" amounting to 640 acres for £100 proclamation money. George Williamson never saw his purchase of wilderness country, dying in Halifax County in 1801, but many of his descendants harvested many seasons on his dream acreage.

Anderson Williamson, son of George and Mourning Williamson came to the Rutherford-Cleveland area in the late 1790's to settle and till his father's purchase. Anderson married Elizabeth Hart of Virginia, died young, and is buried near Lawndale, North Carolina. Upon his death June 4, 1803, Anderson left behind two sons Eli, and James Archibald (born April 13, 1794).

Elizabeth Hart Williamson soon remarried, and when Archibald reached the age of fourteen went to live with John Teeter Beam to learn the hatter's trade. No court record has

been found showing an official apprenticeship existed.

Archibald Williamson, or "Baldy," as he was known, became a "licensed hatter" upon completion of his apprenticeship at age eighteen, according to family tradition. "Baldy" married Nancy Crowder of Virginia (born 1795) on August 24, 1817 in Rutherford County. Nancy was the daughter of Anderson Crowder and granddaughter of William "Billy" Crowder, Revolutionary War parriot and early settler of Cleveland County.

To the union of "Baldy" and Nancy Williamson were born Mary N. Williamson (died March 5, 1844, six years ten months old), Anderson Crowder Williamson (born August 9, 1818), Eli S. Williamson, Milton L. Williamson, Mary Elizabeth "Betty" Williamson, and James Williamson.

Nancy Crowder Williamson died August 19, 1853 and is buried in a private cemetery located four miles south of Polkville, one quarter mile west of Highway 226. She was buried beside her young daughter Mary.

After his wife's death "Baldy" went to live with his son James and wife Ducina. The 1860 census lists James as a merchant and "Baldy" as a hatter.

Archibald "Baldy" Williamson died August 15, 1875 and is buried beside his wife, his grave is marked only with a large field stone.

Anderson Crowder Williamson (born August 9, 1818 in Rutherford County) married Priscilla Mauney Washburn (born June 10, 1818) on July 7, 1842. Priscilla was the daughter of John Washburn and Mary Ann Magness. Anderson was a well known hatter of his day, learning the trade from his father. He is said to have made hats for the Confederate Army. This fact, plus his age, prevented his being drafted until near the end of the war. During his term in the Confederate Army he served as a guard for Union prisoners at Salisbury, North Carolina.

Nine children were born to the union of Anderson and Priscilla Williamson: Perry Decatur (born February 20, 1845), Eliza Ann (born May 29, 1848 — died November 23, 1938, married to Joseph M. Walker), Cicero Lafayette "Phate" (born March 7, 1850), Malcolm Pierce (born November 19, 1852), James F. (born August 19, 1854), Clifton Breckenridge (born January 3, 1857), Philetus R. "Phite" (born December 23, 1858), Joseph Everet (born March 12, 1861), and Mary Jaline (born January 30, 1865).

Priscilla died February 4, 1888 and Anderson died January 21, 1895. They are buried at Rehobeth Methodist Church near Lattimore, North Carolina.

Perry Decatur married Martha Elliott (born October 12, 1845), daughter of Adam and Varselia Green Elliott. They were the parents of four children: Charles Decater (born October 2, 1867), Erastus (born November 3, 1870), "Hattie," and "Nonie."

Perry "Decater" died September 1, 1927, and Martha died December 29, 1926. They are both buried at Rehobeth Methodist Church.

On January 11, 1894 Charles Decater Williamson married Hester Leona McMurry (born November 9, 1872). "Hessie" was the daugh-

ter of Bartlett Yancy and Many N. Haynes McMurry. To this marriage eight children grew to adulthood. Van Hoyle (born September 3, 1895 married Inez Hightower), James Fontz (born September 24, 1898 married Bloomie Poston), Fairie Leona (born April 7, 1901 married John Hoyt Cline), John Harmon (born July 15, 1903 married Lucy Falls), Pierce (born July 23, 1905 married Rae Jones), Mary Martha (born October 31, 1908 married John W. Bell), Clifton (born February 1, 1911 married Darcus Lattimore), and Ruth (born August 1, 1914 married James Clay).

"Charlie" and "Hessie" were successful farmers, owning quite a large parcel of land near Polkville.

"Charlie" died April 9, 1928 and "Hessie" died June 13, 1961. They are both buried at Rehobeth Methodist Church. Their heirs continue to well populate the Cleveland County area.

Sources: Family Documents

— Joyce Davis Bell

EDNY and MARY WRIGHT WILLIS

1116

My father, Edny Willis (1877-1955) was the son of Joseph G. Willis (1827-1892) and Mary Wilson Willis (1838-1919).

My mother, Mary Elizabeth Wright Willis (1880-1929) was the daughter of Noah J. Wright (1844-1932) and Nancy Bingham Wright (1844-1910). She had five sisters; namely, Ellen S. (1867-1950) who married R.A. Lackey. The second sister, Laura A. (1871-1955) married Rev. J. D. Morris. The third sister, Ida D. (1874-1966) married D. L. Martin. The fourth sister Lily J. (1877-1903) married Andy Wilson. The youngest sister Bertha (1884-1973) married R. W. Wilson.

My parents were graduates of Fallston High School and Rutherford College in Burke County.

Father and Mother were married in the home

of N.J. Wright February 23, 1910, by Rev. W. D. Reed. Mother was a member of Friendship Methodist Protestant Church in Fallston. Shortly after their marriage they moved to a farm in No. 10 Township (Cleveland County) and became members of St. Peters Methodist Episcopal Church South.

As time went by seven children were born to our family; namely, Robert Lee, Carl Jackson, Edward Dickson, Joseph Wilson, and Paul. The two youngest children were girls, Mary Agnes and Lillie Mae. We grew up on the farm and knew what it was to work from daylight to dark and sometimes longer during the busy seasons. All of us got a high school education. Three of us finished four years of college, and one went on to get a Master's Degree. Another one went to college for one year and then decided to get married.

I recall my own experience in getting an education. I attended a small two-teacher school at St. Peter's. The school was on land adjoining St. Peter's Church from which it got its name. The school term was six months. After going through the seventh grade, I found that I was required to have a minimum of eight months schooling in the seventh grade before I could get a certificate to enter high school. The next year I repeated the seventh grade to get the minimum eight months requirements.

The nearest high school was at Fallston. Arrangements were made for me to board at my uncle Rob Wilson's home and attend Fallston school with my cousins during the week and go home on the week ends. My first year at Fallston (1924-25) I attended at the old Fallston High School building, while they were building the new building in the yard nearby. The next year I attended school in the new school building. Professor W.R. Gary was the new principal where he remained some thirty years before he retired. After one year in the new school building at Fallston, the new Belwood consolidated high school was opened and I transferred back to Belwood. This school was formed from the consolidation of some eight or ten former one and two-teacher

schools. We now had an eight month school term with six to eight weeks out of school in the fall for cotton picking time. I graduated from Belwood in 1928 in the second class to graduate from the new high school.

The following marriages took place in our family: Veda Houser and Carl Willis were married September 22, 1936; Hilda Kille and Lee Willis were married August 13, 1939; Fern Whisnant and Wilson Willis were married January 15, 1939; Lillie Mae Willis and Thad Lee were married June 22, 1940; Dorothy London and Paul Willis were married October 11, 1940; Freda Evans and Dickson Willis were married March 3, 1946, and Mary Agnes Willis and John L. Lattimore were married January 24, 1948.

Two members of our family served overseas during World War II. Johnnie Lattimore joined the army in September, 1942. He took his basic training at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. After going overseas he was a member of the 92nd Army Field Artillery Battery, or the "Hell on Wheels Outfit." Most of his service was with this unit in Africa. He was discharged and returned home in August, 1945.

Dickson was drafted into the army in January, 1944, and took his basic training in Fort Blanding in Florida. After serving in several places in the States, he boarded the "Q.E. II" (Queen Elizabeth 2) which was taken over as a troop transport during the war. They landed in England the first part of June. He and his group hit Omaha Beach two weeks after D Day, where he was in the infantry for a short time. Then he was transferred to the Quartermaster Corp where he was a truck driver for the "Red Ball Express," hauling ammunition and supplies for General George Patton's tank corp. He served in this area until the end of the European conflict. Shortly after V.E. Day he was discharged and returned home.

The following deaths have occurred in our immediate family. Hilda Kille Willis (1907-1977), Carl Jackson Willis (1912-1977), Thad B. Lee (1920-1978).

Sources: Family Bible Records, the 1860 Cleveland County Census, cemetery markers, Cleveland County Marriage Records, and personal knowledge.

— Lee Willis

THE JACOB WILLIS FAMILY

1117

The Jacob Willis family lived in what is now called Cedar Park, along the First Broad River in upper Cleveland County. Very little is known of the family other than a will that was found at the Rutherford County Court House which was probated in 1828.

Jacob Willis was married to Lydia Black Willis. Their children were: Sarah Willis, William Willis, James Black Willis, Johnson Willis, Agnes Willis (1812-1907), Ann Willis (1814-1913) was buried at Clover Hill, John Willis, Polly Willis, Jacob Craven (1820), Rachel (1822-1911), Jesse Richard (1825-1889), my grandfather, Joseph Gallashaw Willis (1827-1892). Agnes, Rachel, Jesse and Joseph are all buried at Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church in upper Cleveland County.

Older members of the family have told this



Daughters of Noah J. Wright: L to R: Ellen, Ida, Mary, Bertha and Lillie.

story: Several wagons stopped near the spring at Cedar Park to spend the night. My great grandfather Jacob Willis, heard them talking and thought they were the voices of his brothers. He went to the spring to talk with them and it really was his brothers. They had been living in Pennsylvania and had decided to move West. They visited a few days and then moved on West.

— Mary Elizabeth Willis

THE JOSEPH GALLASHAW WILLIS FAMILY

1118

Joseph Gallashaw Willis (1827-1892) was born at Cedar Park in upper Cleveland County near First Broad River. He fought in the Civil War. After the War he married Mary Wilson (1838-1919). Her home was near Fallston. They were married by Rev. Joseph Wilamson in 1867. Their home was about five miles North of Polkville, N. C. on Highway No. 226. They were buried at Mt. Harmony United Church in upper Cleveland County. Their children were: Oznie Willis (1868-1886); Sophie Willis (1870-1905) married Dr. Fletcher Whisnant and lived at Henrietta, North Carolina. Their children were: Ostine Whisnant, Mattie Miller Whisnant married Dr. Claude Lovelace and live at Henrietta, North Carolina; Attorney Joseph Carpenter Whisnant married Lou Alice Hamrick and they live in Shelby, North Carolina.

Lydia R. Willis Elliott (1872-1956) married Andrew Jackson Elliott. Their home was near Joseph Willis' home on the east side of First Broad River. They were buried at Elliott Church Cemetery near Polkville, North Carolina. Their children were: Mary Elliott (1893-1966) buried at Elliott's Cemetery, Christy Elliott (1895-1978) buried at Polkville Methodist Church, Joseph Gallashaw Elliott (Joe) (1896-1977) buried at Elliott Church Cemetery, Lee Roy Elliott (1898-1978 buried at Mt. Harmony; Sarah Bell Elliott (1899); Ivey Elliott (1900-1980) buried at Elliott Church; Lenna Elliott Jolly (1903); Sophie Elliott Hawkins (1906) and Dixie Elliott (1908).

Thomas Jacob Willis (1874-1955) lived at Joseph Willis' homeplace, about five miles north of Polkville on Highway No. 226. He married Addie Alexander whose home before her marriage was near Fallston (1887-1960). They had one daughter, Mary Jo Willis. She married Harold Eugene Pruett and live at the homeplace. Thomas Willis attended Rutherford College in Burke County (High School), George Peabody College in Nashville, Tennessee, and A. & M. in Raleigh, North Carolina (now North Carolina State). They were buried at Mt. Harmony.

Edney Willis (1876-1955) married Mary Wright. (See Edney Willis Family)

Ivey Willis (1878-1962) married Daisy Lillian Hunt (1881-1949). They are buried at Mt. Harmony. (See J. J. Hunt Family). They had one daughter Mary Elizabeth Willis (1912). Ivey attended Rutherford College in Burke County (High School) and University of North

Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina, graduating in the Class of 1909. Ivey's family lived at Lattimore, North Carolina, where he and his wife taught school. His wife Daisy attended Piedmont in Lawndale, North Carolina. He was mayor of Lattimore several terms and served on the Cleveland County Board of Education several terms.

Sara Elizabeth (Sally) Willis (1881-1939) attended Rutherford College. She was buried at Mt. Harmony United Methodist Church.

— Mary Elizabeth Willis

A HISTORY OF THE WILSON-BURCHETTE CLAN

1119

The earliest known ancestor of the Wilson-Burchette Clan was Matilda Calhoun. Matilda was a slave who landed in Virginia with her family and was eventually sold into North Carolina at Boiling Springs. As was the custom, the members of Matilda's family took the names of their owners so that the family became Jennings, Wilson, Homesly, and Hamrick.

One of Matilda's direct descendants was Henry Burchett whose wife was Mary. Henry and Mary Burchett were the parents of George, Berry, Jackson, Sarah, and Joanna Burchett. Joanna Burchett never married and was very thrifty with her money. In her later years, she was able to purchase a home on Carolina Avenue in Shelby, North Carolina.

"Aunt Joanna", as she was called by the generation of her family who were born during the early twentieth century, was quite an uncommon individual. She worked in Shelby for the family of A.V. Wray, founder of the department store by that name, and helped to raise his six sons. She also worked for the R.T. LeGrand family, founders of a textile empire, and other well-to-do families of her time.

What Aunt Joanna's nieces and nephews remember about her most was her custom of always bringing something for the children whenever she came to spend the day at the home of relatives. She tended to have a fondness for presenting each child with a tea cake which she produced from the bodice of her dress. The problem with this was that Aunt Joanna also had a great fondness for perfumed talcum powder which she lavished on herself. The young ones found it extremely difficult not to accept the gifts offered by Aunt Joanna. However, that was no sign that they were going to eat them. After that first bite of what they thought were light delicious tea cakes covered with "confectioners sugar", they were on the alert to make the tea cakes "disappear" until Aunt Joanna was out of the house. Then, they would laugh for hours about her unusual treats.

To this day, the mention of the name of Aunt Joanna Burchett brings a ripple of laughter through a family gathering of the Wilson-Burchett Clan.

Sources: Ezra Bridges personal knowledge.

— Anita Wilson Maxwell
and Ezra A. Bridges

HACKETT CALDWELL WILSON

1120

Hackett Caldwell Wilson, son of James Andrew and Amanda Dover Wilson, was born in Shelby on September 17, 1901. After graduation from Shelby High School he attended Fruitland Institute and N.C. State College. In 1924 he went to Kent, Ohio, to the Davey Tree Expert Company Institute and then worked for Davey Tree Expert Company for twenty three years. In Kent he met and married Alice Dixon. They settled in Cleveland County in 1926 and in 1949 Hackett founded Wilson Tree Company. He remained president until his retirement in 1966.

Hackett was an active member of First Baptist Church, Masonic Lodge No. 202, Oasis Shrine, and Eastern Star. As president of the Chamber of Commerce in 1955, he worked diligently to bring new industry to the county. He was a charter member of the Cleveland County Historical Society. As a member of the Beautification Committee in 1975, he supervised the planting of the beautiful oak trees lining the streets around the courtsquare.

Hackett and Alice had two daughters, Carolyn (Mrs. Mason Gaston) and Marjorie (Mrs. Charles Senn) and five grandchildren, John, Julia, and Jim Gaston and Caroline and Catherine Senn. Hackett died in 1979 and is buried in Elizabeth Baptist Church Cemetery.

— Mrs. Carolyn W. Gaston

JAMES ANDREWS and AMANDA DOVER WILSON

1121

James Andrews Wilson was born October 24, 1865 to Samuel and Almira Whitesides Blanton Wilson at home on the plantation of his grandfather Thomas Wilson who was the original owner of the 2400 acres of land, known as Wilson Springs and now Cleveland Springs Estates. The Wilson home was on the site of the present Ralph Gardner Home in Cleveland Springs Estates, Shelby, also a part of the late Hackett Wilson's Farm where the Wilson children grew up.

James Andrew's father had three children from a previous marriage to Hettie Warlick and after her death in 1863 he married Almira who from her previous marriage to Bate Blanton had three sons, Hackett, Johnnie and George. Samuel and Almira had two children James Andrews and Julia Evelyn. Thus the results: my children — your children — our children. Samuel Wilson was a private in the Civil War and Almira had all the responsibilities of the plantation while he was away.

Julia Wilson married James D. Anders of McAdenville, N.C. and they had three children while living in Norfolk, Virginia. Dr. James Clarence Anders of San Diego, California, the late Lucille Whipple, and Beverly (Mrs. Joseph Batchelor) of Farmville, N.C.

Julia Wilson and Amanda Dover were very close friends before their weddings which were only days apart. Amanda led the singing and Julia played the piano at Elizabeth Baptist Church for several years, in fact, until the



Hackett Caldwell Wilson, 1901-1979

Her well worn Bible was her constant companion.

Papa Wilson and Mama Wilson as they became known, after the first grandchild was born, lived on Cleveland Springs Road the remainder of their lives. Papa died in January 1934 and Mama Wilson (as she was affectionally known by everyone) went to her heavenly home July 2, 1962.

Mrs. Annie Weathers and Della Bachmann are still living in Shelby.

Source: Family Bible, memories, personal knowledge and tombstones.

— Sara L. Hamrick

JOSEPH PHILLIP WILSON

1122

Joseph Phillip "Joe", first child of Robert Lee "Bob" and Vashti Walker Wilson, was born September 20, 1905 in the two-story house built in the 1860s by his grandfather, Phillip Dobbins Wilson.

Joe remembers moving from there to a house a mile north when he was four years old. He had a scare before his father caught the sewing machine that was rolling toward him in the back of the wagon. His sister, Mildred Walker, born December 28, 1908, was probably riding in her mother's arms that moving day.

Younger brother James Robert, born July 31, 1911, recalls Mildred carrying him to a neighbors on the day Claxter Neil, the



James Andrews and Amanda Dover Wilson on their wedding day, June 15, 1893.



The Wilson home on Cleveland Springs Road — 1910.

Sunday before Julia's wedding, June 1, 1893.

Julia Wilson Anders died March 15, 1945 at the home of her daughter in Farmville, and is buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church, near Shelby, North Carolina. Elizabeth Baptist Church is named for James Andrews and Julia's grandmother Elizabeth Love Wilson who gave the land for the church.

James Andrews (Jim) attended Wake Forest University with the idea of studying medicine but had to forego that dream. He taught school at the Little Buffalo School near Filbert, South Carolina. His wife Amanda Dover was one of his students.

They were married on June 15, 1893 at the home of her parents, David Thomas and Mary Ellen Biggers Dover near Filbert. The couple left for a wedding trip to Bluefield, West Virginia where they made their home for two years. Young Amanda became so homesick they returned to Wilson Springs, N.C. to make their home at the site of the late Hackett Wilson Farm.

James Andrews was a farmer, astronomer and weather prophet. He was also a man with a remarkable memory and an interesting conversationalist. He predicted that before the year 2000 America would send a man to the

moon, a prediction we witnessed in 1967.

The young couple had eight children, Samuel Dover (who died at the age of nine months and is buried in Bluefield, W.Va.), Alma (Mrs. Jarvis Hamrick/Clarence Newman) Isabelle (Mrs. McBryde Poston), Annie (Mrs. Maurice Weathers), Hackett C. (Alice Dixon), and Della (Mrs. Minor McSwain/Frank Bachmann). James A. Jr., and Evelyn died in infancy and are buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church Cemetery. Isabelle Poston died in childbirth in November 1921 and is buried with her baby at Elizabeth.

After the family moved to a new home on the present site of the Coca Cola Company on Cleveland Springs Road in Shelby, Amanda was so well known for her good southern hospitality that she was asked to keep the overflow of guests from the Wilson Springs Hotel during the summers. While the 1918 flu epidemic raged Amanda Wilson was a constant source of strength for the town, going from house to house ministering to the ill and dying people with the dreaded disease. God was with her and she never had the terrible disease. She became a christian at a very young age and faithfully and lovingly attended all church functions as long as she was able.

youngest child was born, August 14, 1914.

The Wilson family lived there until Vashti's death, May 29, 1916. Bob moved then, with his four children, back to his parents farm.

Chores for Joe there were cutting stovewood for Granny Jane and milking the cows. There were hogs on the farm, also, and Bob Wilson's cured hams were reputed to be exceptional. When the children grew tired of farm raised meat and they cut a slab from one of the smokehouse hams to trade in Shelby for weiners, a treat for them, the grocer was well satisfied with the bargain.

Joe and Addis Ruth Moore were married September 17, 1929. Addis, born August 23, 1909 in South Carolina, moved here with her parents, John Irvin and Elanora Moore, sisters and brother soon after she graduated from Grover High School.

Their first home was built with timber cut from the Wilson land. Joe and Irvin Moore, a fine mason, fashioned fieldstones into foundation, chimneys and walks. Joe and Addis moved into the new house when Phyllis Ann, born August 11, 1930, was two years old. Barbara Mildred was born there September 25, 1938.

Joe was in the earthmoving business in Shelby for many years, first as Stone and Wilson, later as Peterson and Wilson. He learned to operate a bulldozer in the forties and still at age seventy-six enjoys doing a little "dozer" work.

Addis is a nurse and has worked at Cleveland Memorial Hospital and as a private duty nurse.

When the city began to expand, Joe and Addis moved to a country place north of town. They lived there for twenty-five years except for the time they spent in Hialeah, Florida. They enjoyed their stay there, Joe working on the construction of "Alligator Alley" and the Cape Florida State Park. Addis worked at Miami Baptist Hospital and at the, then new, Palm Springs Hospital.

Bob Wilson, Joe's father, died December 8, 1937 and he and Vashti, Joe's mother, are buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church, which was named in memory of Elizabeth Love Wilson, Joe's great-grandmother.

Joe's sister, Mildred, managed the Shelby Bus Station until her retirement in 1973. She enjoyed the years she worked there except for the World War II years when families saying goodbye to their sons brought tears to Mildred's eyes. Mildred has two children, six grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

Younger brother, Robert, joined the Shelby Fire Department after his return from the war and at the time of his retirement in 1976 was Assistant Chief. He stays busy with his garden and fishing. He has a daughter, a step-son and two granddaughters.

Neil, the youngest brother, today lives just across the highway from his birthplace, he lived there fifty-one years. In 1979, Neil retired from the Caroline Dairy in Shelby, he began as a milk salesman in 1941 and was General Manager at the time of his retirement. He has three sons and six grand-children who enjoy camping trips with Neil.

Joe and Addis have six grand-children and one great-grandson.

At the present, Joe and Addis are living within a half mile of Joe's great-grandfather's Wilson Springs homesite, now Cleveland Springs. Each of their daughters live only blocks from the house on Peach Street where they grew up. Joe's grand children play in the same woods and fish the same streams that four generations of Wilson children have enjoyed.

— Barbara Wilson Dover

PHILLIP DOBBINS WILSON 1123

Wilson Springs, now known as Cleveland Springs, was home for Phillip's family before the year 1820. In that year, John Wilson, Phillip's grandfather, conveyed by deed a section of land to Phillip's father, Thomas, born December 1, 1795. Thomas came to this area as a young man from Virginia after sailing to America in the late 1700s.

Thomas' property totaled about 2,000 acres including the Springs, well known for its mineral water. He built a hotel there that became a popular gathering place.

On January 18, 1818, Thomas married Elizabeth Love. They made their home and raised their family at the Springs.

Elizabeth, born March 14, 1800, daughter of Charles and Fereby Love, gave a gift of land, more than five acres, that became the site for Elizabeth Baptist Church. She received handwritten receipts from her children for payment she made to them for that land. It would have been part of their inheritance. Elizabeth died April 23, 1889, and is buried at that church, named in her memory.

Thomas is buried in a private cemetery off Peach Street. He died May 23, 1861.

According to their Bible, Thomas and Elizabeth had four daughters: Barbara, Sarah, Elizabeth Margaret and Mary Love, and nine sons: C. Jackson, Christopher Osburn, John Thomas, Samuel Alexander, James Franklin, William Maxwell, Moses, Drury Ramsour and Phillip Dobbins, the youngest son, born December 23, 1839, at Wilson Springs.

Phillip was a young man, as a family story relates, when a Rutherford County man, Lindsey Melton, driving cattle to Charleston, South Carolina, stayed overnight at the hotel. Returning by the same route Melton asked Phillip to accompany him home. There Phillip met his wife-to-be, Jane D. Melton, born August 4, 1842.

South of the Springs on a knoll between two creeks, near present-day Montrose and Windsor Drives, Phillip built a two-story house, getting the roof on before going to war. He served with the 55th Regiment, Company C, Infantry. Returning, he finished the house he and Jane were to live in the rest of their lives.

Phillip operated a sawmill below his house on the knoll. Upstream was a dam used in winter for making ice. Packed in sawdust, the ice was stored in pits dug deep in the earth and kept until summer when it was sold or used at the hotel.

Below the dam and east of present day Robinwood Drive was his brickyard. Dug from between the creek and the haul road, the clay was processed by harnessing oxen to a center pole by a horizontal arm. Circling, they trampled the wet clay. Placed into brickforms, the clay was allowed to dry in the sun. Phillip's smokehouse was floored with these eight-by-eight inch bricks.

Phillip and Jane raised three sons: Thomas Maxwell, Robert Lee and James Osborn. Photographs made about the time the boys attended school at Wake Forest show slender, clean-shaven young men dressed in dark suits. Across his chest Robert is wearing a watch and chain, probably given to him by his mother on his twenty-first birthday.

Phillip died November 2, 1921, and Jane died September 27, 1928. They are buried at Elizabeth Church Cemetery, about a mile east of their homesite. Their sons are also buried there.

Thomas Maxwell "Max", first son of Phillip and Jane, was born April 21, 1869. He and Laura Roberts were married April 24, 1894. His death occurred April 6, 1951.

James Osborn "Jim," the youngest son, born October 15, 1877, graduated from medical school but died February 4, 1909, at age twenty-one.

Robert Lee "Bob," born December 18, 1870, brought his bride, Vashti home to Phillip's house on the knoll after they were married on February 24, 1904. A clipping from the Star describes the occasion as joyous. Vashti, born May 11, 1879, was the daughter of Joseph Morgan and Elizabeth Williams Walker of Rutherford County.

Bob and Vashti had four children: Joseph Phillip, Mildred Walker, James Robert and Claxter Neil. All four are at the present living within a mile of the Wilson Springs homesite of their great-grandfather, Thomas, on land that was once Phillip's estate.

— Barbara W. Dover

THE SAMUEL BRIGHT WILSON FAMILY

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Samuel Bright Wilson, born May 17, 1898, was the youngest child of William Putnam and Sarah Elizabeth Wilson. He attended Shelby High School. Because of his typing skill, he was recommended for after-school work at the First National Bank of Shelby. He was employed there for forty-seven years and was present when the bank building collapsed in 1928. Moments before this happened he had walked to the rear of the building to pick up a bundle of checks for posting. Upon noticing the falling plaster, he ran through the rear door avoiding injury. On June 4, 1923 he married our mother, Georgie Cleo Mauney who was born August 21, 1901. As a wedding gift he gave her a new Model T Ford Coupe, purchased from Charles L. Eskridge, the Ford dealer in Shelby. After much deliberation, our parents decided to drive the Ford Coupe to Littleton, North Carolina to visit Uncle David and his family. The trip of 300 miles took 15 hours.



Sam B. Wilson Family, 1982: Front row: Jeffery and Elizabeth; Middle row: Carol, Cleo, Emily; Back row: Lamar (Buzz) and Sam, Jr.

Considerable road construction necessitated many detours, and at one point the car was stalled on a railroad track. On Dad's instructions Mother sat in the car while he walked to a nearby train station to see when the next train was due to pass. On May 18, 1927 they purchased a new Buick four door sedan for \$1,517.50 from the J. Lawrence Lackey Company of Shelby. This automobile is still in the family.

Our Dad's hobby was woodworking; and he especially liked making cedar chests, which he always signed and dated. He served as a deacon and treasurer of Elizabeth Baptist Church as well as treasurer of the Cleveland County Chapter of the Red Cross. He died July 9, 1977 and is buried at Elizabeth Church. Our mother has been active in church work for most of her life, is known in the community both as an excellent cook and for her needle crafts, and has enjoyed participating in activities of the Shelby Woman's Club.

Samuel Bright Wilson, Jr. was born on May 19, 1931 and graduated from the University of South Carolina. Interested in music and antique automobiles, he is active in the music of Covenant Presbyterian Church of Charlotte where he is an elder and is restoring his father's 1927 Buick. He is Data Base Coordinator of the City of Charlotte. His wife, Emily Elizabeth Riddle formally of Seneca, South Carolina, is a curriculum coordinator in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system. They have a daughter, Emily Elizabeth, born November 23, 1973.

Lamar (Buzz) Mauney Wilson, born November 29, 1933, attended Blue Ridge School for Boys in Hendersonville and Ringling School of Art in Sarasota, Florida. His interests include woodworking and eighteenth century history. He and his wife, the former Carol Lee Heaven of Charlotte, are members of the North Carolina Historical Re-enactment Society. Buzz is Curator of the Cleveland County His-



William Mark Wilson, U.S. Airforce, 1981.

torical Museum and Carol is Assistant Director of the Cleveland County Memorial Library. Their son Jeffery Ian was born November 6, 1974.

William Mark Wilson was born July 28, 1961 and is Lamar's son by a previous marriage. Mark graduated from Charlotte's South Mecklenburg High School where he played clarinet in the band. He shares a considerable skill at woodworking with three previous generations. Mark is currently serving in the U.S. Air Force.

Sources: grave stones, personal knowledge and interviews with family members.

— Sam B. Wilson Jr.
and Lamar M. Wilson

THE WILLIAM PUTNAM WILSON FAMILY

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Our great-grandparents were Samuel Clarence Wilson, born February 1, 1833 and Violet Salenia Putnam, born August 7, 1833. Married on January 18, 1853, they lived on a farm one mile from the present site of Zion Baptist Church near Shelby, North Carolina. This land is still in the hands of direct descendants. Samuel died of typhoid fever August 1, 1859 leaving his widow with a farm to be worked and three small children to be raised. At times during the Civil War, she discouraged Union soldiers from entering the house by throwing boiling water at them. Salenia was remembered as an independent and self-sufficient woman. She died July 29, 1914 and is buried next to her husband at Zoar Baptist Church in Shelby.

William Putnam Wilson who was born November 24, 1853 was the eldest son of Samuel and Salenia. He attended Rutherford College near Morganton, North Carolina where he was an "A" student. Afterwards he moved to Shelby to teach school and to help build houses some of which stood on Sumter Street be-

tween Lafayette and Morgan. On December 22, 1882 he married one of his students, Sarah Elizabeth Spake who was born April 4, 1864. They lived at the corner of Morgan and Lee Streets where two children, David Lee and Emily Violet, were born. In 1897 they built a new home at what is now 926 East Marion Street in Shelby. Here, their youngest child, Samuel Bright was born. Grandpapa Wilson spent the balance of his life farming. Grandmama grew most of the food for the family in her vegetable garden. Both of them were devout and quiet people by nature. Grandpapa, who was a skilled woodworker, once stayed home from church and worked most of a Sunday to build a wooden coffin for a small child whose parents could not afford to buy one. He died April 22, 1934 and Grandmama died on March 23, 1930. They are buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church where he was a deacon.

David Lee Wilson was born February 1, 1888. As a young man he worked in Florida. He met Margaret Ione Bowers of Littleton, North Carolina who was attending Shelby High School. They were married October 27, 1915. In 1917 they moved from Shelby to Littleton where they raised five children: William Bowers, Maude Elizabeth, David Lee, Joseph Paul and Samuel Ray. Uncle David died February 14, 1980 and is buried next to his wife at Bear Swamp Baptist Church near Littleton. For twenty years Uncle David and his family visited in our home for several days each August and each Christmas. These visits are some of our most pleasant memories.

Emily Violet Wilson was born April 22, 1893. She attended Boiling Springs High School (later Boiling Springs College) where she studied piano and afterwards moved back to her parents home in Shelby. During her life she was employed at the A.V. Wray, Harry Cohen, and Hudson department stores. She enjoyed working in her flower garden and was talented at making mints and other candies. She died April 7, 1955 and is buried at Elizabeth Baptist Church. Aunt Emily is remembered as a generous, pleasant, and loving person.

Sources: The Wilson Family Bible, grave stones, personal knowledge and interviews with family members.

— Sam B. Wilson Jr.
and Lamar M. Wilson

THE WILLIE WILSON FAMILY

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Willie Wilson (November 11, 1891 — May 28, 1968) was the oldest son of William Walker and Alice Cornwell Wilson. On April 27, 1921, he married Bertha Lillian Spake (September 30, 1891 — March 7, 1968) the fifth child of William George and Roxanne Irvin Spake.

They were both life-long members of Elizabeth Baptist Church. Willie's great-grandmother, Elizabeth Love Wilson, gave the land for Elizabeth Church and it was named in her honor.

Willie had only one brother, Charles W., and they both reared their families on the land inherited from their father. This land, located east of Shelby, along Highway 150, has been



William Putnam Wilson Family: L to R: Elizabeth, William, Cleo and Samuel, 1927.

in the Wilson family since John Wilson got it in a land grant from the King of England. It has passed from father to son for six generations: John, to Thomas, to Osburn, to William Walker, to Willie, to Billy. Now, Billy and his two sons, Larry James and Billy Alan are farming the land, with Larry and Alan being seventh generation Wilsons.

Willie Wilson was owner and operator of the Wilson cotton gin, later known as Morgan & Co., located at the intersection of Highway 150 and 180 east of Shelby. The gin was originally located on the present site of the Elks Club. Willie moved it and built the electric power lines up Highway 150 to the gin. He sold electricity to the individual houses along the route until it was taken over by Duke Power. Since he didn't like for anyone to know about his business, he didn't tell them; nor did he pry into their business. He was a man of few words, but when he spoke, you could depend on it. He believed in paying his debts and collecting from his debtors! His stern manner gave the appearance of being almost harsh, but beneath was really a tender heart.

Lillian Spake Wilson was a mild-mannered, easy-going person. She graduated from Shelby High School and taught school for several years before she was married on April 27, 1921. In preparation for the marriage, Willie had already built a large two-story frame house on his farm, and after the wedding, Lillian never spent a night away from that house until about a year before her death, when she was admitted to the hospital for several days. She devoted her life to her family, but is remembered by many for the small, thoughtful things she did for others, such as writing cards and letters to those away from home and giving birthday presents to the children of tenant families that lived on the farm. She also liked to share things from the garden with others.

Willie and Lillian had five children: Sue, Jane, Billy, Jimmy, and Beth. None of them were given a middle name, because their father thought one name was sufficient.

Sue, born February 2, 1922, graduated from Shelby High School and Kings Business College in Charlotte. She married Ward Rum-

mage and they had three daughters: Linda (Mrs. James Clark), Delores (Mrs. Ronnie Pittman), and Nancy (Mrs. James Curtis), and four grandsons. Sue died November 8, 1979, but all of her family still live in the Raleigh area.

Jane, born January 20, 1924, also graduated from Shelby High School and Kings Business College. She married William H. Taylor, Jr. from New Jersey and they have four daughters: Patricia (Mrs. Lawrence Levy), Susan (Mrs. John Robert Skross, Jr.), Carol (Mrs. Vito R. Vespe, Jr.), and June (Mrs. Jeffrey Estock), and five grandchildren. They all live in the Wilmington, Delaware area.

Billy, born September 26, 1926, attended Shelby schools until his last two years of high school, when he changed to Waco, so he could help his father in the fall of the year at the cotton gin. He married Margaret Spangler and they have five children: Sandra (Mrs. Michael Catching) graduated from N.C. State and is a programmer analyst living in Raleigh. Karen (Mrs. Tony Ganey) lives in Savannah, Georgia, and works in an office there. Larry is a graduate of N.C. State and received his Masters Degree in Plant Protection and Pest Management at the University of Georgia. He married Kathleen (Kathy) Hamrick and they have a daughter, Elizabeth Kathleen (Katie). Larry farms with his father. Alan attended Western Carolina University, but dropped out to farm with his father. He is also starting a sand business. Ann is planning to enter N.C. State University this fall to study computer science.

Jimmy, born July 25, 1931, graduated from Shelby High School and Clemson University and is manager of Southridge Tractor Company. He married Ruth Sperling, who is Director of Special Services for Shelby City Schools. They have one son, James Sperling Wilson, a student at U.N.C. Chapel Hill studying to become an orthodontist.

Beth, born February 14, 1934, graduated from Shelby High School and Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing. She married William D. McKee and they have four children: Teresa (Mrs. Michael Joyner), a graduate of U.N.C. Greensboro, teaches school; Bruce and David are both in college at Western Caro-

lina, and Dale is in high school. Beth and all of her family live near Charlotte.

Sources: personal knowledge.

— Mrs. Billy Wilson

THE WITHERSPOON FAMILY

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The Witherspoon Family who settled in South Carolina in 1734 can be traced back to Alexander Wetherspun who lived in Glasgow, Scotland from 1400 to 1451. They claim among their ancestors Robert Bruce and John Knox. An extensive HISTORY OF GENEALOGY OF THE WITHERSPOON FAMILY (1400-1972) by Joseph Bailey Witherspoon traces the Witherspoon family for nearly 600 years. Gerald Wayne Witherspoon of Shelby and Philip Warren Witherspoon of Kings Mountain are descendants of this Witherspoon family who lived along the strip south of Hadrian's Wall, that series of forts stretching from Glasgow to Edinburgh.

John Witherspoon was born near Glasgow, Scotland in 1670 and in 1693 he married his first cousin Janet Witherspoon. The famous Reverend John Witherspoon, D.D., of Princeton, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, was a nephew of Janet.

John and Janet Witherspoon left Scotland for County Down, Ireland, where they remained for 39 years and reared a family. When the royal authority laid off townships in the low county of South Carolina, one of these, 29 miles square, was granted to John and his family, with full guaranty of religious liberty. They called the land "Williamsburg" in honor of their king.

John Witherspoon, his family, and a few friends set out in the ship "Good Intent" on September 14, 1734. Of the seven children born to John and Janet the oldest was David. A second son, James, built the now restored home in Williamsburgh County, South Carolina, called "Thorntree". David married Ann Presley. Their son, David, Jr., married Janet Blakely. Eight children were born of this union. The first son, David, III, was a captain under General Francis Marion in the Revolutionary War. "Captain David" lived at Salem, South Carolina and married two wives there. The census of 1810 for Sumter County indicates that David was the owner of one hundred slaves.

The family continued to increase and to spread. One son of David, III was John Story Witherspoon who lived in Darlington County, South Carolina. Their younger son, Jefferson William, was born in 1835. He married Frances Mancill but was a casualty of the Battle of St. Petersburg in the Civil War. He left three children, the youngest being Jefferson H.H., born in 1864. Jefferson married Margaret Parnell and lived at Lamar, South Carolina. Their third son, Thomas Franklin, was born August 23, 1893. On June 25, 1918 he married Willie Alice Haywood, daughter of James Martin and Nancy Covington Haywood of Richmond County, North Carolina.

Thomas Franklin and Willie Alice moved to a farm in Richmond County, North Carolina in

1922. They reared and educated six children. Two of these are present-day residents of Cleveland County.

Philip Warren Witherspoon, born July 18, 1936, attended Rockingham public schools and Wingate College. He served in the Army from 1958-1960. After completing his military duty, he came to Cleveland County, married Patricia Goforth Ware, later adopting her two sons, Charles Edmond and Patrick Alan. Their daughter, Wanda Lynn, was born February 13, 1964. Charles is now married to Lynn Watson and they reside in Charlotte.

Philip has been very active in Cleveland County activities. He is presently Captain of Kings Mountain Police Reserve, Director of Kings Mountain Sertoma Club, Kings Mountain Booster Club, and Treasurer of Improved Order of Redmen.

Gerald Wayne Witherspoon was born on December 26, 1937. He married Mary Yvonne Chappell of Rockingham and they moved to Cleveland County in 1976. Their two sons are now married. Gerald Wayne Witherspoon, Jr. married Cynthia Hord from Mooresboro and they are living in Maxton, North Carolina. David Brian married Regina Scholl from Rockingham, North Carolina and they are making their home in Rockingham.

Gerald has been very active in Cleveland County activities. He is presently Chairman of the Administrative Board of Lafayette Street United Methodist Church, President of Piedmont Shrine Club, Past President of Shelby Optimist Club, and Director of Resident Lenders of North Carolina. He has officiated high school football for a number of years. He is a Charter Member of Cleveland Horse Association and was Show Chairman of the first two shows put on in the new facilities that he helped build at the fairgrounds. He is also a Committee Member of Scout Troop 105.

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— Jean Witherspoon Hawkins (Mrs. Leo F.)

THE JOHN CALVIN WITHROW FAMILY

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John Calvin Withrow, son of Albert Withrow and Jane Houser Withrow, was born in Rutherford County. He lived near Hollis, North Carolina until 1920 when he moved to Cleveland County where he lived in Mooresboro. Shortly thereafter he moved to Cliffside. In 1924 John moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where he lived and worked as a coal miner until his death in 1931.

John was married twice, first to Caroline Elliott, daughter of Daniel Elliott and Eliza Wells Elliott, and then to Ollie Watkins Poston.

The John Withrow-Caroline Elliott union produced thirteen children, three boys and ten girls:

The boys were: Clarence who died in West Virginia, Theodore (Dock) who died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Samuel Daniel (Dan) who died in New York.

The girls were: Ola who married Joe Roberts and Jim Hamrick; she is buried in Boiling Springs, North Carolina in the Green Bethel Baptist Church cemetery, Erie who married Tom Wilson; died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Margaret (Mag) who married Dock Poston and Willie Hopper; died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Mandaline who married Jives Davis and Fred Burgess, Charlie Clarene (Clara) who married Summie Brooks, son of Alonzo Brooks and Sally Goode Brooks, Jewell who married John Frank Barner (see related article "The John Frank Barner Family"), Mae Sue who married Everett Brooks, son of Chancey Brooks and Callie Brooks, Evelyn Ruth (1916-1978) who married John Aster Peeler is buried in Buffalo, New York, Gertrude Caroline (Gert) died in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a daughter (name not known) died at birth.

Source: Interviews with family members

— Linda A. Barner

THE SHERMAN WITHROW FAMILY

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Sherman Miller Withrow, the son of Zan Withrow and Catherine Wells Withrow married Amanda Virginia Houser, daughter of John and Minnie Gidney Houser. After they were married Sherman served a tour of duty with the U.S. Army in France during World War I. Henry Miller, their oldest son, was born while his father was in France. Nine more children were born after Sherman was discharged from service. They were in order of birth Frances Mae, Camilla, Van Edward, Minnie Salome, Zan Calvin, Clarence Samuel, Carl Lee, Helen Dorcas and Glenn Melvin.

Henry married Rossie Harshaw and their children are Donald, Henrietta and Franklin. Frances married Eugene Coleman and she had one son, Clarence Sherman. Camilla and her husband Woodrow (Jake) Sinkler had Glen Calvin and Roslyn. Van married Henrietta Kee Flack. Minnie and Rupert Bell were blessed with six children. They are Thomas, Millicent, Ruperta, the twins Reginald and Regina, and Felicia Jeanine. Zan's marriage to Emily Montgomery produced Eric Zan and Lorna Clarice. Clarence married Bettye Jamerson and their children are Sharon, Karen Gaye and Raven Guest. Carl Lee married Bernice McGuire Newlon. Helen's marriage to Carl Timothy Love produced three children. They are Cassandra (Sandy), Carl Timothy, Jr. (Timmy) and Angela (Angie). Glenn married Vernelle Scott and they reared a set of twin boys, Arlos and Carlos and the girls, Aleta and Gloria.

In 1949 Sherman bought a farm near Shelby and moved his family from the Weathers Grove Community to the farm. His untimely death in April of the same year left Amanda a widow with five minor children to rear. Those at home continued to farm until the youngest child was a senior in high school. The other children were mostly married and gone from home.

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Amanda sold the farm and bought a house in the Washington Heights development. She later bought a trailer with her sister, Mamie Houser Elliott Flack, and moved to her father's farm. She has been very ill and is now living with her daughter, Camilla.

Sources: Family Bible, Courthouse records

— Emily Withrow

JACOB WOLFE and DESCENDANTS

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Jacob Wolfe and wife, Nancy, lived in Rutherford County until Cleveland County was organized. He died November, 1865. His wife Nancy died January 1865. Jacob was fifty-four years old and Nancy was forty-eight when the first Cleveland County, North Carolina census was taken in 1850.

The known children were: Casey, Jarousy, and Nellie who married Robert Ledford and lived to be one-hundred and three years old.

Sanford Robert moved to Kentucky. William Cathey born December 4, 1833, died May 9, 1917. On September 20, 1855, William Cathey Wolfe married Phebe Lee, born June 9, 1837, died August 4, 1915. He purchased a house and farm on Buffalo Creek which had been built around 1707 and is still standing which has some beautiful hand carvings.

Cathey served the full span of the Civil War in Company I, 56th Regiment and was wounded in the shoulder. After the war Cathey continued his work as a farmer, he also owned a gristmill on Persimon Creek near his house a waterwheel was used for power for grinding corn and wheat into flour and meal for the community.

The children of William Cathey and Phebe Lee were: Mary Ellen Wolfe Grigg; Sarah Jane Wolfe Jenkins; Mary Wolfe Blanton; Asena Era Wolfe (single); Jefferson Beauregard married Emma McGill; William Ivey married Mary Wesson; George Franklin married Pearl Goode; Sanford Robert married Julia Sellers.

My father, Lawrence Marshall born 1878, died May 5, 1966, married Mary Etta Lackey born 1879, died April 1, 1958. They were married October 7, 1903. To this union were born three children: John Cathey Wolfe married Margaret Wiston. They live in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. They have five children, twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Mary Pearl Wolfe, Cleveland County, Marshall Wolfe married Frances Beam, Cleveland County. They have three children: William Ivey and Era were both stricken with crippling arthritis in their early teens. William Ivey assisted by his sister, Era, served as postmaster of Fancy Post Office, Cleveland County, for a number of years. The post office was in one room of the house until the rural routes were established. After the post office closed, William taught in public schools and also taught public school music, both vocal and instrumental, in the communities of Cleveland County.

My grandparents are buried in the Beulah Methodist Cemetery. Cathey died of a heart attack on the Cleveland County Courthouse lawn which is now the Cleveland County Historical Museum.

Sources: Wolfe Family Bible & letters, 1850 Census, Family members

— Mary Pearl Wolfe

LAWRENCE MARSHALL WOLFE

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Lawrence Marshall Wolfe, my father, was always interested in Beulah Methodist Church, located in Cleveland County, North Carolina. He was reared and attended this church during his entire life. He is also buried in the cemetery of the church.

He served the church many years as Sunday School superintendent. He was also Lay Leader for the Cherryville circuit, which included four churches.

During the year of 1929-1930, the members decided to remodel their little frame church and build a brick veneer. It was a big undertaking for fifty members, but with determination they decided to continue with their plans.

They employed an architect to draw up the plans. The plans were submitted for a loan to Mr. King and the Board of Education, which was in Louisville, Kentucky. It seemed there was little satisfaction from the Board in obtaining the loan. After several attempts, the pastor, Reverend Paul Townesend, Mr. George Goforth, and Dad decided to go to visit Mr. King in person.

The pastor was to drive his car, which was a Ford roadster with a rumble seat and very bad tires. His wife was going as far as Tennessee with them. Dad and Mr. Goforth were going to ride in the rumble seat as that was their only choice.

Leaving home at 6:30 a.m., they stopped in Shelby to have four new tires installed. Having this done and ready to be on their journey, my dad started to get into the rumble seat and failed to make it, when suddenly the preacher stepped on the gas and was on his way. The minister and his wife were in Fallston, ten miles away, when Mrs. Townsend discovered they didn't have their passengers. She said, "Paul, they aren't back there," meaning Mr. Wolfe and Mr. Goforth.

The minister quickly turned around and they were back in Shelby on record time. Other than that they had a very successful trip.

The beautiful, little church was completed and furnished on schedule.

We would like to have you come and worship with us.

Dad attended a one-room school in which they used the "Blue Back Speller." Slates were used for figures in arithmetic and writing.

After the one-room school closed, he attended school in Belwood, Cleveland County.

Lawrence loved his land and cattle.

His outstanding hobby was racing his black horse, named Maude, which he had raised from a colt.

When we purchased our first radio, my mother would always have dinner scheduled so she would not miss the soap series, "Betty and Bob."

In our childhood days, we had the misfortune of having sore throat very often. My mother's favorite remedy was blowing sulfur, in a rolled up paper, down our throat. Once she attempted to blow the sulfur down my brother John's throat. He took the first blow, and the sulfur reversed and almost strangled my mother.

Sources: Memories

— Mary Pearl Wolfe

LAWRENCE MARSHALL, JR. and FRANCES BEAM WOLFE

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Lawrence Marshall Wolfe, Jr. was born on June 14, 1919 in Cleveland County to Lawrence M., Sr. and Mary Etta Lackey Wolfe, one of three children born of this union.

On December 23, 1939, Marshall married Frances Beam, daughter of Marcus and Willie Hoyle Beam. Frances was born on August 20, 1920 in Cleveland County. Three children were born to this union: Glenda Ann, on May 13, 1948; Mary Alice, on November 25, 1952 who married Mark Dunn Mitchell on July 4, 1976; and Dale Alan, on April 7, 1956.

We have had some happy times in our lives. At first when we married, we were dependent on the soil for our living, but times changed and Marshall went to textiles.

A highlight in our togetherness has been traveling in the United States. We have been on several long vacations and seen some of the scenic wonders in our great country.

Glenda is an accountant in Charlotte, North Carolina, Alice a teacher in Greenville, Tennessee, and Dale is a pilot in the United States Air Force.

Sources: Family knowledge

— Frances B. Wolfe

NELLIE WOLFE

1133

Nellie Wolfe was born January 1, 1822 to Jacob and Nancy McIntyre Wolfe. She had several brothers and sisters. Nellie, married Robert Ledford and they had eight children (maybe nine) Acie, Emmalize, Lizzie, Jane, Mary, Ella, Pinkney, and VOLLIE, which was my grandmother.

Nellie lived to be 103 years, 1 month, and 6 days. She was still active, but at the age of 95, she broke her hip, then had to get around with the aid of a cane.

My great grandmother (Nellie) was loved by all that knew her.

Grandmother was firm with her grandchildren. If you didn't obey her, you might get a tap with her cane, quoted one of her great-granddaughters.

Vollie, my grandmother was born (1870 — d. 1912) was married to John W. Mode (Tom). They reared ten children Essie, Addie, Era, Macie, Lelan, Luna, Ola, Corbett, Cathy, and Walter.

Vollie died 1912 at the age of 42.

Ola, Vollie's daughter and my mother was born 1895 and died 1957 at the age of 62. She was married to Marcus H. Bridges born 1892, died 1962.

To this union was born seventeen children. Lawrence, Laura, Elbridge, H.E., Lillian, Colton, Hubert Buen, Paul, Nelson, Marcus Jr., Melba, Connie, Helen, Corbett, Mary Ola, and Betty. The last son was a still born.

Melba was the daughter of Ola Mode Bridges born July 27, 1929. She is married to Lee Ray Willis, the son of Charlie Dennis Willis.

Melba and Ray have three sons, Ronald Lee born September 14, 1949. Ray Hillard born June 13, 1952, and Stuart Gantt Willis born December 31, 1963.

Ronald Lee, married Teresa Jane Anthony in 1970. They have two sons Jason born April 15, 1971. Justin Lee born April 26, 1976. Ray Hillard married Teresa Dawn Neal in 1971 and was divorced in 1978 (No Children). Then Hillard married Teresa Mae Kiser (Note all Tessa) on December 14, 1980. Born to Hill and Tessie on January 25, 1982 a daughter, Jaime Michelle. To my knowledge this is the youngest member of the clan. Jaime is the great-great-great granddaughter of Nellie Wolfe Ledford. Stuart Gantt 18 years old (still single).

Nellie Wolfe Ledford and Robert Ledford are buried in the Ledford family cemetery in Polkville.

It is believed that Nellie came to Cleveland County from South Carolina.

We have kin in Kentucky and eastern parts of North Carolina.

Sources: Tombstones, Census Records, and Family Bible

— Melba Bridges Willis

HENRY SMITH WOOD

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Henry Smith Wood (May 29, 1816 — November 28, 1864) Eldest son of William (Billy) Wood and Mary Magdalena Ruppe married Susan Watkins (January 24, 1819 — October 3, 1891) the daughter of William Watkins. Henry and Susan were farmers and of the Baptist Faith. William deeded Henry one hundred and forty-six acres of land on Suck Creek that reached to a branch head that emptied into Ashworth Creek. This was a part of three hundred acres granted to Patrick Sullivan in 1796.

From this union which took place April 12,

1837 were born the following children: William Smith, who married Mary Jane Lipscomb from Gaffney, South Carolina; Joseph T., who married Leco Goforth; Thomas J., who married Anna Liza Byers, and Louisa who married R.M. (Dick) Jolley. Joseph T. and Thomas J. were twins and the only twins in the Wood family located thus far in my research.

Henry Smith served in the Civil War. He was a guard at the Prisoner of War camp in Salisbury, North Carolina and was killed by a prisoner in an escape from the camp. His body was brought back home and buried in the family cemetery which later became Prospect Baptist Church Cemetery.

His wife Susan with the help of her children and some hired help kept the farm going and cleared additional acres for farming. She carried on the work for ten years after the death of her husband. She then married her brother-in-law, Thomas Harris, after his wife died.

This tract of land is still owned and farmed and is still in the Wood family.

— John W. Wood

HENRY SMITH (BUD) WOOD **1135**

Henry Smith (Bud) Wood (July 21, 1864 — July 27, 1919), son of William Smith and Mary Jane Lipscomb Wood married Charlotte Ida McIntyre (July 5, 1866 — February 20, 1905). Ida's father Mr. McIntyre, whose given name I do not know, married Pheobe Wright, a sister of Joe, John and Tom Wright, who came from the Ellenboro, Mooresboro, area of Cleveland and Rutherford counties. Mr. McIntyre and his wife Pheobe moved to Mississippi where Ida was born. Mr. McIntyre died and was buried in Mississippi. R.M. (Dick) Jolley who married Louisa, daughter of Henry Smith Wood and wife Susan went to Mississippi and brought Pheobe and her daughter and belongings back to Cleveland County. Pheobe married Steve Humphries the second marriage and they raised Ida.

From the union of Henry Smith and Ida were born the following children: Manie (February 20, 1890 — February 10, 1911), who married J. Bundy Ruppe (April 17, 1885 — October 2, 1960). Their children were Louise, Viola, and Ralph. After the death of Manie, J. Bundy married Elizabeth Ellis and there were several children by this second marriage. Wonnie (November 5, 1894 — June 21, 1976) married Robert B. McBee (December 19, 1894 — January 10, 1970). Their children were Mae, Gladys and Gregg. Talmadge Pinckney October 1, 1899 — November 10, 1961), married Marybelle Potter (August 30, 1902) daughter of John W. Potter and Harriett Miami Ellis Potter. Their children were John W., Ruth Elaine and Mary Margaret. Lane (July 10, 1903 — July 1, 1938), married Ruth Parks from White Plains, N.C. the first marriage and they had no children. He married Kate Brown from Mt. Airy, N.C. the second marriage and they had one daughter, Mildred.

Henry Smith (Bud) married Roxana Hill (September 1, 1880 — February 2, 1967), his second marriage. From this union were born the following children: William Henry (October

10, 1908) who married Vada Martin daughter of Acker and Ofie Martin. Their children were Mary Frances and Gene. George Thomas (May 13, 1909), married Cenie Martin (September 1, 1906 — July 25, 1948) daughter of Acker and Ofie Martin and they had one daughter, Betty Osteen. George Thomas married Ruby Ferree Matheney (March 11, 1913) after his first wife died. They have no children. There is a step-son, Gene Matheney son of his second wife. Osteen (April 29, 1913 — May 7, 1980), married J. Kenneth McMahan from Cliffside, N.C. Their two children were Mary Kay and Jo Ann.

Henry Smith and his two wives were of the Baptist Faith and Farmers. and they reared a rather large family of Baptists and farmers.

I never knew my grandmother Ida. I stayed with my step-grandmother, Roxana quite a bit as a child. She was quite a disciplinarian and a very devout christian, eager to teach and help in any way she could. Even though the day of the hand loom was past she would show me how to take cotton and card it with hand cards into a batt. She would then take the old spinning wheel and spin the batts into thread, allowing me to wind the thread into a ball. I will always cherish her memory.

— John W. Wood

DOCTOR JOHN W. WOOD **1136**

Dr. John W. Wood (September 28, 1861 — January 15, 1938) wife, Ollie T. Irvin (May 4, 1868 — February 28, 1935). Dr. Wood was the eldest son of William Smith and Mary Jane Lipscomb Wood a farm family of note in no. one township, Cleveland County.

Dr. Wood graduated from Louisville Medical College, Louisville, Kentucky in 1892 with a Doctor of Medicine Degree. This was the twenty-third class to graduate from that school and the graduation ceremonies were held in the McCauley Theater. Immediately after graduation he set up his practice in Boiling Springs, North Carolina with an office and drug store. It was from this location that he served the community until his death.

In the earlier years of his practice, house calls were made in a horse and buggy. The story is told that returning from one of his house calls south of broad river, the Doctor fell asleep. His horse, whose name was Henry, pulled into a house which had a watering trough for a drink of water, since the Doctor had stopped at this same house on other occasions to water his horse. The occupants of the house let Henry drink, then led him back to the main road, pointed him toward Boiling Springs. Henry returned home and the Doctor had slept through the whole ordeal.

Dr. Wood was a Baptist and a pillar in the community serving as deacon of Boiling Springs Baptist Church, president of Boiling Springs Knitting Mill and serving on the board of directors of several other manufacturing industries of Cleveland County.

He and his wife had no children of their own but they raised two boys, Astor and Jennings Hunt. Astor died early in life. Jennings married Jesse Henderson a next door neighbor and

they still live in Boiling Springs.

I can attest to the prowess of his medical ability. At the age of six, while packing hay for my father, I became overbalanced and fell to the ground receiving a compound, complex fracture of my right forearm. Dr. Wood set my arm, bringing both protruding bones back into alignment by feel and traction and without the aid of x-ray. Sixteen years later while receiving my physical examination for a commission in world war two, the examining doctors didn't believe the arm had been broken and set so perfectly. They x-rayed the arm which confirmed the break and remarked what a wonderful piece of bone-work.

I doubt all the doctors can give him the glowing report that I have for no two people see a doctor in the same light. He did however render a great service to the town of Boiling Springs and the surrounding community during his lifetime.

I might note in conclusion, that Dr. W. Wyan Washburn opened his medical practice in Boiling Springs in the same office building and drug store that served Dr. Wood for so many years.

— John W. Wood

JOHN W. WOOD **1137**

John W. (October 5, 1922) son of Talmadge Pinckney and MaryBelle Potter Wood. I was reared on the farm in No. One Township, Cleveland County and graduated from Boiling Springs High School, Boiling Springs, N.C. in May of 1940. During the last two years in high school I took a course in business at Boiling Springs Junior College.

Jobs were hard to find in 1940 and not being financially able to continue college, I enlisted in the army in July of 1940. I was sent to the Quartermaster Corps in shipping and receiving at Fort Bragg. N.C. I transferred from the Quartermaster Corps to the Fifteenth Ordnance Company in the grade of corporal and was sent to advanced Depot and Supply School in Aberdeen, Maryland. When I returned to my company after completing school, I was promoted to Buck Sargeant in company supply.

I left the Fifteenth Ordnance Company with a staff sergeant's rating to help form two new ordnance companies, the Two Sixty-First and Two Seventy-Second. After these two companies were formed, trained and shipped out I went to Ordnance Officers Candidate School in Aberdeen, Maryland where after schooling was commissioned a second lieutenant. Following my commission I had advanced training in bomb disposal, joined the Seven Twenty-Eighth Ordnance Company and shipped overseas in the European theater of war.

When I returned to the States I took a civil service job in Jacksonville, Florida for awhile. I returned to North Carolina where I worked in billing and shipping with Cone Mills, Cliffside, N.C.

In October of 1948 I took a job with Duke Power Company at Cliffside Steam Station, Cliffside, N.C. where I have been working for the past thirty-four years in the areas of Administration, Laboratory Analysis, Testing and

at the present time in Records and Performance.

I am presently looking forward to retirement in a couple of years when I will have the time to pursue by hobby of plant breeding. I grow and hybridize many species of hybrid irises, hemerocallis and hostas.

I have been a member of Prospect Baptist Church for Forty-Eight years and presently serve as music director, member of associational board and member of finance committee.

The years have been good to me and I feel I have had a good and meaningful life. During this period of time I have seen the arrival of plush automobiles, tape recorders, sophisticated radio, television, man into space, man walking on the moon, and the age of the computers. If there is as much change in the next sixty years as the past sixty we would not recognize this as the earth we know today.

— John W. Wood

TALMADGE PINCKNEY WOOD 1138

Talmadge Pinckney (October 1, 1899 — November 10, 1961) married MaryBelle Potter (August 30, 1902), daughter of John W. Potter and Harriett Miami Ellis Potter. They were wed on December 24, 1921 and were of the baptist faith and farmers.

The farm was maintained throughout the years by the family and a tenant farmer, as my father's occupation was quite diversified. He served as a constable as well as a magistrate in no. one township. He also served on the school committee and road committee. He worked in the capacity of guard at the state prison camp in Shelby, N.C. for several years. When World War Two was declared he took a job as carpenter, building barracks at Camp Croft in Spartanburg, S.C. When the job was finished there, he took a job with Duke Power Company at Cliffside Steam Station, Cliffside, N.C. where he worked until he retired on disability.

From this union were born three children. John W. (October 5, 1922) who married Frances Woodruff of Mount Airy, N.C. Now divorced.

Ruth Elaine (June 5, 1927) who married Glenn W. Crawford from Statesville, N.C. and they have two sons. The eldest, James Woodrow is married to Rebecca Bugg. James and Rebecca live in Durham, N.C. and they have two daughters, Laura Gordon and Rebecca Jane. James is employed by the telephone company there, and Rebecca teaches first grade. Daniel Glenn married Lucinda Bailey, a first generation american. Lucinda's mother is from Poland and married Lucinda's father during World War Two. Daniel works with the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation and Lucinda is a home economics teacher. They have no children and live in Waynesville, N.C. Glenn is a watchmaker, jeweler in Newton, N.C. and his wife Ruth is employed by Sears in Hickory, N.C. They live in Newton, N.C.

Mary Margaret (November 6, 1942), married Thomas D. McBrayer, son of R.B. and



John W. Wood, son of Talmadge Pinckney Wood and Mary Belle Potter Wood, wife of Talmadge Pinckney.

Marie Huntley McBrayer, Forest City, N.C. They have three children: Thomas D. Jr., Sallie Lynn and John Edgar. Thomas D. works with McBrayer & Sons Furniture in Forest City, N.C. and Margaret is assistant librarian at Chase High School. They are both licensed real estate dealers and live in Weatherstone Heights, Forest City, N.C.

The depression years were difficult for this family. Cotton was selling for five cents a pound when there was a market for it. We were fortunate however to be living on the farm as we grew all of our food with the exception of sugar, salt and coffee. We were milking several cows and peddled milk and butter in Cliffside, N.C. to supplement the family income. We were poor but happy and really didn't know the difference as everyone else mostly was in the same boat. Those who had money lost it when the banks failed, so everyone just did the best they could.

My Mother still keeps the home place and still uses her home comfort stove that burns wood for cooking. She spends a lot of her time with me especially at night, but when daylight comes she makes her way to her home. I am truly thankful for my father and mother and I think all of the family can say we have had and are having a good life.

— John W. Wood

WILLIAM (BILLY) WOOD 1139

William (Billy) Wood according to 1850 Census was born in South Carolina. No specific date of birth or death has been located at this writing. Records show that he served with the S.C. Militia in the grade of Corporal in the 1812 War and that he applied for a pension in 1871 at which time he was seventy-eight years old. This would indicate he was born in 1793.

William married Mary Magdalena Ruppe (March 1801 — November 1875) who was the daughter of Martin Ruppe and Mary Barbara Mattais, first generation Americans. Martin Ruppe's father was George Ruppe, a Frenchman who eloped with the daughter of an Australian Count to Holland. From Holland they

sailed aboard one of William Penn's ships, arriving in Pennsylvania in 1720. Martin and Mary Barbara came from Pennsylvania to Virginia, to Hot Springs, North Carolina in Surrey County, south to Howells Ferry in York County, South Carolina, Godneysville, South Carolina and back to North Carolina. Martin Ruppe was a blacksmith by trade which could account for all his moving about.

The Ruppe History indicated that when Martin and Mary Barbara came by Thickety Mountain on their way back to North Carolina they were joined at this point by William (Billy) Wood who came with them to North Carolina and later married their daughter Mary Magdalena.

From this union were born the following children: Henry Smith (May 29, 1816 — November 28, 1864) who married Susan Watkins (January 24, 1819 — October 3, 1895) the daughter of William Watkins; Thomas M. (January 31, 1818 — January 25, 1892) who married Jane McCraw (July 28, 1825 — July 14, 1887) the daughter of Cabard McCraw of Spartanburg County. Thomas M. was married a second time after his first wife died to Babe McCraw who married Wrans Scruggs after Thomas died. William J. married the daughter of Barnery Huskey. James D. married Susan Hamrick daughter of Moore Hamrick. Cynthia married Robert McCraw. Mary married Richard White and Louisa married Aaron Hamrick.

William (Billy) and his wife and family were of the Baptist faith and farmers. He built a two-story home on Broad River on what is now 221A, south of Cliffside, N.C. in Rutherford County. He owned several hundred acres of land extending from 221A east and beyond Ashworth Creek which is now Cleveland County, formerly Rutherford, until Cleveland was formed from parts of Rutherford and Lincoln Counties.

Church records indicate he joined the State Line Baptist Church located just inside South Carolina in 1846 and in the year 1849 he was elected a deacon. His term as a deacon was rather short lived in that he was unchurched in 1851. The church records do not indicate why he was unchurched but I am sure it would be interesting to know why. We do know that it was not uncommon in that period of history to be unchurched for frivolous as well as serious matters.

(Point in Case) A man who played the fiddle and his wife were brought up in church by a good brother who wanted them unchurched for attending square dances and playing the fiddle for same. The man and his wife made their amends but this did not seem to satisfy the good brother. He wanted the church to have the man sell his fiddle. The preacher arose and said: "Hold on good brother you seem to be like the indian's tree, so straight, that you seem to be leaning a little". enough said.

William (Billy) and his wife Mary Magdalena are buried in State Line Baptist Church Cemetery. Their lives and family have had a great impact on this community and many relatives still live in the area.

— John W. Wood

WILLIAM SMITH WOOD

1140

William Smith (March 8, 1839 — March 6, 1908) eldest son of Henry Smith and Susan Wood, married Mary Jane Lipscomb (January 3, 1837 — December 22, 1927) from Gaffney, South Carolina. William and Mary Jane were farmers and of the Baptist faith and lived in the Camp's Creek Community in No. One Township on a farm formerly owned by Billy Davidson. He served as a deacon in Camp's Creek Baptist Church. He fell dead on the road to Gaffney, S.C. at the age of sixty-nine and was buried in Camp's Creek Church Cemetery.

There were six children born from this union. They were: Henry Smith (Bud) who married Ida McIntyre, the first marriage, and after her death married Roxana Hill. John W. who married Ollie Irvin was a Medical Doctor in Boiling Springs, N.C. They had no children of their own. Gifton G. (April 3, 1872 — August 25, 1904) was an ordained baptist minister and served in the Spanish American War. He was never married. Lelia B. (June 1, 1866 — June 20, 1905) married John McCraw (February 9, 1867 — April 9, 1900). John was the son of Alvin McCraw who was a teacher at Cobb School in the upper end of No. one Township. There were four children born to this couple: Voyd, Clarence, Bufie and Uzelia. Their father died at the age of thirty-three, and their mother at the age of thirty-nine. William Smith their grandfather raised them. Susan C. (1868-1934) married Eli J. Bailey (1865-1920). Children from this union were Herbert, Broughton, Howard and Ola. Mollie married Henry Gallimore from Kings Mountain, North Carolina. From this union were born two sons, Smith and Yates.

William Smith did not serve in the Civil War. He was however detailed to apprehend any deserters who came into the area. After his death, Mary Jane lived with her son Doctor John Wood in Boiling Springs, North Carolina until her death in 1927.

I was five years old when Mary Jane (Granny) died. Her by-word was "Goshus" and she moved about with a cane which she used to quiten down the kids if they became too rowdy. She also used the cane by tapping it on the floor when she was dining to summon someone to attend her plate of when she was sitting in her rocker and needed something done for her.

The offspring from this union are many and they are scattered throughout the southeast.

— John W. Wood

ALBERT VICTOR WRAY FAMILY

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In Lynchburg, VA, A.V. Wray married Oct. 12, 1905 Margaret Lee Jones. They were a loving and devoted couple. This union produced the following siblings all of whom worked periods of time at A.V. Wray & 6 Sons as early as nine years of age excepting Marjorie Mays.



A.V. Wray



Margaret Lee Jones Wray

1. Albert Victor, Jr. (b. Aug. 19, 1906 Lynchburg, Va., d. March 31, 1942, buried Shelby's Sunset). Cowboy, sportsman and merchant married Jan. 29, 1929 Ione Nolan (b. May 11, 1906 Cleveland Co., N.C.), a teacher, presently residing in Shelby. This marriage produced Sara Kathleen, Dorothy Jean, Barbara Nolan and Martha Sue.

2. George Washington (b. Dec. 18, 1907 Lynchburg, Va., d. April 18, 1951), buried Shelby's Sunset. Politically active merchant and insurance agent married Dec. 27, 1939 Nancy Elizabeth Bunn (b. Nov. 15, 1915 Raleigh, NC), a Shelby teacher, adopting George Washington, Jr. and Julian Bunn.

3. Robert Lee (b. March 16, 1909 Lynchburg, Va., d. June 10, 1948 Live Oak, Fla., buried Shelby's Sunset). Cabinet maker, machinist, and merchant married Oct. 24, 1927 Mary Kate Grigg (b. Aug. 17, 1908 Cleveland Co., NC). Their child is Robert Lee, Jr.

4. Sarah Ellen (b. May 14, 1912 Shelby, NC, d. Oct. 17, 1966), married March 14, 1930 Robert Roland "Buck" Rabon (b. Dec. 27, 1903 Columbia, S.C., d. Dec. 24, 1969), who served A.V. Wray & 6 Sons, Inc., as General Manager during WW II, as Footwear Merchandise Manager til death. Both buried Shelby's Sunset. This union produced Margaret Marie, Robert Roland, Jr., Sarah Wray (deceased), Thomas Victor (deceased) and Mary Ellen.

5. Harvey Linton (b. Oct. 26, 1914 Shelby, NC) WW II Army Medical Corps, General Manager and President A.V. Wray & 6 Sons, Inc., til his 1978 retirement, married March 18, 1934 Evelyn Rebecca Jones (b. Oct 7, 1913 Gaston Co., NC, d. April 16, 1981), buried Shelby's Sunset. This marriage produced Harvey Linton, Jr. (deceased), Michael Harvey and Edmund Jones.

6. Charles William (b. Jan. 31, 1917 Shelby, NC, d. July 25, 1967, buried Shelby's Sunset). WW II Army Combat Engineers, Asst., Manager and Vice-President A.V. Wray & 6 Sons, Inc., til death, married April 3, 1938 Mary Palmer Wells (b. Feb. 18, 1918 Shelby, NC). This marriage produced Charles William, Jr., and Albert Victor, III.

7. Stough Alexander (b. Aug. 10, 1919 Shelby, NC) WW II Air Corps Radio/Radar

Technician presently serving A.V. Wray & 6 Sons, Inc., as President and Board Chairman, married May 22, 1937 Janie Tayloe Cline (b. Oct. 21, 1921 Lawndale, NC). This marriage produced Stough Alexander, Jr., Janie Cline, Angela (deceased) and another infant daughter (deceased).

8. Marjorie Mays (b. March 10, 1923 Shelby, NC, d. Jan. 29, 1926, buried Shelby's Sunset).

Freely provided, the following gens is documented in the research of Cheves Linton's son, George Williamson Wray of Charlotte, NC.

James Franklin Wray (b. Feb. 18, 1767, d. Feb. 19, 1851) married Elizabeth Linton (b. March 27, 1777, d. Aug 4, 1843). Both buried old Zion Baptist Church 6 mi. N. Shelby, NC, per tombstone and recent improvements provided by A.V. Wray & 6 Sons, Inc. Their tenth and last child was James Alexander Linton Wray (b. Dec. 24, 1823, d. Dec. 30, 1902) marrying Jan. 19, 1844 Margaret Louise Blanton (b. Feb. 12, 1825, d. Oct. 31, 1896). Both buried Sunset Cemetery Shelby per tombstone. Their fourth child George Washington Wray — C.S.A. (b. May 13, 1845 or 1846, d. Dec. 2, 1916) marrying March 26, 1868 Sarah Judith (Jane) Suttle (b. Aug. 15, 1848, d. Nov. 13, 1918). Both buried in Shelby's Sunset per tombstone. Their siblings were:

1. Cheves Linton (b. Dec. 25, 1868 Cleveland Co. NC, d. Jan. 25, 1855) farmer and merchant owner of Chas. P. Wray Co., Ridgeway, SC, married Aug. 1, 1900 Sarah George Williamson, both buried Sumter, SC, produced four sons.

2. Carrie Elizabeth (b. June 20, 1871 Cleveland Co., NC d. Aug. 3, 1907, buried Shelby's Sunset) a Cleveland County and Haw River, NC, school teacher, never married.

3. Joseph Suttle (b. June 23, 1874 Shelby, NC, d. Dec. 18, 1931) UNC graduate, teacher, Principal and first Superintendent of Gastonia, NC, public school system 1900 to 1921. He married Nov. 3, 1909 Oeland Lamar Barnett (b. 1879 Shelby, NC, d. 1962) a Latin and English teacher. Both buried Gastonia, NC, had one daughter and two sons.

4. Franklin Stough (b. Dec. 2, 1877 Shelby, NC, d. 1939 buried Shelby's Sunset) sales-

man/A.V. Wray Co., Cleveland County Justice of the Peace and bookkeeper/Thompson Lumber Co.

5. Albert Victor (b. June 7, 1879 Shelby, NC, d. April 23, 1943, buried Shelby's Sunset) was Margaret Lee Jones husband, merchant, home developer, hotel owner and operator, and founded the present A.V. Wray & 6 Sons, Inc., in 1911.

6. Annie Bailey (b. June 28, 1883 Shelby, NC, d. Dec. 30, 1902, buried Shelby's Sunset) a twin who never married.

7. James Bailey (b. June 28, 1883 Shelby, NC, d. July 15, 1883, buried Shelby's Sunset) a twin.

8. Margaret Elvira "Elva" (b. Sept. 27, 1888 Shelby, NC, d. Sept. 20, 1973) married Nov. 5, 1913 Carl S. Thompson, Thompson Lumber Co. owner, financier and real estate developer. Both buried Shelby's Sunset, produced three girls.

The following genealogy is taken from a lineage chart of Carrie Mary Jones Gibson's daughter, Annie Lucile and husband Ernest D. Stevens of Garrett Park, Maryland.

William Jones, Buckingham County, VA, of Welsh descent and his wife unknown. Their son, Beverly, Amherst County, VA, married Elizabeth Turner, a daughter of Lewis Turner, Nelson County, VA whose wife is unknown. Their son, Wm. Lewis Jones — Co. G., 19th VA. Inf., C.S.A. (b. Dec. 5, 1842, Amherst Co. VA, d. 1922) married Feb. 18, 1868 Mary Elizabeth Mays (b. May 7, 1851, d. April 12, 1884) producing the following siblings:

1. Stephen Clarence (b. April 27, 1870, d. March 4, 1950) married Lottie Parker, Spotsylvania County, VA, had three girls.

2. Carrie Mary (b. Dec. 20, 1872 Amherst Co, VA, d. Dec. 2 1947) married Dec. 28, 1898 Walter Ballard Gibson (b. March 29, 1870 Albemarle Co., VA, d. March 1, 1908) whose grandfather was UVa. Chaplain Ballard Ezekiel Gibson (b. 1812 Amherst Co., VA, d. 1845). Both died Charlottesville, VA., buried Hardware Baptist Church, had two girls and two sons.

3. William Clinton (b. Nov. 14, 1874, d. 1946) married Sally Sue Thacker, had one girl & three boys.

4. Annie Elizabeth (b. 1876) married Wm. Henry Stevens, Nelson Co., VA, had three girls & one boy.

5. James Beverly (b. August 25, 1878, died, Shelby, NC) married May Richards of England. Both buried Shelby's Sunset, had four girls and two boys.

6. Sarah Ellen (b. August 29, 1880, d. 1921, buried Fort Hill, Lynchburg, VA).

7. Margaret Lee (b. June 1, 1882 Nelson Co., VA., d. July 4, 1966, buried in Shelby's Sunset) married A.V. Wray, producing eight children.

Wm. Lewis Jones later married his sister-in-law Ellen Richard Mays (b. June 12, 1848, d. May 1921, buried Fort Hill, Lynchburg, VA) producing George Ithama "Jack" Jones (b. 1885, d. Lynchburg, VA) marrying Nov. 5, 1912 Hazel Jester, Lynchburg, VA, producing one girl and one boy.

The Mays family ancestors came from Holland. The Virginia family was founded by Willie



A.V. and Margaret Jones Wray — 1941

Mease, Minister, who came to Jamestown in 1611 and performed the marriage ceremony of John Rolfe and Pocohontas in 1612. Amherst County, VA, was established in 1761 by Bissel and Benjamin Mays.

Jordan Mays (Nelson Co., VA) married Catherine Harvey, a daughter of Thomas Harvey and Betsy Wood. Thomas Harvey's brother, William married Pauline Bryant producing Mary Harvey (b. Jan. 12, 1825, d. Feb. 10, 1859) who married Sept. 2, 1847 James Winston Mays (b. July 26, 1823) producing seven siblings including Mary Elizabeth and Ellen Richard. On Nov. 13, 1860 James Winston Mays took Catherine Moore (b. March 6, 1833) as his second wife producing six siblings.

Sources: in article.

— Stough A. Wray, Jr.

ARIE M. WRAY

1142

I, Arie Wray, was born July 16, 1901 that is what I have seen written in the Bible, written nice and neat. When I knew myself I was with my mother's youngest sister Alice and George Stonall and they had the landlady write all of our birth dates in the Bible. We lived on their land and whenever a baby was born my Aunt Alice would take the Bible to Miss Mattie McCree to let her write the name and date. My aunt could not read nor write but my Uncle George could read some but he never did write. We were all born on their place. I had one more sister and two brothers. Sister Leydia was the oldest then brother Usner and brother Frank. I was the youngest.

I can't remember my mother. They told me she passed when I was two years old. But no one said anything about my father and at the time he lived about ten miles from us. When I got old enough to go to school I learned from other children older than me who my father was and learned who my other sisters and brothers were. My daddy was much older than

my mother. They say I have neices and nephews older than I am. His first wife's children, when they would see me would always give me a present or come and tell me I was their sister. I loved them but I never did hear my Aunt Alice call my daddy's name until I was about 12 years old. I went to church with them and my daddy saw me and asked my aunt for me and that upset her. They called me to them and asked me did I want to live with him and I said I didn't but in my heart I did. I wanted a daddy. When I got home she told me he had never done anything for me and they had cared for me since I was two years old.

I loved my daddy's wife and my sister and brother but I don't know how I felt about my daddy but I know he loved me. My aunt had children of her own. Her oldest was a girl. She and I were the same size — some people thought we were sisters. I and my cousin grew up together. Her name was Sarah and we started to school the same time.

I stayed with my aunt 'till I was 18 years old. She had strict rules. There was no place to go but to church and the church that was closest to our home was Mount Olive Baptist Church and that is where I went to school, to Sunday School and Church. When I was about 12 years old, we asked to go to Sunday School and they said we could. We wanted to go to get away from home.

When I got 16 years old I joined the church. I had an experience with God and oh how my life was changed. I can't tell you how I felt but I didn't feel alone anymore. It's just something you can't explain and I wish I could tell you what the Lord has done for me. I joined Mount Olive Baptist Church in August and was baptized in September 1917. All that feeling of alone was taken away and I had joy that no words can explain. I joined the church in August, in October I was elected secretary of the church and served there until I was married.

The home where I was raised, there wasn't anything to read but school books or Bible so I always read the Bible. Didn't understand much about it but I loved to read and study the Bible history or piece quilts or play with dolls.

Cousin Sarah was a tomboy type. She loved outside, she loved cows, horses, mules. She could ride a horse fast as they could go. We had mules, cows, horses but I didn't like to work with them. Sarah was their oldest so she liked to do a boy's job. She learned to plow. She hated to piece a quilt or cook, that was my job — to wash dishes and churn the milk every morning while my aunt cooked breakfast. Sarah would help her daddy milk the cows. My job was to help feed the hogs. I was kindly afraid of mules and cows. We all had to work in the field picking and hoeing cotton. I did hate it. I didn't mind hoeing but picking, I did hate.

We all got to go to town once or twice a year. There were some little stores close but the big town where they sold cotton and bought winter shoes and clothes was about 20 miles and that was Madison, Georgia. In the fall, about the last of October the big coversns would come to town. It was something like the fair. That was a big day with all the children. You could see all your friends, eat what you wanted and see the parades and they would find everybody and get

ready for home. They would tell us when the parade was over to come to the wagon. After Sarah and I got older we hated that but we didn't say anything. We never did get to go in a show. Lots of girls and boys had to leave when we did and a lot of them could stay so Sarah and I talked it over that we were tired of that way. We decided to get married so I stayed with my Aunt Alice until I was 18 years old. I had met Eddie Wray and was dating him at church. He came to our home a few times. He would write me often and people would tell me he was a nice young man and my brothers and sisters on my daddy's side wanted me to get away from there. I could not go to see them, but they would see me at church. My brother would come to the house with us from church. On July 16, 1919, I was 18 years old, on August 10, 1919 we ran off and got married. I was born and raised in Green County. Eddie lived in Occonee County. I don't know why we ran off. It was the most foolish thing I ever did but lots of girls and boys did it. We went to the preacher's house to get married but he wasn't home so we went to the justice of the peace in Occonee. Mr. Sconctoen knew the Wray family. People had to travel with horses and buggies. A few people had cars. It hurt my aunt for me to run off, but she didn't say much about it. I was 18 years old, Eddie was 22. I was going to church and Sunday School every Sunday. Eddie wasn't a member of the church.

He was the second child in the family of 12 children.

Our oldest son was born August 5, 1920. We named him Curtis. Our second son was born August 22, 1922. We named him Robert and seems to me he was the prettiest child I ever had. He passed in March 1923. We buried our baby and sold our cows and pigs and came to North Carolina. Mr. John E. Hoyle had sent for us. He wanted a renter. The Wray's family was already here living with Blow Hick, Eddie's daddy. We came to North Carolina March 1923 with one child, Curtis Wray. That was a sad time with me. I felt I had left my baby. We buried Robert at Summer Hill Baptist Church in Occonee County, Georgia.

I told you how God was so real to me and the experiences I had with Him and now it seemed like He had left me. I tried to pray for my baby to get well. I never let Eddie hear me pray. He wasn't a member of the church. Here we were in a strange land, no church to go to for a year. There were lots of people here from Georgia but we didn't know where they were. Mr. John E. Hoyle, his sister Ellen and their mother, Mrs. Hoyle were so kind to us. On December 17, 1923 my third son was born. We named him Edgar. In March 1924 we started to organize a church. Eddie bought us a new car, 1923 Ford, so we could go to church. The car didn't cost but \$83.65.

I have nine children living now, five boys

and four girls: Curtis, Lawndale; Edgar, Lawndale; Thomas, Ambrous, Shelby; Thelma Antion, Lawndale; Nathaniel, Springfield, Maryland; Shirley Lackey; Briddie Weber, Shelby; Bernice Hector, Lawndale.

I have 38 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. I could write more. I am stopping now with this thought in mind which I learned a long time ago: "The lives of great men all remind us we can make our lives sublime and in parting leave behind us our footprints on the sands of time."

Sources: Family remembrances

— Arie M. Wray

CHEVES LINTON WRAY

1143

Cheves Linton Wray was the first child and oldest son of George Washington Wray, and Sarah (Jane) Judith Suttle. Upon completing High School, he continued his education in bookkeeping and accounting through a Business College in Nashville, Tennessee. He felt that girls' education in the past had been neglected.

Cheves then bought a half-interest in a General Store in Ridgeway, South Carolina, and his uncle, Charles P. Wray, bought the other half. The store was successful from the beginning and it enabled him to assist in sending his sister Carrie to Salem College, and his youngest sister Annie to Converse College while his father wrestled with sending the other four sons to college. Carrie returned to Shelby and taught in the Cleveland County School System that consisted of a principal and nine teachers.

The store was located on a corner with two warehouses at the railroad riding to the rear of the block and a barn and livestock lot in between.

Their business grew by leaps and bounds as "cotton was king". In five years they had bought the adjacent store building that doubled their main floor space and in addition they installed a mezzanine across the back area of both buildings, part of it used for offices. The business continued to be successful. Cheves bought a 300-acre farm, and a 600-acre farm and operated them with overseers. He also bought his Uncle Charlie's half-interest in the store.

On August 1, 1900, he married Sarah (Georgie) George Williamson of Providence, South Carolina. She was the daughter of Sara Ada Rembert and Charles Lucius Williamson, a member of the South Carolina House of Representatives, and a roommate of Richard I. Manning, later to become South Carolina's Governor. Georgie was graduated at Sumter High School and continued her education at Jones Seminary (later Linwood College) at All Healing Springs, North Carolina as valedictorian in 1899.

They had four children — all boys, Cheves Linton, George Williamson, Charles Williamson, and Alva Suttle Wray. These boys enjoyed the pleasures of affluent children; such as two goats, harness wagon, simple and double with



Front row L to R: Curtis, Arie Wray, Bernice; Second row L to R: Briddie, Shirley, Edgar; Third row L to R: Ambrus, Thelma, Thomas; Back row: Nathaniel.



Cheves Linton Wray, December 25, 1868 — January 25, 1955.

two seats, then bicycles, donkeys with wagon, then pony and cart, two saddle horses, an Indian motorcycle, a race horse with two-wheels rubber tired. He and Georgie were enjoying trips to Waynesville, Hendersonville, and Shelby during the summers with automobiles in order E-M-F (every man's favorite), then a Buick, Mitchell, 7-seat Chandler.

The flood of 1916 destroyed farmers rich lowland crops, horses, mules, cows, hogs, and sheep, and many homes, barns and corn cribs. This left Cheves with considerable debt but with the business and considerable property. In four years he was able to pay all obligations. He had continuing faith in God, and often told the four sons that the Lord knew what it would take to make "Men" of his four sons.

In 1917 Cheves had the courage to move his family to Sumter, South Carolina for better children education and military training with regulation Springfield rifles. He saw that each son had the opportunity of a College education and three of them graduated — one with honors.

Cheves Linton Wray is a direct descendant of the following families:

Sir Christopher Wray KN. Lord Chief Justice of England. 1523-1592 — Judge of Queens Bench and presided in Great State Trials;

Samuel Linton — A Tanner, near Mt. Sterling Scotland landed in Philadelphia in 1750;

David Blanton, Grandfather of George Blanton

born 1743 and came to North Carolina in 1769;

William Baxter and Sarah Berryhill of Mecklenburg, died prior to 1812 born 1758 — Charleston, South Carolina 1784;

Hosen Harrill born in Virginia, served in Rev. war, moved to North Carolina 1780 then Suttles and George Blanton II and Priscilla Harrill;

John (Settle) Suttle born ca 1499 died 6-1572;

Toms-Dover — Love Families;

Joseph Suttle and Elvira Elizabeth Blanton.

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— Geo. W. Wray.



John Stanhope Wray died on May 12, 1927. Excerpts from The Shelby Daily Star read: "Mr. Wray was born January 20, 1847, and on February 3, 1867 married Miss Ella Borders. For many years they lived on a large Wray plantation at Stony Point. Mr. Wray joined the church at old Capernaum in that community.

"After moving to Shelby he brought his membership to First Baptist Church where he was a most faithful and consecrated member, being a deacon of the church for fifty years and at the time of his death one of its trustees.

"Mr. Wray was an influential power in public affairs in his younger life and was regarded as a man of many fine parts, honest, true and upright. At the age of fifteen years he joined First Cavalry Company I, Cleveland guards, Barringer's brigade, Wade Hampton's division.

"He played an important part in civic affairs in the reconstruction days and was honored not only as county treasurer, but was the honored president of the Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company since its organization.

"Mr. Wray was the oldest member of Cleveland Lodge No. 202, Ancient Free and accepted Masons. As a tribute to his useful life and his devotion to the cause of Masonry, the funeral was with Masonic honors, six of his companion brothers bearing his remains to its resting place."

John was captured April 3, 1865 by Union Forces at Amelia Courthouse, Virginia. On his release he walked, rode with others when possible, to his home. His long beard, unkempt hair and tattered clothes changed his appearance so much his mother did not recognize him. She asked him to inquire of those he met about her son. What a moving moment it must have been when he said: "Mother, I am John!"

He was the son of William b. January 7, 1805 d. December 2, 1864 and his wife Sophia Harris b. June 8, 1812 d. June 24, 1886. William and his first wife Sally Warlick are buried at Zion Church. William was the fourth of ten children of James and Elizabeth.

James Franklin Wray, b. February 18, 1767 d. February 19, 1851 and his wife Elizabeth Linton b. March 27, 1777 d. August 4, 1843 were pioneers to America and the progenitors of all the Wray families. They emigrated from England and are buried at Zion Church.

Ella J. Borders b. January 15, 1849 d. January 1, 1927 was the ninth child of Major Hugh Borders (1804-1888) and Luvicy Sepaugh (1809-1883). Hugh's parents Michael and Sally Quinn located on lands near Patterson Springs known as "The Granny Quinn Place." Ella's forebears are interred at Antioch Church.

Ella was sixteen when she married John Wray. She was a devoted wife and kind, loving mother. The Wray home at 301 DeKalb Street was known for its hospitality. She and John are buried in Sunset Cemetery.

They had ten children; Laura m. Charles R. Doggett, (see Charles R. Doggett history). Fannie b. 1870 m. Thomas Hilary Hudson Jr. Three sons: Hilary; Harry Lee and John Ran-



Sarah George (Georgie) Williamson Wray, April 12, 1881 — June 22, 1967.

dolph. Margaret (Maggie) b. 1873, m. Will H. Gardner. Two children: William and Margaret.

Lily b. 1870 m. G. Barnett Cabaniss. One child; Martha. John (daughter) b. 1878 m. Lawson Blanton. One child; Janie Ella. Pearl b. 1880 m. Charles C. McBrayer 1874-1940. One child: Frances. Infant daughter b. 1883 lived one day. William Hugh b. 1884 m. Kathleen McBrayer. Childless.

Mary Ella (Mayme) 1887-1979 m. Carl Rush Webb. They had one child, Carl Ray (see Carl Ray Webb history). Mayme was a charter member of Twentieth Century Book Club, a member of United Daughters of the Confederacy, a Real Daughter and a member of First Baptist Church. After divorce she worked in New York City and Charlotte. She returned to Shelby in 1928, and built a home in Cleveland Springs Estates where she lived until her death at ninety two.

Gladys b. 1890 m. Zebulon C. Mauney. Two children; Zeb Jr. and Hugh Wray. She is a member of First Baptist Church, United Daughters of Confederacy, and a Real Daughter. Gladys is the only living child of John and Ella. All the children and their spouses are buried in Sunset Cemetery except Lily, who is buried in Charlotte and Maggie in Greenville, South Carolina.

Sources: Family Bible Book on Borders Family

— Virginia Hoyle Webb
and Lynne Ray Webb

JAMES and ELIZABETH NEWTON WRIGHT

1145

When James Wright (b. 1815) and his wife, Elizabeth (Betsy) Newton Wright (b. 1819-d. 1904) left Chase City, Va., in the late 1850's to come to N.C., they did so in a covered wagon. It took them two weeks to reach the Pleasant Grove community north of Shelby where James's father, John (Jack) Wright lived.

With them were their six children ranging from about 15 to five years old, all born in Virginia. Nancy Wright, died young; William, died in Richmond, Va., during the Civil War; Frances, who married Andrew (Andy) Wright; Alma; James Berry Wright, who married Eliza A. Eskridge; and Martha Caroline Wright. The only child born after they came to NC was Cynthia Alice Wright.

Still in the possession of a great grandson are two pieces of furniture they brought with them in the covered wagon. One is a cupboard in which they kept their food on the trip; the other, a blanket chest.

James was the oldest child of John (Jack) Wright and Peggy Boswell Wright, both born in Virginia. Jack & Peggy had twelve other children: Lucinda, Polly (Mary), Nancy, infant twins, George W., Job, Jr., William Matison, Sally (Sarah), John B., Drewery Dobbins and Margaret Elizabeth.

James' grandfather was Job Wright, who came to Rutherford County, now Cleveland, from Mecklenburg County, Va., in the late 1800's. There is a monument in the Pleasant Grove church cemetery erected in his honor inscribed as follows: "Job Wright 1757-1838. Soldier in the Revolutionary War. Early Planter of what is now Cleveland County. Leader of men. Father of large, influential and useful family. Set good example of Christian Living."

Job's other children were: "Polly", Newton and George.

The Job Wright cemetery, where Job and his second wife, Polly Sparks and several other family members are buried, is located in #6 township about two miles north of Shelby, near the old McBrayer Mineral Springs.

James Wright is buried in the cemetery at Double Shoals Baptist Church and Elizabeth Newton Wright is buried in Zion Church cemetery.

James Berry Wright married Eliza Ann Eskridge in 1878. They lived and farmed in the Pleasant Grove Church community, north of Shelby. Their eight children were: Amelia J. Wright, (1879-1942); Martha Alice Wright (1883-1969), married Oliver Philector Turner; John A. Wright (1883-1969) was married first to Ava Wright and second to Matilda Wallace; Charles Lee Wright (1884-1977), married Maggie Lee Weathers; Louise (Lou) Wright (1886-1952), married Joseph Pinkney Hord; Frank William Wright (1893-1969) was unmarried; Margaret Neely (Dub) Wright, (1889-1966), unmarried; and Docia May Wright (1895-1943), married Nelson Greer Self.

Sources: Personal knowledge and Bible records.

— Mae S. Cabaniss

JOB WRIGHT

1146

Job Wright was born about 1757. He was married to Sarah Newton and they had four children: Newton, George, John "Jack," and Mary "Molly."

Newton Wright was born on April 21, 1792 (see his family history).

George Wright was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia and came with his father to North Carolina. He went to Georgia when a young man, married and reared a family there. He came back to North Carolina one time and that was in 1838 when the estate of his father was settled. He had a number of children, of who was named Job Wright.

John "Jack" Wright was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia and married Peggy Boswell on February 13, 1822. The ceremony was performed by minister of Pleasant Gold and surety was John T. Sizemore. They came to Rutherford (now Cleveland) County with his father Job and settled at the Newman Alexander place on Vaughn Creek between homesteads of Newton Wright and William Gardner in Number 9 Township. They had eight children: Nancy Wright (single). Sallie Wright (single). Elizabeth Wright who was struck and killed by lightning while standing in the yard during the Civil War. Job Wright, Jr. who married Cintha Hendrick, daughter of George Hendrick. Issue:

Amos Wright (m. Jane Williams), Margaret Wright (m. Richard Felment and after Richard died Margaret married Levi Grigg), Loucinda Wright (m. George Washington McSwain), William Wright (m. Miss Newton of Virginia), John Wright, Jr. (was in the Civil War and did not return home — never married), Drury Wright (was in the Civil War and married a lady from Hickory Grove, South Carolina.)

John "Jack" Wright was kicked by a horse one afternoon and died that night. He was buried in the Wright Family graveyard at McBrayer Mineral Springs. Perry Wright (twin son of Newton Wright) said this was during the Civil War as he (Perry) was at home on a furlough and visited the home and attended the funeral.

Mary (Polly) Wright was born in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, and married a Mr. Jackson. She settled there and died there.

Job Wright was a patriot of the Revolutionary War as on September 27, 1781, he gave 340 pounds of beef to feed the soldiers. Any of his male descendants can join the S.A.R. — Sons of American Revolution — and any of his female descendants can join the D.A.R. — Daughters of American Revolution, (D.A.R. number 605137 for one of his descendants — Hazel Arlene Wright Myers).

On July 16, 1811, Job Wright (about 54 years of age) and Polly Thompson were married in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, by the minister David McCargo. Surety was Samuel Thompson.

Job was a farmer in Virginia and in 1812 sold his farm there and moved to Rutherford County (now Cleveland County) and bought land from a Mr. McEntire at McBrayer Mineral Springs north of Shelby.

Job had no children by Polly and he died February 3, 1838 and was buried in the Wright Family graveyard located in Number 6 Township on lands later owned by Dr. T.E. McBrayer, William A. Cabiness, and Mills Cline, and about two miles north of Shelby on a high knoll between Hezekiah Dedmon's old home place and McBrayer Mineral Springs Hotel, on north side of the road overlooking the mineral springs. A memorial marker was erected by Attorney Joe Wright and John Lawson Wright (descendants of Job) in the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church cemetery located on highway 18 north of Shelby.

In taking a look at the records of marriage and the abstract of Job's will, the names of Samuel and Rebecca Thompson were noticed in both and it is assumed that they were the parents of Job's second wife, Polly, who lived several years after the death of her husband and was buried by his side.

It is known that Job had a sister named Salley who married a Mr. Griffin and they lived in Georgia. On April 4, 1813 she wrote Job the following letter. It was addressed to him in Macklingburgh County (sic) Virginia. It was delivered by W. Flowmoy.

April 4, 1813

Dear Brother you are here presented with an account of our health, of which we thro mercy enjoy a reasonable share. We hope that him the author of our good is also mindful of you and yours. We are glad to write to you but should be much more gratified to have a personal interview with you. I talk to you of eternal things. I inquire whether you have ever

seeking him of whom Moses and the Prophets did write, for we learn from the word of God that there is no greater name given under heaven whereby we can be saved from your loneliness. I have indulged a fond hope that you would come and see us but have hitherto been disappointed and should we be denied the happiness of seeing each other in time, let us endeavor to walk the sod of holiness which leads to happiness and God and where parting is no more. We both wish to be remembered to all the friend and connection.

Sally Griffin

Sources *Marriage Records 1811-1853 Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, p. 192 *Rutherford County, North Carolina, Abstracts of Wills, 1823-1868*. Wright Family History written by Judge Lee Wright of Salisbury, libraries, and cemeteries.

— Mrs. Arlene Wright Myers

JOHN LAWSON WRIGHT

1147

John Lawson Wright, son of Lawson Alexander (1847-1925) and Margaret Howell Wright (1847-1920) was born on October 1, 1883. He married Nora Addline Grigg, daughter of Rufus and Alice Clay Grigg (see family history William S. Clay), on December 25, 1901. She was born on June 16, 1886 in Cleveland County.

John L. was a prominent farmer and was a large landowner as he owned several farms in and around Cleveland County. Later in life, he turned to business and was a very successful businessman. He was owner of Farmers' Supply Company on highway 18 north of Shelby. John L. and Nora had 15 children.

Shufford Sylvester Wright was born on November 1, and died December 15, 1902.

Infant Wright died during birth on February 5, 1904.

Elsie Virgulee Wright, born on January 13, 1906, married William Edgar Hoyle, son of Joseph Peter Hoyle and Susan Etta Bumgardner Hoyle on February 11, 1928. They had two children: Dorothy Sue and Edgar Norris.

Dora Verda Lee Wright was born on December 5, 1907, and never married.

Willie Mae Connie V. Wright, born on Febru-



John Lawson and Nora Wright, wedding day, 1901.

ary 7, 1910, married John Merle Yarborough, son of Charlie Andrew Yarboro and Dora Blanton Yarboro, on October 29, 1933. Merle was born on November 1, 1911, and died July 10, 1960, due to gangrene of the gallbladder and was buried at Zion Baptist Church cemetery. They had one son, Charles Robert "Bobby" Yarborough.

Onley Seth Wright, born on January 28, 1912, married Lucy Mae Costner, daughter of Pressley and Florence Hamrick Costner on May 4, 1930. Lucy was born on August 23, 1911. They have two children: Charles Samuel Wright and Janie Sue Wright.

Marion Fitzhugh Wright was born on March 24, 1914, and died February 7, 1916 with pneumonia.

Talmage Stough Wright was born on January 5, 1916 (see Family History).

J.S. Wright (complete name of initials only), born on March 31, 1918, married Eula Louise Williams, daughter of Johnny Morris Williams and Vernie Barnett Williams on May 26, 1940. Louise was born on March 6, 1922. They have two children: Buddy Dean Wright and Carolyn Jane Wright.

Eula Izene Wright, born September 19, 1919, married A.V. Lail, son of Calvin Wini-field Lail and Julia N. Smith Lail. They have one son, Truman LaMorris Lail.

Velma Mozella Wright, born July 20, 1921, married James M. McSwain, son of Richard and Maude Turner McSwain. They have two children: Mildred McSwain and Sybil McSwain.

Mary Etta Wright, born June 8, 1923, married Charles Ray Mellon, son of Juluis R. and Maudie Mellon, on March 19, 1939. Ray was born on October 31, 1921. They have five children: Edward Gene Mellon, Alice Ponise Mellon, Charles Dean Mellon, Wayne Mellon, and Charles Ray Mellon, Jr.

Wright Grigg "W.G." Wright, born on July 7, 1925, married Josephine Wright, daughter of Dobbie and Daisie Hoyle Wright. They had two children: Martha Ann Wright and Brenda Wright.

Leah Lucille Wright, born April 19, 1927, married Cecil Fortenberry, son of W.C. Fortenberry. They had two children: Ginger Kay Fortenberry and Randal Fortenberry.

Recca Hazeline Wright, born December 26, 1929, married Robert William Grigg on December 24, 1948. He was born on March 17, 1928, and died April 14, 1977. He was buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church cemetery. They had three children: Wanda Jane Grigg, Phyllis Aileen Grigg, and David Lawson "D.L." Grigg.

As of March 1, 1982, the 12 children who reached adulthood are still living. When John L. and Nora's first grandchild, Dorothy Sue Hoyle, was born on December 22, 1928, he said he was not old enough to be called Grandpa, Granddaddy, or Grandpappy so the grandchildren could call them Daddy Wright and Mama Wright. This held through all his grandchildren and has now been carried to most of his sons who are also called Daddy Wright by their own grandchildren. Can you imagine going to a family reunion and the children playing and calling to their own Daddy Wright



John Lawson and Nora Wright, 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1951.

and the brothers turning to see who was calling them.

John L. and Nora were always very close and where you saw John you usually saw Nora. Their children were all reared with a strict and loving hand. John L. was in declining health for nine months and on July 31, 1953 at 9:15 pm he died of a heart attack while sitting in a rocking chair on the side porch.

Nora had a heart attack five minutes after his sudden death and never recovered. She died on August 8, 1953, and was buried beside her husband at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church cemetery. After Rose Hill Memorial Park was established at Fallston, they were re-interred at the perpetual care site.

Sources: Interviews, family Bibles, birth and death records, and Wright Family History.

— Mrs. Arlene Wright Myers.

LAWSON ALEXANDER WRIGHT 1148

Lawson Alexander Wright, son of Richard (1822-1890) and Nancy Alexander Wright, was born on July 12, 1847, in Cleveland County. The records show that Lawson served during the Civil War in the same outfit with his father Richard Wright — Company F, Regiment 34. He married Margaret Howell, daughter of Joshua Howell. Margaret was born on October 25, 1847.

Lawson was a large landowner and was a very successful farmer. Also, he was a Baptist preacher. Part of his land holdings was his old homeplace east of Beams Mill. He tended to his aunt Mary (Polly) Vaughn in her later years and acquired the Vaughn homeplace which is located one mile south of Pleasant Grove Church and just off highway 18.

Lawson A. and Nancy Wright had 10 children: Joshua Richard, Julia Jane, Catherine, Millissa, Minnie, Monroe, Lehui Pinkney,

Susan "Suddie", John Lawson, Furman Sylvester.

Joshua Richard Wright was born August 8, 1880 and died April 27, 1952. He was married two times. First time, he married Clara Hamrick, daughter of Thompson Hamrick. They had six children: Cletus (married first Bessie Jones Wellmon, issue: Ruth and W.T.; married second time to Grace Borders); Lawrence P. (married Orilla Gardner, daughter of Furman and Julia Hamrick Gardner, issue: Jewell, Donald, and Clara Sue); Lura (married George Spangler, son of Schenck Spangler, issue: Lounez Spangler and Lillian Spangler); Louella (married C. Doyle Hendrick, son of Chessley and Vada Gardner Hendrick, issue: Billy Hendrick, C.D. Hendrick, Mary Alice Hendrick, and Marsha Hendrick); Joshua Thompson "J.T." (married a girl from England); and Clarine (married Harold A. Elliott, issue: Linda Elliott and Michael Elliott).

Julia Jane Wright married Luther M. Sellers, son of Eli and Martha Lackey Sellers. He died May 27, 1969, and was survived by his second wife Lindy Clark. Julia and Luther had four children: Pearl Sellers (married Eugene Crosley); Della Sellers (married first to Harold Mills and second time to Charlie Hayes); Furman Sellers (married Stella Wright from Fallston); Gertha Sellers (married Carl McSwain, grandson of Monroe McSwain and Jane Wright McSwain).

Catherine Wright married John Black and they did not have any children.

Melissa Wright married Doras C. Sellers and they had no children.

Minnie Wright married George Champion the first time and they had one son, Charlie Champion. She married Jack Humphries the second time.

Monroe Wright was married two times. He first married Nancy McSwain, daughter of Monroe McSwain and first wife. They had five children: Cleophus (married Ethel Hamrick), James (married Pearl Hamrick), Floyd (married Mary Huffstaller), Bertha (married Alexander Gladden), Alonzo (married Ollie Dover)

Monroe married the second time to Eliza Johnson. They had six children: Dathia A. (married Bertha Costner), Julia (married Erastus Z. Whitworth), Margaret Leone (married Alonzo A. Whitworth), Henry (married Edna White), Eva (married "Boss" McSwain), and Allen (married Alice Elliott).

Lehui Pinkney Wright was married three times. First, he married Margaret Sellers and they had eight children: Bell (single), Grier (single), Vada (married Carl C. Falls), Clem (married Wilma Sellers), Gaither (married Bessie Yarboro), Ervin (married Nettie Warlick), Wilbur (married Virgie Beatty), and Herschel (married Mabel Yarboro). Second time Pinkney married Minnie Webb and they did not have any children. The last time he married Eva Wood and they had four children: James, Arvil, Bobby Wayne, and Lorene.

Susan "Suddie" Wright was never married.

John Lawson Wright was born October 1, 1883 and died July 30, 1953 — see Family History.

Furman Sylvester Wright married Bessie Lou Turner, daughter of John W. Turner, and

they had eight children: Leonard Wessley (married Novella Wright, daughter of John W. and Cora Champman Wright), Everett Lawson (married Eulalia Hoyle), Newell (married Mattie Lee Martin), Earl (married Mildred Harmon), Maggie Lou (married Reece White), Wray (married Frances Bridges), Vernie Mae (married Grady Stringfellow, and Ada (married Dwight Hord).

Nancy Wright preceded her husband in death. She died on June 23, 1920. In Lawson's first years, he was afflicted with creeping paralysis and for his final two years was an invalid and was cared for mostly by his youngest son, Furman, who received part of the former Vaughn homeplace when Lawson Alexander Wright died on September 1, 1925, at the age of 78.

Sources: Church cemeteries, library, and the Wright Family history.

— Mrs. Arlene Wright Myers

NEWTON WRIGHT

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Newton Wright, son of Job Wright (1757-1838, and Sarah Newton Wright, was born on April 21, 1792 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia. On July 15, 1813, he volunteered to fight in the War of 1812, Poole's Company, 6th Regiment of the Virginia Militia, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel G. Green and Colonel Sharp. He was discharged at Norfolk on October 17, 1813 in consequence of his being unable to perform military duty due to sickness.

On November 30, 1819, Newton married Sarah "Sally" Farmer, who was born on March 10, 1802, and daughter of James Farmer of Mecklenburg County, Virginia. The marriage ceremony was performed by Baptist Minister Pleasant Gold, and the surety was John T. Sizemore. Newton and Sarah moved to his father's home in Rutherford (now Cleveland) County at McBrayer's Mineral Springs just north of Shelby. They had 13 children: John Henry, Richard, Mary "Polly", Drury, Newton Jr., Sarah, Rebecca, James, George W., William H., Berry (twin), Perry (twin), and Francis.

John Henry Wright was born on September 20, 1820. He first married Ester Lackey and had two children by her; Catherine Wright, married Pink Petty; and Sidney Wright, married Margaret Ford who was the daughter of Andy Ford. Sidney settled in Missouri and died there.

John Henry Wright was married a second time to Sallie Cline, sister of David and Henry Cline. They had no children. They separated and John Henry went to Illinois and married a third time to Martha Pollard. They had two girls, name of one was Mary Wright. Martha Pollare Wright died in Illinois and John Henry then moved to Missouri near his son Sidney. There he married the fourth time to a widow, and they had no children. John Henry died in Missouri. He served in the Civil War with the Calvary. Perry Wright, his brother, said that John Henry Wright said he was not going to wear his feet out walking when he could ride a horse in the Calvary.



Lawson Alexander Wright and wife, Margaret.

Richard Wright was born May 12, 1822 (see his family history).

Mary "Polly" Wright was born on May 3, 1824, and married Jackson Vaughn. He served in Company F, Regiment 34 along with seven of Polly's brothers. He died of smallpox in the Civil War at Gennis' Station. They had no children. Polly's nephew Lawson A. Wright moved his family to her home and cared for her until her death on July 4, 1901.

Drury Wright was born on May 14, 1827.

Newton Wright, Jr. was born June 1, 1829 and served in the Civil War in Company F, Regiment 34, and after the war he went to Tennessee and married a Miss Hamer. On returning to North Carolina, he resided for a while in the Pleasant Grove community and then finally settled in number 11 township, and died there. He was known as the community preacher.

Sarah Wright was born on August 12, 1831, and died May 26, 1860. She never married and was buried in the Newton Wright cemetery.

Rebecca Wright was born on June 25, 1833.

James Wright was born on July 6, 1936.

George W. Wright was born on July 19, 1838, married Martha Willis, daughter of Square Jessie Willis on December 18, 1862 by the Justice of Peace John L. Gladden, and died April 19, 1921 in Cleveland County.

William H. Wright was born on July 25, 1840 and died April 30, 1922. He served in the Civil War with Company F, Regiment 34. He married Effie Lackey on November 21, 1865, and settled at his father's old homestead and reared eight children: 1. Tommie (m. Laura Early), 2. Callie (m. James Yancey Elliott), 3. Dovie (single), 4. Rainie (m. William H. Glascoe), 5. Minnie (m. Kim Williams), 6. Essie, twin to Bessie (m. first to Abraham Peeler and second time to John J. Wilkins), 7. Bessie, twin to Essie, (m. Andrew Elliott), 8. Dobbie (m. Daisy Hoyle).

Berry Wright (twin to Perry) was born July 25, 1843. He served in the Civil War with

Company F, Regiment 34, North Carolina Infantry, Confederate States of America. He entered on May 17, 1862, and served under Captain Abraham G. Waters and was killed in battle at Gales Mill, Virginia. Captain Waters was also killed in the same battle. Berry never married.

Perry Wright (twin to Berry) was born July 25, 1843. He served in the Civil War with Company F, Regiment 34. He was married two times. The first time he married Sarah Costner, daughter of Daniel Costner, and a sister of Jacob Costner. Sarah A. Wright was born on October 23, 1841, and died on July 31, 1896. She was buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church cemetery. They had six children:

1. James Andres Jackson Wright (m. Ella Lackey, daughter of Dave Lackey)
2. Gamewell Feandus Wright (m. Leana Whitworth, daughter of Mark Whitworth),
3. Delia, born March 22, 1870, died January 5, 1887, and was buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church cemetery (single),
4. Suddie died single at the age of 58,
5. Amanda died at the age of seven.
6. Carlos Elester Wright (m. Zoa Spencer, daughter of Frank Spencer of Gaston County).

Perry Wright married a second time to Annie Matildia Clemmer, daughter of Lewis Clemmer of Gaston County. They had no children. He died in 1937 and was buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church cemetery.

Francis Wright was born on October 20, 1845. On December 20, 1863, he married Mary Howell, daughter of Joshua Howell, and they had the following children: Julius, Amzi, Berry, Augustus, David V., Enoch, Dock J., Leilla (m. Mr. Smith), Dora (m. Mr. Lambert).

Eight of Newton Wright's sons served in the Civil War. Seven were in Company F, Regiment 34, and one was in the Calvary. Berry was the only one killed.

Newton died January 15, 1849, and Sarah died February 8, 1882. They were both buried in the Newton Wright Family cemetery located about 500 yards northwest of the homeplace of Clem F. Hendrick, and one-half mile west of

the home of the late Kim Williams in number 9 township on the west side of state highway 18 seven miles north of Shelby on the old plantation of Newton Wright, now (1982) owned by Newton's great, great, grandson J.S. Wright.

Sources: *Marriage Records 1811-1853 Mecklenburg County, Virginia*, p. 192, Pension Records from the National Archives — Widow's Civil War Pension application, Wright Family History, libraries, cemeteries, land deeds, Civil War Records.

— Mrs. Arlene Wright Myers

RICHARD WRIGHT

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Richard Wright, son of Newton Wright, Sr. (1792-1849) and Sarah Farmer Wright (1802-1882), was born May 12, 1822 in Rutherford (now Cleveland County). He served as a private in North Carolina Company E, Regiment 2, North Carolina Infantry Confederate States Army.

Richard was married three times. First, on March 3, 1848, he married Nancy Alexander, daughter of Newman Alexander who lived on Vaughn Creek between homesteads of Newton Wright, Sr. and William Gardner. Richard Wright first settled on Beaver Dam Creek in Gaston County, and later owned a farm east of Beams Mill in Cleveland County. They had six children: Noah J., Lawson Alexander, Katherine, Jane, Susan, and Phillip.

Noah J. Wright served in the Civil War and was first married to a Miss Craft of Gaston County. He married a second time to Nancy Bingham on April 12, 1866 by Minister E.D. Elliott. Children: Will Wright, Ernest Wright, and Etta Wright.

Lawson Alexander Wright was born on July 12, 1847 (see family history).

Katherine Wright married first to Hill Revels and they moved to Illinois. She married a second time to a Mr. Skidmore. Her children: Marion Revels and George Skidmore.

Jane Wright married Monroe McSwain and they had the following children: Amzi McSwain, Andrew McSwain, Charlie Q. McSwain (m. Bessie Lankford), Laura McSwain (m. first John Wallace and second time to Lee Ross), Richard McSwain (m. Maude Turner), Martha McSwain (m. John Eskridge), John Lawson McSwain (m. Ida Black), Bessie McSwain (m. Frank Turner), Abraham McSwain (m. Amanda Barrett).

Susan Wright married Pink Howell, son of Joshua Howell and brother to Mrs. Lawson A. Wright. They had six children: Mary Howell (m. first time to Pink Whitesides and the second time to Pink Leonhardt), Hulda Howell (m. a Mr. Anthony), Maggie Howell (m. a Mr. Hull), Laura Howell (m. a Mr. Hull), Minnie Howell (m. a Mr. Moore, and Ida Howell (m. a Mr. Wise).

Phillip Wright was born on October 29, 1850 and married Jane Hamrick on January 14, 1868. She was the daughter of Allen and Susan Hamrick and was born on June 30, 1845, and died June 1, 1878. They had four children: David Pinkney, Thompson, Ellen, and Susanna. Jane was buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church Cemetery and her grave is the oldest marked grave there.

Phillip married a second time to Loucinda

Grigg, daughter of William Grigg and sister to Rufus M. Grigg. They had three children: William, Buford, and Joshua.

Richard Wright was married a second time to a Miss Blakely of Gaston County and they had two children. Elphus (m. Narcissus Howell, daughter of Joshua Howell and a sister of Lawson A. Wright's wife). They had four children: Johnnie, Vordie V. Bunnie (m. Mack McGee Adams), and Arcie (m. first time to Avery Smith and a second time to Jack Humphries).

Then he married a third time to a Miss Morrison of Cherryville and they had three children: David "Dave", Frank, and Florence (m. Mr. Stroupe).

Richard Wright died on July 31, 1890, and was buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church cemetery located in Number 9 Township, Cleveland County, eight miles north of Shelby on highway 18, leading from Shelby to Morganton on the east side of the road, and three miles south of Fallston, and is known as Beams Mill Community.

Sources: Church cemetery, library, Wright Family History.

— Mrs. Arlene Wright Myers

TALMAGE STOUGH WRIGHT 1151

Talmage Stough Wright, son of John Lawson Wright (1883-1953) and Nora Grigg Wright (1886-1953), was born on January 5, 1916. He married Erma Jane Leonhardt on January 8, 1933 in Gaffney, South Carolina. She was born on August 9, 1914 and was the daughter of Robert Lee Leonhardt and Lillie Bingham Leonhardt of Fallston.

They farmed near Fallston and had two sons — Ottis Sylvester Wright and Farrin Scott Wright. Ottis was four and Scott was two when their mother, Erma, had surgery at Cleveland Memorial Hospital and died due to a blood clot on December 23, 1938. She was buried at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church cemetery and later she was re-interred at Rose Hill Memorial Park.

In Gaffney, South Carolina, on January 4, 1941, Stough married Cassie Victoria Bryant, daughter of James Pleasant Bryant and Margaret Olevia Issacs Bryant of Surry County, North Carolina. She was born November 15, 1916. They had one daughter, Hazel Arlene Wright.

They reared their children with love and discipline and they set before them an example of honesty, humbleness, hard work and fear of God. The children were taught to be patriotic, to respect their elders, and to treat others the way they would like to be treated. Because of this, the children have done well.

Ottis Sylvester Wright was born on July 15, 1934, and married Gertrude Louise Jenkins, daughter of Ernest Lee Jenkins and Gertrude Mason Jenkins of Kings Mountain, on January 1, 1954. Gertie was born on January 25, 1935. Ottis attended North Carolina State College at Raleigh and is successful in his own trucking business. They had four children: Talmage Lee Wright, John Sylvester Wright, Patricia Louise Wright, and Barry Ottis Wright.

1. Talmage Lee Wright was born on January 5, 1955, and married Patsy Dinah Clark on March 3, 1974 at Bethany Baptist Church in Grover. She was born on October 7, 1956, and is the daughter of William Greene Clark and Dorcas Mae Head Clark of Grover.

2. John Sylvester Wright was born on March 5, 1956 and married Cathy Gaddy on September 21, 1975 in York, South Carolina. She was born September 19, 1956 and is the daughter of Thurman Gaddy of Kings Mountain. Johnny and Cathy have one daughter, Wendy Ann Wright, who was born on August 13, 1977.

3. Patricia Louise Wright was born on June 21, 1959, and on April 1, 1979, she married Timothy Harold Ware of Kings Mountain. He is the son of Curtis Ware and was born on February 15, 1959. They have one daughter, Patricia Renee Ware, who was born on February 11, 1981.

4. Barry Ottis Wright was born on June 21, 1963. He joined the U.S. Marines on February 16, 1982.

Farrin Scott Wright (second son of T. Stough Wright) was born on December 3, 1936, and married Joyce Ann Ross of Grover on July 4, 1957, at the home of her parents Grady Lee Ross and Elsie Louise Putnam Ross. Joyce was born on April 9, 1938.

Scott graduated from Clemson University with a masters degree in Agriculture Engineering and received his doctoral degree from N.C. State University at Raleigh. He has contributed articles to science journals and a few of his honors include: National Cotton Council Fellow — 1959-60; Sigma Xi; Gamma Sigma Delta; Phi Kappa Phi; Tau Beta Phi; and is listed in the 1978 edition of *Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans*. He is presently employed with the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Scott and Joyce have three daughters who are all outstanding students — Susan Rene Wright (born May 5, 1960), Rachel Ann Wright (born August 14, 1963), and Anita

Joyce Wright (born July 25, 1969).

Hazel Arlene Wright (daughter of T. Stough Wright) was born on July 14, 1942 and married William Judson Myers on December 31, 1972 in Gaffney, South Carolina. The ceremony was performed by W.R. Douglas, Justice of Peace. Bill was born on April 21, 1921, and was the son of Gaston Jarvis Myers and Femea Beatrice (Atrey) Johnson Myers of Yadkin County, North Carolina.

Arlene became a member of the Daughters of American Revolution, John Knox Chapter, after she proved her ancestor Job Wright had been a patriot during the American Revolution. Her D.A.R. number is 605137. She attended the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and graduated from Kings College in Charlotte and was a member of the Alpha Elta Sorority. She is currently employed by Appalachian State University, BIABH Study Center.

Bill attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and after he retired as a dairy farmer, they moved to Glen Alpine where he became the first Town Manager for the Town of Glen Alpine.

Stough and Cassie farmed until 1961 growing cotton and grains. For 18 years, they grew chickens and for nine years operated Wrights' Wholesale Distributors which was the distributor of Minneapolis-Moline tractors and equipment (now called White) over three states — North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

For the past 20 years, Stough has been a U.S. Department of Agriculture farmer-elected committee member serving the local A.S.C. office. He served on the Grover School Board from 1954 to 1961 when the school consolidated with the Kings Mountain City Schools. Also he was awarded the Honorary Charter Farmer award by the Grover School F.F.A. Department.

Stough and Cassie have been successful in about everything they have undertaken and they now enjoy hobbies together and going to their place in the mountains.

Sources: Interviews, family records.

— Mrs. Arlene Wright Myers



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THE WILLIAM FRANCIS YELTON FAMILY

1152

The surname Yelton appears to be locational in origin and is associated with the English.

William Francis Yelton was born June 5, 1868. He died at the age of 91, on December 24, 1959. He was born in Rutherford County, the son of John Washington Yelton and Nancy McCurry Yelton who moved to Cleveland County when William Francis was a small boy.

William Francis was the oldest son and had five brothers and five sisters. The sisters were Moriah, who married John Towery; Ida, who married Sam Eskridge; Belle, who married Lee Eskridge (the two Eskridge men were brothers); Mary, who married Frank Grigg; and Esther, who married R.E. Campbell.

The brothers were Charles J., who married Jennie White; Benjamin, who married Hessie Holden; Oliver, who married Beuna Strider (the only one living in 1982); Horace, who married Georgia Price; and Ambrose, who never married.

William Francis Yelton married Rachel Merinda White on December 21, 1893. She was a sister to Charles J. Yelton's wife. To this union were born nine children — four boys and five girls.

The oldest child was Vernie Mae Yelton, who married Elbridge Lee Weathers. Their five children were as follows:

Frances Miriam Weathers, who married John Hoyt McCurry. They had two daughters, Frances Miriam and Jane Ellen. Miriam married John Hallman Hutto, III, and their children are Laura Hallman and Anna Nichole Hutto. Jane married David Eugene DePriest and they have two sons, Joseph Nicholas and Christopher David DePriest.

Robert Lee, who married Catherine Swinson. To this union were born Robert Lee, Jr., and Merinda Swinson Weathers.

Thomas Jennings Weathers, who never married.

Ruth Florence Weathers, who married Richard Lee Sobera. Their children are Mary Catherine and Richard Lee Sobera, Jr.

Gerald Gene Weathers, who married Ella Foy Suttle. Their children are Martha Foy and Pamela Jean Weathers.

The second child of William F. and Rachel Merinda Yelton was Macie Fay, who married Richard Grady Mauney. Their three children are as follows:

Richard Grady Mauney, Jr., who married Mary Steadman. Their children are Richard Steadman, Mary Emily and Charles Stuart Mauney.

Charles William Mauney, who never married.

Martha Ann Mauney, who married John Edwin Johns. Their children are John Edwin, Jr., Steven Maxwell and Marcus Mauney Johns.

The third Yelton child was Paris Leland Yelton, who married Donnis Gold. Their children are Robert (Bob) William and Don Leland. Don married Emily Karen Bryant and they have two children, Todd Leland and Leigh Allison Yelton.

The fourth Yelton child was Gladys Lillian Yelton, who married Clyde Benjamin Spangler. Their children were Harold Benjamin and Rachel Ann. Harold married Gertrude Poletz, and their children are Beth Gay, David Benjamin, Jane Yelton, Mary Ann and Timothy Spangler. Rachel married Newlin Pyle Schenck. They have three children, Hal Emerson, Mark Benjamin and Leslie Ann Schenck.

The fifth Yelton child was Veva C. Yelton, who married Clemmie Dixon Spangler. Their two children were as follows:

Clemmie Dixon, Jr., who married Meredith Jane Riggs. They have two daughters, Anna Wildy and Abigail Riggs Spangler.

Barbara Jane Spangler, who married William Bion Barnett. They had two daughters, Barbara Randle and Carson Spangler Barnett. Barbara Spangler Barnett later married William B. Garrison and their only child was Melissa Jane Garrison.

The sixth Yelton child was Lucy Mae Frances Yelton, who married Clyde Carson Daves. Their only child, Clyde Carson Daves, Jr., married Cindaree Jo Winterrowd, and they have one child, (Cary) Clyde Carson Daves, III.

The seventh Yelton child was Charles Wilburn Yelton, who died at ten months of age.

The eighth Yelton child was William Francis Yelton, Jr., who married Ella Margaret (Billie) Tomlinson. Their four children are as follows:

Margaret Lynn, who married John Robbins Wester. They have two children, McNeill Yelton and Forrest Tomlinson Wester.

William Francis Yelton, III, who married Gail Brookshire Gear. They have one son, Bain Yelton.

Leigh Ann and Larry Eugene Yelton, who are the only twins in the Yelton family.

The ninth Yelton child was John Lesley Yelton, who married Evelyn Frances Moore. Their only child is Adona Sue Yelton.

Sources: Family Bible and personal interviews.

— Donnis Gold Yelton

CARLOS LOWERY YOUNG

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Carlos L. Young was born September 13, 1915, in Shelby. His parents were H. Fields Young and Nina Lowery Young. His brothers and sisters are Kathleen, deceased, Fields, Jr., Lamar and Eloise.

Carlos graduated from Davidson College in 1936.

As the owner and on borrowed capital, he opened Young Brothers Clothing Store on March 13, 1938. Other family members joined him as partners. Later the business expanded to a large furniture store and a real estate business. Carlos was president of Young Brothers, Inc. until February 15, 1980, when he and his brother separated their business interests. Today Carlos is President of Young Rentals, Inc. and a partner with his wife in Young Rentals.

Carlos was inducted into the Army on February 22, 1941, as a private, promoted to the rank of major, awarded the Bronze Star Medal, four battle stars in the Pacific and discharged on February 24, 1946.

Constance Alice Champion was born November 16, 1923, to Clifton Ormond and Edna Blanton Champion in Mooresboro. Carlos and Constance were married April 30, 1949, in Shelby. They have four children.

Carlos Lowery Young, Jr. was born September 6, 1950, in Shelby. He graduated from Georgia State University, Magna Cum Laude. He is presently working for his master's degree while employed as a computer programmer in Atlanta, Georgia.

Edna Anne Young was born April 11, 1952, in Shelby. She graduated from Meredith College, 1974 — K-3 Education Major. She married William Moore Beam, the son of Francis Martin and Mary Winn Beam of Kinston, on June 15, 1974. He graduated from North Carolina State University with a degree in engineering. They live in Wilmington, where she is a teacher of handicapped children. Bill is a sales representative for Signode Corporation.

Kathleen Alice Young (Kay) was born June 1, 1954, in Shelby. She graduated from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, majoring in Mathematics and Recreation. She married James Frank Chitty, III, son of J.F. and Marie Chitty of Ahoskie, on June 27, 1976. He graduated from the University of North Carolina with a Business Administration Degree. They live in Shelby. Kay teaches math at Kings Mountain High School. Their daughter, Haley Young Chitty, was born January 23, 1981.

Stephen Lewis Young was born May 30, 1957, in Shelby. He graduated from Davidson College, Cum Laude. He is a student at Bowman Gray School of Medicine.

Carlos has been active in civic and religious activities.

He, Malcolm Brown, and Dr. Z.P. Mitchell were instrumental in establishing the Cleveland County Mental Health Center.

He and Malcolm Brown persuaded Gov. Dan Moore to support a Home Bound Program for sick children and today this is a part of the entire public school system in North Carolina.

He worked with a small influential committee and lobbied the legislature for public supported kindergartens. They became an important part of the public school system in North Carolina.

Some of his honors are: Shelby Jaycee Young Man of the Year, 1950; Shelby Lion's Club Man of the Year, 1970; Shelby Civitan Citizen of the Year, 1981, and Western North Carolina Citizen, 1981; North Carolina Mental Health Association Volunteer of the Year, 1969; North Carolina Citizen's Volunteer of the Year Award at the Governor's Mansion, April 30, 1976; Davidson College outstanding Alumni Award, 1976; President of the North Carolina Mental Health Association; First President of Board of Advisors of Gardner Webb College; Board of Advisors of Mars Hill College; Moderator of Kings Mountain Baptist Association for two years. He was a Trustee of Gardner Webb College, of South Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina, and Director of National Association for Mental Health.

Some present duties are lifetime director of the North Carolina Mental Health Association

and the Cleveland County Association, Director of First Citizen's Bank, Trustee of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital and member of the Board of Directors of the Medical Center, Bowman Gray School of Medicine, Wake Forest University.

Connie is presently teaching first grade at Boiling Springs Elementary School. Carlos and Connie live at 922 West Sumter Street, in Shelby.

Sources: Newspaper clippings, Carlos Young's records
— Constance C. Young

H. FIELDS YOUNG

1154

The Young Family was prominent in the British Empire and the United States. Members have played important roles in both war and peace. They lived in England, Northern Ireland and Scotland. Ninety-eight percent of the Youngs who came to America and were church members were of the Protestant faith.

H. Fields Young was born on May 23, 1881, on South Lafayette Street, Shelby, North Carolina. He was the son of George Washington Young (1840-1923) and Margaret McArthur Young (1853-1944).

George W. Young was in Company K, 18th Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers during the Civil War. He was a twin of Andrew J. Young who was killed at age 25 in the Civil War. Brother Pinckney Young was killed at Petersburg, Virginia at age 19, and Lt. Daniel John Young was killed at Manassas, at age 31.

George's parents were John and Elizabeth Quinn from Blacksburg, South Carolina. They had thirteen children. Two sets of twins were George and Andrew J., and Margaret and Martha. The other children were Joseph Pinckney, Daniel John, Julia A., Nancy E., Polly, Sally, Mary Jane, James and John.

George and his wife Margaret had seven children: Luna (Orlando Elam) 1871-1938; Fan (Ed Smith) 1874-1964; Eunice (Jim Williams) 1875-; Johnny Georgia (Hudson King) 1876-; H. Fields Young, 1881-1947; Fay Aileen (Logan McBrayer, Robert Sing) 1890-1968; Willa Mayne (William Goodman) 1894-1972; Hershel (Ida Hogan).

Fields was educated in the public schools, Cleveland County, North Carolina. Because of family responsibilities, he did not enter World War I. His three sons were active in the military during World War II. Lamar was based in European theatre; Fields, Jr., a Colonel in the Air Force in Europe, and Carlos a Major in the South Pacific.

Fields was active in the First Baptist Church. He was a deacon and president of the O. Max Gardner Class; also a Trustee of Mars Hill College.

Fields married Nina Eloise Lowery, daughter of Thomas H. and Rebecca Hogue Lowery on August 11, 1910, in Patterson Springs, North Carolina. Fields and Nina were introduced by Mrs. Charles (Tonce) Wells, Sr.. Fields and Nina had five (5) children: Kathleen, Fields, Jr., Carlos, Lamar and Eloise; and nineteen grandchildren.

Fields and Nina lived on South Lafayette



Home of Fields Young, 1916

Street. They later bought a home on 508 West Warren Street. This elegant house was a showplace on four acres. It was erected by Mr. James Samuel Martin who came from England. At his death in 1916, Mrs. Martin sold the house to Fields.

Fields and Nina enjoyed entertaining and sharing their home. Fields would invite soldiers, during World War II, to his home, setting up trestle tables in the yard and serving watermelon and home-made ice cream.

Fields was a shoe salesman for Craddock-Terrier Company and then a salesman for twenty-five years for Star Brand Shoes. In 1938 Carlos opened a clothing store on West Marion Street. The store was then moved to East Warren Street. Carlos included Lamar, Eloise and his mother and father in this venture. They opened another clothing store on South Washington Street. Dr. Willis had an antique store next door. Fields Young with a flair for real Cleveland County "horse trading" swapped "Doc" a suit of clothes and Fifty Dollars for his antiques business.

In 1943 Young Brothers Furniture Company was moved across the street to its present location. In 1948, after serving in World War II, the brothers built an addition to the store and expanded the business by adding new furniture.

It was a special treat to go with Fields to buy antiques and furniture in Philadelphia and the surrounding Dutch country. He always carried his derby hat and Chesterfield coat to wear among his friends there.

Fields was a strong Christian and "church-goer". During the Second World War, he would pick up soldiers and take them to the First Baptist Church. He was very instrumental in the growth of Shelby by his purchase and development of land of Suttle Street, Sumter Street and the area around Bethel Baptist Church off DeKalb Street. He was a good fami-

ly man and enjoyed life to the fullest. He loved a good joke and he loved people.

He died January 23, 1947, at the age of 64. He is buried at Sunset Cemetery in Shelby, North Carolina.

Sources: Family Bible; Buffalo Baptist Church Cemetery, near Blacksburg, South Carolina; YOUNG FAMILY HISTORY, J.M. Seaver; Mrs. Louise McArthur Smith; York County (South Carolina) Census.

— Ruth B. Young

H. FIELDS YOUNG, JR.

1155

Fields Jr. is the oldest son of Fields and Nina Young, who had five children. He was born in February, 1914 on South Lafayette Street, Shelby, North Carolina.

Graduating from McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina; Fields worked in Shelby and Knoxville, Tennessee.

Fields Jr. married Ruth Ella Buckles from Bristol, Tennessee in 1940. Ruth graduated from Virginia Interment College, Bristol, Virginia. Since coming to live in Shelby, North Carolina in 1948, she has been very active in church, school, civic and social organizations. She served on the following boards: Cleveland County Memorial Library, sixteen years, Shelter Home of Cleveland County, Mental Health, and Baptist Children's Homes of North Carolina. Ruth has held offices in the Benjamin Cleveland Chapter DAR, Shelby Junior Charity League, Junior Women's Club, WMU at the First Baptist Church and taught Sunday School.

Attaining the rank of Colonel in the Air Force during World War II, Fields served in England.

Upon his return to Shelby after the war, Fields and a close friend he met during the war, John J. Augustin, set up finance companies and motor companies in several North Carolina towns. They built Park Sumter Terrace apartments. This partnership was dissolved in the early 1960's.

Fields saw the need for apartment housing and became a developer of luxury apartments. Some of the apartments are: Park Sumter Terrace, Colonial Hills, Kingswood North, Idlewild Terrace, Queen Ann, Lake Street and Carousel in Shelby. In Kings Mountain, North Carolina, he built Georgetown, Summerfield West and Gold Street Apartments.

Being a highly motivated individual, Fields also developed the Shelby Plaza Shopping Center. This center was the first location for Eckerds Drug in Shelby.

Fields Jr. is very active in community service and has been President of the North Carolina American Cancer Society. He has financed the building of a church in Colorado, he is on the Board of Trustees at Wingate College, an mason and a Shriner, and is presently involved in Prison Ministry, just to name a few of his activities. He and Ruth are members of the First Baptist Church.

Living in Shelby, Fields has one sister, Eloise (Mrs. Pat Spangler) and two brothers — Carlos and Lamar. One sister, Kathleen (Mrs. John Fay) is deceased.

Fields and Ruth have three children, Sally,

Fields III, and Harriet. Sally is married to John T. Barker of John Barker Realty, Inc. which is a regional industrial brokerage firm. John has contributed greatly to North Carolina and particularly Cleveland and Gaston Counties by helping locate such firms as Union Carbide, Eaton, Acme-Cleveland, Sulzer, Freightliner, Zunn, Reliance Electric and Copeland in this area.

Sally graduated from UNC-G with a B.A. in education. She has been a member of the Shelby Board of Education since 1975. She and John have three children — Leah, John Jr. and Patrick.

Fields III is married to Jeannie Myers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gene H. Myers of Shelby, North Carolina. They have four children — Tracy Lynn, Christopher Todd, Michael and Heather Jo. Fields graduated from Mars Hill College with a B.S. degree and a Masters of Divinity from Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. He is President of Fields Young, Inc. and is a major developer of mini warehouses in the Piedmont Section. He is on the Board of Advisors of Mars Hill College and has been very active in Jaycee work in Cleveland County.

Harriet is married to Thomas Wey Wenzel of Traverse City, Michigan. They live in Snowmass, Colorado where Tom manages Gene Taylor's, a sporting goods/clothing store. Harriet graduated from the University of Georgia with a degree in Speech Pathology and Radiology. She is a Director of a day care center.

Fields Jr. is a good husband, father and grandfather and a successful business man.

Sources: Family Bible, Scrapbooks

— Mrs. Ruth B. Young

JOHN YOUNG

1156

John Young, a son of Samuel Young and Elizabeth Kuykendall, married Mary Sides on January 1, 1799 in old Rutherford County. That same year, John and Mary purchased land on Buffalo Creek in nearby Lincoln County where they reared a large family. John died August 30, 1841 and was buried beside his parents at Knobb Creek Methodist Church. After John's death, Mary Young raised several of her Shittle grandchildren. Their mother Katharine Young Shittle had died prior to 1841. Mary Sides Young died September 4, 1854, age 76 years.

On July 25, 1841, John Young wrote his will which is recorded in Cleveland County Will Book 1, No. 3. In this will, he named his nine children as follows: Samuel, no information; Henry, born 1805 married Lavinia Martin on December 29, 1831; David, born about 1807 moved after 1840 elsewhere; Peter, born 1809 married Mary Carpenter on January 3, 1834; John Jr., deceased, had married Sarah Boggs on October 2, 1834; Solomon, born August 28, 1816, married Susannah Hoyle; Elizabeth, born 1799, married Robert Willis on July 27, 1816; Katharine, deceased, had married Henry Shittle on January 15, 1829; and, Fanny, deceased, had married David Boyles on January 9, 1832 with no information on her children.

Peter Young had married a daughter of Joseph Carpenter who had land in Catawba County. Peter lived on Buffalo Creek until 1854, when he sold the Buffalo land and purchased several large tracts on Camp Creek in Catawba County. On some of this land is now located Providence Baptist Church near the old Shelby road. Children of Peter and Mary Young were Martha Ann, Mary Ann, John, Solomon, Fanny and Josephas.

Henry Young moved to Catawba County one year after Peter and reared a large family near the Burke County line. The children of Henry and Lavinia Young were Joseph, Peter, Henry, Samuel, John, Eliza, and Susanna. All five sons had died during the time of the Civil War.

John Young Jr. died September 10, 1840, age 26 years, leaving daughters; Mary C., Sarah M., Rebecca Elizabeth and only one son, Solomon who died from the Civil War. John Jr. is buried at Knobb Creek Church and several children are buried at Laurel Hill Methodist Church with their mother Sarah Boggs Young.

Solomon Young and Susannah Hoyle had only one child, Mary C. Solomon died at age 28 on August 28, 1844. He was buried in the old Carpenter Cemetery near Fallston. His widow later married Caleb Carpenter.

Elizabeth Willis had the following children: Solomon, Joseph, John Y., Robert H., and Elizabeth A. who married Robert Norman.

Katharine Young Shittle's children were raised by their grandmother Mary. No information is available on Katharine's husband, Henry Shittle. Perhaps he remarried. Henry and Katharine Shittle's children were Frances Elizabeth, John, Henry, and Susannah.

Children of Fanny and David Boyles are not known. Also, nothing is known about the family of Samuel and David Young. David Young was in Lincoln County in 1840 but he apparently moved elsewhere by 1850.

— Terry R. Young

PETER YOUNG and MARY CARPENTER

1157

Peter Young, born 1809, was a son of John Young and Mary Sides of Buffalo Creek. On January 3, 1834, Peter Young married Mary Carpenter, a daughter of Joseph Carpenter and Elizabeth Carpenter. Elizabeth was a daughter of "Fallston" Jacob Carpenter and Susannah Finger.

Peter and Mary Young first settled on Buffalo Creek on land purchased from his father in 1832. On this farm in old Lincoln County, all of their children were born. In December of 1854, shortly after the death of his mother, Peter sold his Buffalo Creek farm and moved to Camp Creek in Catawba County. He had also lived on Clark's Creek, Catawba County around 1850 on land received from his father-in-law. In November of 1854, he purchased several large tracts of land on Camp Creek from A.A. Lutz near the Burke County line. On some of this land is the present Providence Baptist Church. Several of his children are buried in the church cemetery.

Children of Peter and Mary are as follows: Martha Ann, born September 4, 1834, married Alfred Monroe Propst on August 24, 1853; Mary Ann, born 1836 and died before 1860; John, born February 2, 1837, married Nancy Rebecca Johnson about 1859; Solomon, born 1841 and died before 1860; Fanny, born 1845 and died before 1860; and, Josephas, born December 8, 1847, married Naomi Aikens on February 6, 1865.

Martha Ann Propst lived near Maiden and had children as follows: Jacob Young Probst, who moved to Anniston, Alabama; Mary Ann, married Marcus Sidney Carpenter; David Franklin, married Bessie Genetta Parker, Julius Alexander, single; Edward Lee, lived in Charlotte; Alice Agness, married Perry E. Fry; Ada Florence, married Clarence Bost; and, Elias Monroe, married Vertna Mauney. Most of her family lives around St. James Church near Newton, North Carolina.

Children of John Young and Nancy Rebecca Johnson were as follows: Richard Cephas, born 1860, married Mary Elizabeth Johnson; Peter Luther, born 1862, married Rosie Annie Burns; Martha Ann, born 1864, married W.D. Wilkie; John Frank, July 10, 1869, married Belzora Hudson; Ulysses Grant, born 1871 and died age 13; Jacob Monroe, born 1874, married Sallie Lowman; Samuel Henry, born 1875, married Mary Jane Lail; and George Pinkney Young, born 1878, married Julia Ann Lynn. Nancy Rebecca died in 1891 and she is buried at Providence Baptist Church. John married a second time to Margaret Seagle. She lived only a few years and he married Jane Lynn Johnson on September 19, 1904. They had one child, Roland Hampton Young, who married Martha Jane Weaver.

Children of Josephas Young and Naomi Aikens are as follows: Lewis, born 1867, married Candice Lowman; David, born 1868, married Julia Ann Herman; and Adolphus, born 1869, married Minnie Abernathy.

J. Frank Young, son of John and Nancy Rebecca, had married Zora Hudson, a daughter of John Hudson and Elizabeth Stillwell of Burke County. Frank and Zora purchased land near George Hildenbran School and reared a family of seventeen children as follows: James Brantley married Pearl Hildebran; Addie married Felix Stilwell; Bertha married Millis Pruet; Emma married Cullen Propst; Bradie married Gordan Hoyle; Lula married Allston Damons; Sarah married Clyde Mull; Alex married Vergie Rhoney; George Lee married Madge Peeler; Wade, single; Zena married Garland Johnson; Noah married Cora Huffman; Agnes married Charlie Pons; John married Pansy Keller; Melissa married Ray Page; and McKinley Young married Ollie Lindsay.

George Lee Young, son of J. Frank, had married Madge Peeler, a daughter of Uless Peeler and Jane Rudisill. George died 1930, age 28, of pneumonia. His unexpected death left Grandma Young with six small children as follows: Ralph Zollie married Annie Florence Wyant; Forest Leroy married Edna Mae Stephens; Guy Noah married Helen Sue Leatherman; Margaret Marie married James Marshall Sigmon; Preston Lee married Eva Sue Cline; and, George Lee Young Jr. married

Ruby Herman and Lonnie Mae Thompson.
Children of Ralph Z. and Annie Wyant Young are Terry Ray and Danny Lee. Terry married Martha Mays and they have one child, Christopher Scott Young. Danny married Anna Martha Rudisill and they have two children, Monica Leigh and Courtney Tyson Young.
— Terry R. Young

SAMUEL YOUNG

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Samuel Young, earliest known ancestor of Youngs of Cleveland, Catawba, Lincoln, and Burke Counties, owned land on Knobb Creek in Rutherford County prior to the Revolution. Samuel Young was a Tory but married Elizabeth Kuykendall of the Patriotic Kuykendall family. Old Tryon County court minutes for January, 1783 summoned Samuel to show cause why his property should not be confiscated. Records for July, 1783, gave possession of estate confiscated to Elizabeth Young, wife of Samuel Young.

Elizabeth Young was a daughter of Peter Kuykendall and wife, Mary Elizabeth is mentioned in Peter's will, dated 1783, in Green County, Tennessee.

Samuel Young purchased land from state patents and the Carpenter family in the Knobb Creek section of what is now Cleveland County. At this Belwood location, Samuel and Elizabeth attended the Union Associate Reformed Church (now Knobb Creek Methodist) and reared a small family. They and several family members are buried in the church cemetery.

Children of Samuel Young were a son, John Young, and a daughter, Catharine Young. John Young married Mary Sides on January 1, 1799 in old Rutherford County. He purchased land on Buffalo Creek in Lincoln County the same year. On July 25, 1841, John Young wrote his will recorded in Cleveland County and named all of his children. John died August 30, 1841 and was buried beside his father and mother at Knobb Creek Methodist Church, Belwood. Catharine Young married Coonrod Hildenbran II of Burke County where she has many descendants. Another son or a near relative is Solomon Young and wife Meliny A. who are buried along side Samuel, Elizabeth and their son John. In 1829, the three heirs of Samuel Young sold his land to Solomon. Solomon, born 1798, was most likely a son of Samuel and Elizabeth. Solomon accumulated one of the largest group of slaves in Cleveland County. He died in 1878 without any children.

Sources: Family Resources

— Terry R. Young

CHARLES ABNER (CHARLIE) and LOUISE FRANCES CALLAHAN GREEN

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Editor's Note: In the last minute rush to arrange the manuscript of this section, the following family history sketch was misfiled. At the time of discovery, the book had already been paged.

Charles Abner Green was born on May 14, 1915 on a farm in upper Rutherford County, N.C., near the Sunshine Community. The old log house he was born in was near the intersection of Duncan Creek and Golden Valley roads, known as the Cooper Springs. The name Green, but now, sometimes spelled Greene, came from a long line of Greens, dating back before the American Revolution.

Charles Abner Green is the son of the late Charley Abner and Margaret Louise Virginia Harton Green of Rutherford County. He was married on June 29, 1941 to Louise Frances Callahan of Henrietta, N.C., also of Rutherford County.

His wife Louise Frances Callahan Green, born Dec. 3, 1922, is the daughter of the late John Wesley Callahan, (Aug. 6, 1895, died Jan. 14, 1957) and Sarah Elizabeth Reavis Callahan, born Jan. 27, 1898 of Henrietta, N.C., also of Rutherford County. John Wesley Callahan is buried in Rutherford County Memorial Park.

Louise Frances Callahan Green has three sisters living, and one brother, deceased: 1. Margaret Ann Callahan Norman, born Dec. 21, 1926, husband Raymon Norman. 2. Dorothy Nell Callahan, Lowery, Green, born March 21, 1930, husband, Noah Green. 3. Betty Jane Callahan Jones, born Feb. 21, 1933, husband Paul Jones. 4. Jack Callahan, (Dec. 26, 1924 — Sept. 10, 1965). Widow, Dorthy Lavender Callahan. Jack Callahan is buried in Rutherford County Memorial Park.

Louise Green's paternal grandparents are James Logue Callahan, (May 24, 1864 — Mar. 26, 1936) and Jane Hawkins Callahan, (June 18, 1867 — May 9, 1948). Her maternal grandparents are Richard Reavis born 1869, and Sarah Honeycutt Reavis, born 1872. Her maternal great-grandparents are Samuel and Mary Jane Dixon Reavis, (married in 1857).

Charles Abner Green attended Sunshine High School, in Rutherford County, N.C., and graduated in 1932. In 1931 he won a gold medal for the best speaker in a declamation contest. He and his brother William Woodrow, and three sisters, Agnes, Annie Sue, and Lois had twenty five years perfect attendance in Rutherford County Schools, receiving gold

medals for five years perfect attendance.

Having grown up on a farm, until 1945, he worked at National Carbon Co. in Morganton, N.C. for one year, moved to Asheville, N.C. and worked as a silversmith for three years, and moved to Forest City, N.C. Dec. 1949, and went to work with Home Security Life Ins. Co., of Durham, N.C., as an agent in Forest City. In 1952 he was promoted to sales manager and transferred to Shelby, N.C. He won many awards during his insurance career, qualifying for most of the company conventions and awards for agent and sales manager of the year. Having worked for Home Security Life for thirty years, twenty five of these years as sales manager, he retired in June of 1979. Since retiring, he works part time as representative of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Durham, N.C., and serves his community as city councilman from Ward Three in Shelby, N.C.

The Green family have been members of Zoar Baptist Church, Shelby, N.C., since 1952. During these years Charles Abner has served as deacon, Sunday School teacher, Brotherhood president, and trustee, an office he now holds. He has been a member of Shelby Amateur Radio Club for the past twenty years, with amateur radio call letters WA4BFB. He is a member of Cleveland Masonic Lodge 202, former commander of Shelby Commandry and Oasis Shrine, and a former member of Shelby Kiwanis Club. He also has served as president and secretary and treasurer of Shelby Life Underwriters Association. In 1968 he was instrumental in establishing a Good Will store in Shelby, and served as chairman of the Good Will Industries board of directors.

In 1966, Charles Abner Green ran for county commissioner of Cleveland County. In a hard fought battle in the second primary, running against three other strong opponents, he won by a large majority. He served four years on the board, two of these years as vice-chairman. He was known throughout Cleveland County for his conservative stand on most issues. Due to illness in his family he did not seek reelection.

He also served several years on the Shelby board of adjustment. In 1979 he ran for the office of city councilman from Ward Three in Shelby, N.C. After much campaigning throughout the city, he won this election, and is now serving on the City Council in Shelby, N.C.

To the Green union were born three children, David Marion Green, born March 31, 1944, died May 30, 1971; Mary Frances Green Mode, born Dec. 21, 1953; John Charles Green, born July 20, 1956.

Sources: Personal knowledge, family records.

— Charles Abner Green





This is the 1910 Shelby High School Football Team. Pictured are: Standing — R. T. Howerton, coach; Alger Hamrick, George Moore, Frank Shull, Archie Archer, and Nelson Lattimore, manager. Kneeling are: Louis Gardner, Robert Doggett, Hilary Hudson, Ben Roberts, Harry Hudson, and Crawley Hughes. This photo is in the archives of the Cleveland County Historical Museum.



This is the earliest known photo of the Confederate monument on the Courthouse Square, Shelby. The monument was erected in 1906 while the old courthouse was torn down in the 1906-07 period to be replaced with a new building. Note the Lithia Fountain enclosure in the background on the left. This picture was taken from a rare post card mailed on May 22, 1907.



In 1907 this group of Shelby and Cleveland County people went camping at Cleveland Springs after the hotels there burned. During the early 1900's-1920's, cotton was King in the county and county citizens enjoy many economic benefits.



Section III~PICTORIAL HISTORY

A collection of photographs and remembrances which recall the memory of, and honors individuals, family groups, and organizations of the county. Not indexed.

From The Scrapbook Of The 20th Century Book Club of Shelby



At The Governor's Mansion, Raleigh, 1929

A 1929 Raleigh visit — The club members were overnight guests of Mrs. O. Max Gardner, a charter member of the club and wife of Gov. Gardner, in the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh, in 1929. In 1940, the members were guests of Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, also a charter member of the club and wife of Gov. Hoey.

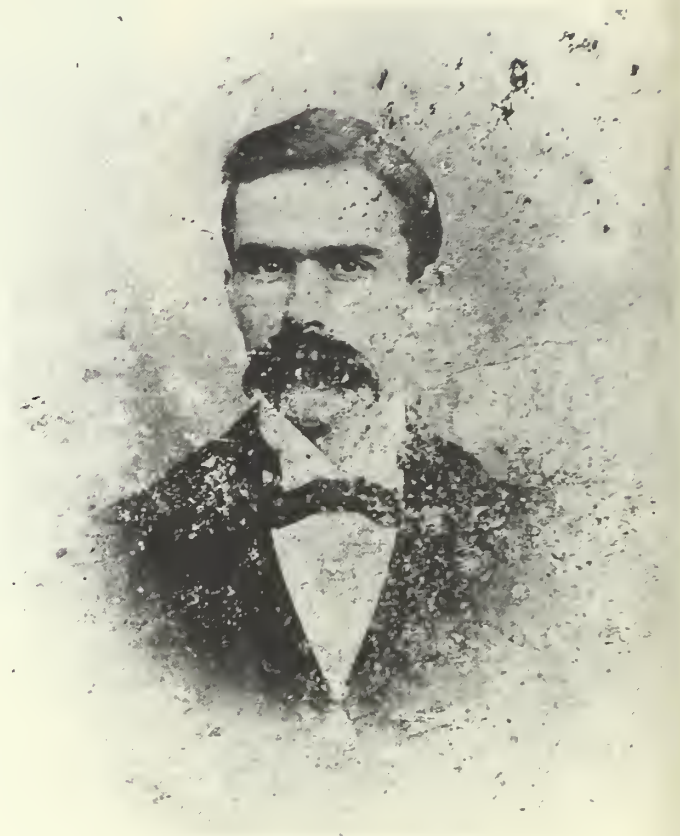
Shown in the photograph made in 1929 at the Governor's Mansion are, front row: Mrs. Lee B. Weathers, Gov. O. Max Gardner, Mrs. A.W. McMurtry, Mrs. O. Max Gardner; second row: Mrs. Julius Suttle, Mrs. P.L.

Hannessa, Mrs. J.D. Lineberger, Mrs. E.Y. Webb, Mrs. I.C. Griffin; third row: Mrs. S.S. Royster, Mrs. William Lineberger, Mrs. B.L. Smith, Mrs. Will Roberts, Mrs. George Hoyle; back row: Mr. Lee B. Weathers, Mrs. Henry Kendall, Mrs. S.A. Andrews, unknown, Mrs. L.M. Hull, Mrs. T.W. Hamrick, Mrs. Clyde R. Hoey, Mr. O.M. Mull, Mrs. R.T. LeGrand, Mrs. Fred Morgan, Mr. J.D. Lineberger. Members not present were Mrs. Carl Thompson and Mrs. John Schenck.

The Baker Family of Kings Mountain



Selena Ellen Patterson Baker
Mar. 19, 1850 — Feb. 5, 1912
mother of Dr. Luther Philip Baker



Philip Sylvanus Baker
Mar. 14, 1848 — Sept. 12, 1907
father of Dr. Luther Philip Baker



Mary Tipton Poleyette Baker



Dr. Luther Philip and Mary Tipton Poleyette
Baker

A Loving Memorial To The D.H. Cline Family by the Heirs of Vivian Arline Odom Cline



Pictured in the early 1930's in their 715 E. Marion Street home is the Cline family: l to r: Mildred, Mary Annie, D. "Huss", Marshall, Lillian, D H. Jr., Vivian and Janie.

May this couple's love and generosity be fondly remembered



D. "Huss" Cline, 1966

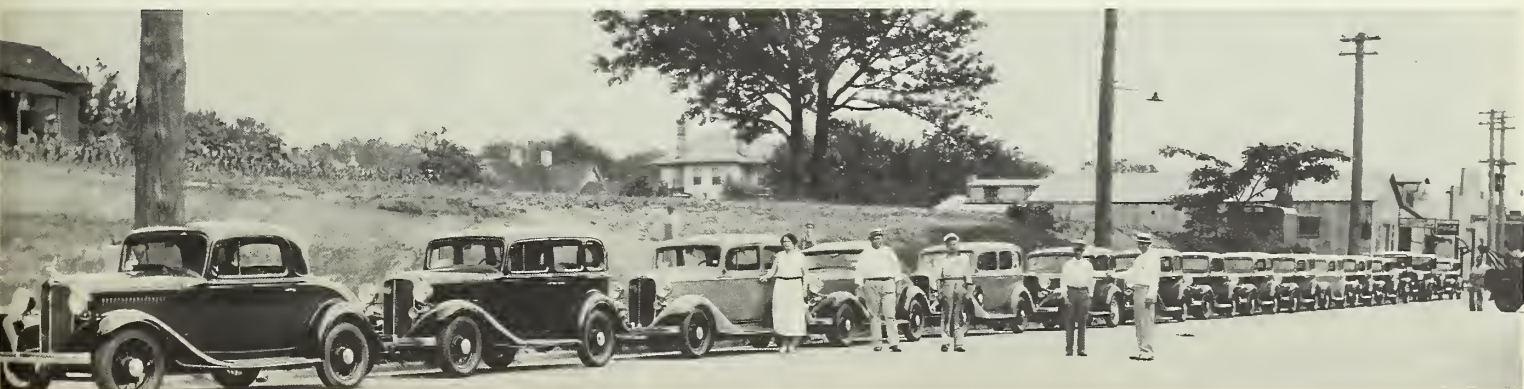


Vivian Cline, 1966



Miss Shelby of January, 1937:
Janie Tayloe Cline

The first train shipment of Chevrolets ordered by D. "Huss" Cline to allow customers to select from actual models instead of purchasing from pictures. Taken early 1930's at the S. Morgan Street Shelby train station, this successful promotion was backed up by the by-line painted on his wrecker, "Don't cuss, call Huss."



Tributes to Herman Alexander Beam

A Quiet Leader With Strength, Compassion

The Charlotte Observer
March 10, 1978
by Kays Gary

Except for Herman Beam, my family might never have had a home.

He died last week at 83, and all I could do was go back to Fallston, stop by that now-empty home three generations of Garys enjoyed, and then go to the funeral in the Baptist church.

The past came in a gentle floodn a warm and smiling whisper, as decades-old faces and common memories came to easy recognition.

In that sanctuary and its flag-draped casket lay a taproot of whatever dignity we had known, whatever humility we had learned, whatever truths of St. Matthew's scripture had been infused into the life of a village.

Herman Beam was the quietest man in town. Soft, simple, direct, liberal, conservative. The eyes said, "Friend." He never imposed his will. If you had to ask his opinion you got it. Few ever had to ask. He was known that well.

He came home from W.W.I to become first branch manager for a bank and stayed at it 37 years. He also operated the Security Insurance and Service Corporation.

Herman was the antithesis of a busy-body, yet his office was headquarters for people in trouble. He was given more confidences than banks or ministers. He didn't practice law but, for people unable to afford lawyers, he was a counselor if sought. With Herman's personal interest in the people, problems were solved without acrimony.

About our house. For almost 20 years, most in the Depression, my dad had rented. Home ownership in those days seemed beyond discussion. But Mr. Beam decided to build a street and suggested a home to my father. "You, of all people, KNOW my situation," my father said.

"I know what you mean to the community," Mr. Beam replied. "To stay, you need a home." To counter-arguments he said, "Move in. You will be able to afford payments. This is a private thing." The price of the "private thing" was embarrassingly low.

Then, just around the corner, a retired minister moved in a new Beam-built home. No one ever knew, I suspect, this was another of his specials.

Who brought the village its federally funded water system? It's three small industries? From the up-front happenings, most people would have to guess. But the guess would be correct.

Herman Beam was SO quiet. A man with offices in the village Lions Club, the county's Executive Club, a trustee of Gardner-Webb College and Cleveland Memorial Hospital, a Mason, a Shriner, would seem trapped by limelight. He wasn't. Perhaps that is why he was so effective.

For more years than I have lived, his attractive home was next door to the Baptist church for which he gave the land. He was buried in the church cemetery. His office at the crossroads was barely 500 yards distant. On the walls of that office hang pictures of my father and mother, principal and teacher, no kin to him. They are there simply because he loved them.

Small world, this, but with ripples of his influence constant — moving outward in countless lives begun in a village and now contributing in places like Los Angeles, Detroit, Washington, Atlanta, Chicago, points in between.

Walking those few minutes from sanctuary to cemetery, to the home he shared with his wife and twin-type, Ellen, I wondered if we, the sons of the village and others there now, could ever grasp the depth of the quiet man's life and its importance to us all. Will villages disappear because their Herman Beams, one way or

another, opt for the metro?

We, at least, were privileged to learn from Herman Beam that power can exist without coercion and intimidation. That there is strength in compassion and limitless dignity in service without the sound of trumpets.

I wonder if there is someone, somewhere of whom he ever asked a personal favor? I never heard of it.

But now, surely, the trumpets sound.

Memoriam To Herman A. Beam
Constitution and By-laws
Adopted 1978

Fallston Baptist Church

That others might experience the love and follow the will of our Father, Herman Beam unselfishly devoted his life to this church, this community — these, God's people. Time will pass, others may lead, but may God grant us the wisdom and love to hold dear the memory of this man. He walked in the light, carrying high the banner of Christendom. By so doing, he strengthened our will and purpose to follow his example — "Laborers together for Christ."

Rev. Bruce Rabon, Pastor
Sybil Dixon, Sunday School Teacher

Excerpts from
the Herman A. Beam
Memorial Service

"Herman Beam was a busy man and a giver, a giver of himself, his talents, and his means. Many times, I suspect, he gave more to the cause of our church than all the rest of us put together."

Rev. J.C. Gore,
Pastor, Fallston Baptist Church for
ten years

"In the Old Testament, King David proclaimed, at the death of Abner, 'Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel.'"

"I stand to proclaim this day to you; what you already know, that Herman Beam was a prince and a great man."

"A prince and a great man is one who does not have to be seen or noticed. This statement of fact characterized the life of Herman. He avoided the spotlight and applause of man as much as possible."

"A prince and a great man is one who never talks about his accomplishments. He doesn't need to; for people can easily see the results of his work. Not once in all the times I was with Herman whether at the beach, on the banks of his pond, in his home, in his office, at church, or during a meal which he always paid for, or just riding around have I ever heard him say, 'I did this,' or 'I did that.'"

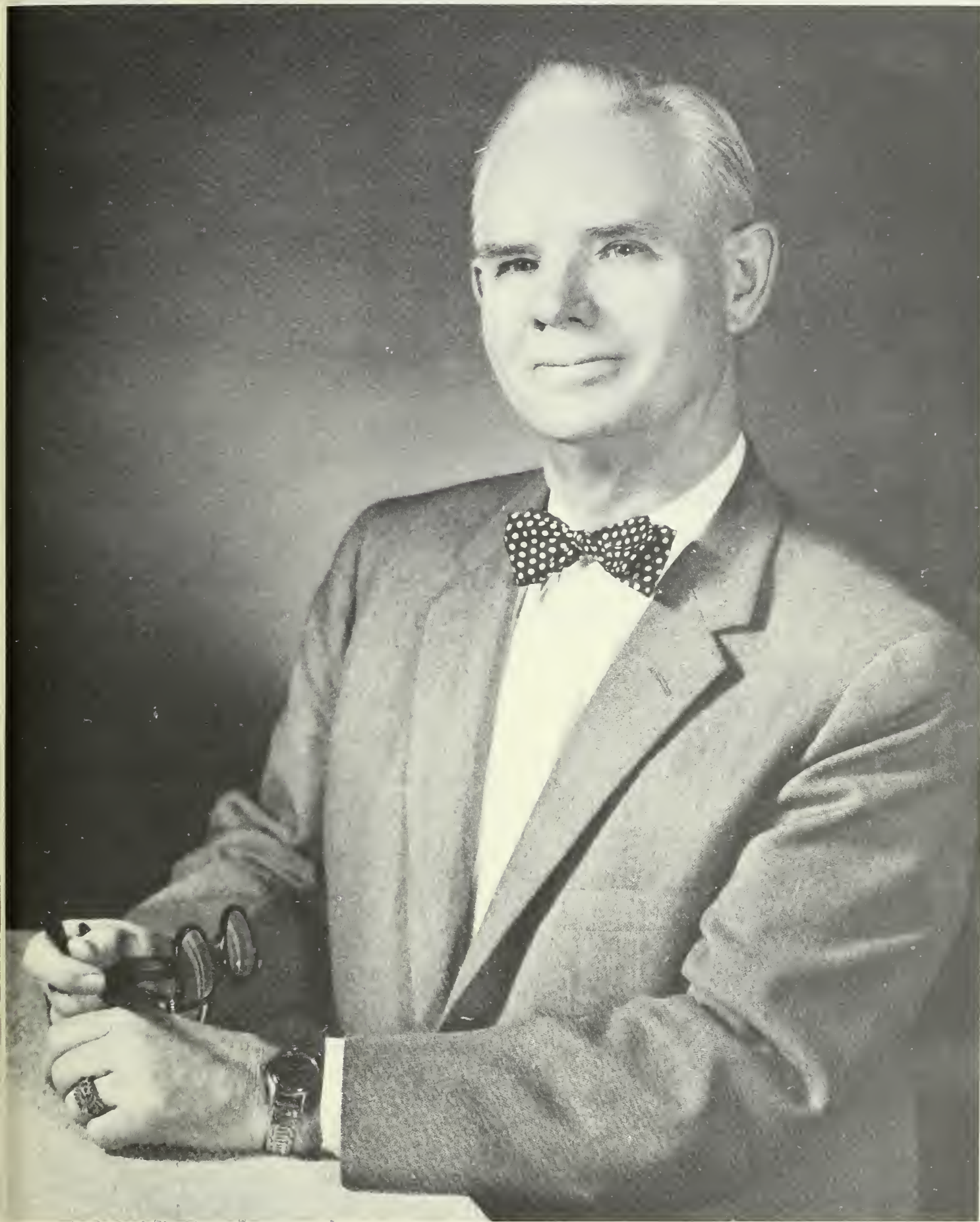
"As a young pastor at Plains View Baptist Church I was single and would have made a lot of mistakes if I had not very wisely followed the advice of a wise deacon who said to me, 'There is a fine Christian man in Fallston who is a member of the Fallston Baptist Church. You need to get to know Mr. Herman A. Beam for he can help you a lot.' I found that to be very good advice. Many times when I was faced with a decision I went to his office and shared with him and he with me. He helped me so many times."

"Truly Herman Beam was a prince and great man. But he would be quick to give God the honor and glory for all he accomplished during his long and productive life. As I read the account of his life in the newspaper, I said to my wife, Nancy, 'That is good but it doesn't even begin to tell the story of all that Herman Beam did for his fellowmen.'"

"You have honored me by asking me to have a part in the memorial service of a prince and great man."

Rev. Charles "Buddy" Freeman
Chaplain, Gardner Webb College
Boiling Springs, N.C.

In Loving Memory Of Herman Alexander Beam





The William Albert Crowder Family Photograph made in 1918
Front row, L to R: John, Aileen, Ruth (inset); second row, L to R: Maude, Daisy, Hattie, Forrest; back row, L to R: Lottie, Plato, Will, Fannie, Forrest.

Descendants Of William Albert Crowder

William Albert Crowder (1873-1932)
married

Mary Etta Boggs (1872-1911) on April 5, 1896
and

Sara Frances Jones (1882-1952) on July 12, 1912

Children of Will and Mary (known as Molly) were:

Lottie Mae (1897-1982) married Albert Dent Harris (1894-1969)
Forrest Sylvester (1898-1960) married Nellie Hastings (1901-)
Biddie Leila (1900-) married Malcom Wilson (1900-1965)
Plato Dixon (1901-1971) married Vada Spangler (1903-)
Hattie Tulula (1903-) married Aubrey L. Calton (1900-1975)
Maude Elizabeth (1905-1977) married Curtis P. Cannaday (1907-)
Daisy Lee (1906-) married Ivy Shuford (1900-1968)

Children of Will and Sara Frances (known as Fannie) were:

Nell Frances (1914-1914)
Hettie Aileen (1916-) married J.S. McKinney (1913-)
John Jones (1917-) married Cecilia Crosland (1917-)
Mary Willie (1920-1920)
Ruth Walker (1925-) married Clyde Z. McSwain, Jr. (1921-)

As of March 1982, there were 28 grandchildren living and 3 deceased, 57 great grandchildren, and 14 great great grandchildren. As of March 1982, of the 105 living descendants, 47 reside in Cleveland County.



William and Molly Crowder in
1896

Robert Sarratt Gidney

Resolution In Memory Of
Robert S. Gidney

Unanimously Adopted By
The Board Of Commissioners For
The County Of Cleveland, North Carolina
On March 1, 1982

WHEREAS, Robert S. Gidney was born and reared in the City of Shelby, North Carolina, the son of Dr. Robert Maney and Hattie Sarratt Gidney; and,

WHEREAS, Robert S. Gidney was a devoted husband to his wife, Nettie Rayle Gidney, and a loving father to two sons, Robert S. Gidney, Jr. and Dr. Charles W. Gidney, and a daughter, Mrs. Larry (Rachel) Briggs; and,

WHEREAS, Robert S. Gidney was County Historian for Cleveland County and was a tireless student of his native land's history; and,

WHEREAS, Robert S. Gidney in 1945 became Cleveland County Tax Collector and was elevated from 1964 to 1966 to Tax Collector and Assistant Tax Supervisor. He became Tax Supervisor of Cleveland County in 1966 and served in this position until his retirement in 1973;

WHEREAS, Robert S. Gidney served faithfully the citizens of Cleveland County and was known to be an outstanding authority on taxes in North Carolina, and during the tenure of his employment was responsible for developing tax records in Cleveland County which were held up as an example for the other counties to follow;

WHEREAS, the untimely death of Robert S. Gidney on the 27th day of February, 1982, deprived Cleveland County of one of its most dedicated and respected public servants;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Cleveland, North Carolina, that it hereby expresses, in behalf of all of the citizens of Cleveland County, its sincere appreciation for the years of dedicated and unselfish service given to the people of Cleveland County by Robert S. Gidney; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners for the County of Cleveland, North Carolina, that it hereby expresses its sincere sympathy to the family of the said Robert S. Gidney in the loss of such an outstanding and dedicated public servant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of the Board of Commissioners of Cleveland County, North Carolina, and that copies of said Resolution be delivered to the members of the family of the said Robert S. Gidney.

ADOPTED unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of Cleveland County, North Carolina, assembled in regular session, on this the 1st day of March, 1982.



Robert Sarratt Gidney
November 2, 1910 — February 27, 1982

David M. Stamey
David M. Stamey, Commissioner

Jack Palmer, Jr.
Jack Palmer, Jr., Chairman
Board of Commissioners of
Cleveland County, North Carolina

Coleman W. Goforth
Coleman W. Goforth, Commissioner

Hugh Dover
Hugh Dover, Commissioner

L. E. Hinnant
L. E. Hinnant, Commissioner

Catherine Cochran
Catherine Cochran, Clerk
Board of Commissioners of
Cleveland County, North Carolina



Photographs from the Green Family Scrapbook



Margaret Virginia Harton Green
mother of Charles Abner Green



Charly A. Green
father of Charles Abner Green



John and Elizabeth Reavis Callahan
father and mother of Louise C. Green



Louise Callahan Green
wife of Charles Abner Green



Charles Abner Green



David Marion Green
son of Charles Abner and Louise C. Green



Robert C. and Mary Green Mode
daughter and son-in-law of Charles
Abner and Louise C. Green



Amy Lea and Christopher Mode
grandchildren of Charles Abner and
Louise C. Green



Susan Bailey and John Charles Green
son and daughter-in-law of Charles
Abner and Louise C. Green

In Memory Of
Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Hamrick

Oliver Paul Hamrick and wife, Jessie Teresa Pangle Hamrick, as they appeared in 1960 when "Fessor" Hamrick retired after more than half a century's association with schools in Boiling Springs, first with the Baptist school, now Gardner-Webb College, where he was both a student and later principal. He retired as superintendent of the Boiling Springs public schools. He was a native of Boiling Springs while Mrs. Hamrick was reared in Jefferson City, Tennessee.



Raymond Dewey and Dona Spake Hord Family on Their 60th Wedding Anniversary.



Children standing: Jonathan and Elizabeth Pacheco. Front row: Ralph Pacheco, Mrs. Ralph Pacheco and Nathan, Mrs. Dorothy Hawkins, L.W. Knight, Sr., Mrs. L.W. Knight, Mrs. Raymond D. Hord, Raymond D. Hord, Mrs. Horace B. Hord, Horace B. Hord, Charlotte Hord. Back row: Mrs. Ciro Picarilla, Ciro Picarilla, Mrs. L.W. Knight, Jr., L.W. Knight, Jr., Emily Hord and Deborah Hord. Those of the family not present were Glen Hawkins and his two sons, Charles and Joe; Barry and Jack Hawkins, and Melanie Hord.

L.R. Harrill
(1897-1978)
"Mr. 4-H"



An estimated three million North Carolina boys and girls have been members of 4-H or the Boys' Corn Club or Girls' Tomato Club, which preceded 4-H Clubs. Only one person, however, earned the title, "Mr. 4-H".

The person was L.R. Harrill who devoted 41 years to 4-H work. His 37 years tenure as state 4-H leader was from 1922-1963. During this time, North Carolina developed the largest 4-H program in the Nation. Membership in 4-H reached 168,000 annually during the mid 1950's. Thousands of these youth became acquainted with North Carolina State University for the first time because of L.R. Harrill and his 4-H leadership.

His philosophy was reflected in a statement he made often to extension agents and 4-H leaders: "It is a great thing to produce a grand champion 4-H animal. But unless you do something at the same time to produce a grand champion boy or girl you have failed in your greatest responsibility".

L.R. Harrill was one of the ten children of Robert Lee Harrill and Julia Jane McSwain Harrill, Lattimore, North Carolina. He earned Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees from North Carolina State College.

He was North Carolina's first full-time county extension agent to conduct 4-H work. In 1922, I.O. Schaub, Dean of North Carolina Extension Service assigned him to this position in Buncombe county.

A few examples of the innovations L.R. Harrill brought to 4-H included expanded 4-H to every county, introduced new projects, organized 4-H Honor Club, helped start International Farm Youth Exchange, and saw North Carolina boys and girls garner scores of National honors.

He secured the first camp for 4-H'ers at Swannanoa in 1929 and at his retirement in 1963 he had five other camps in operation. He helped launch the 4-H Development Fund. In

20 years, nearly \$2 million was raised through the fund for a multitude of projects, including camping.

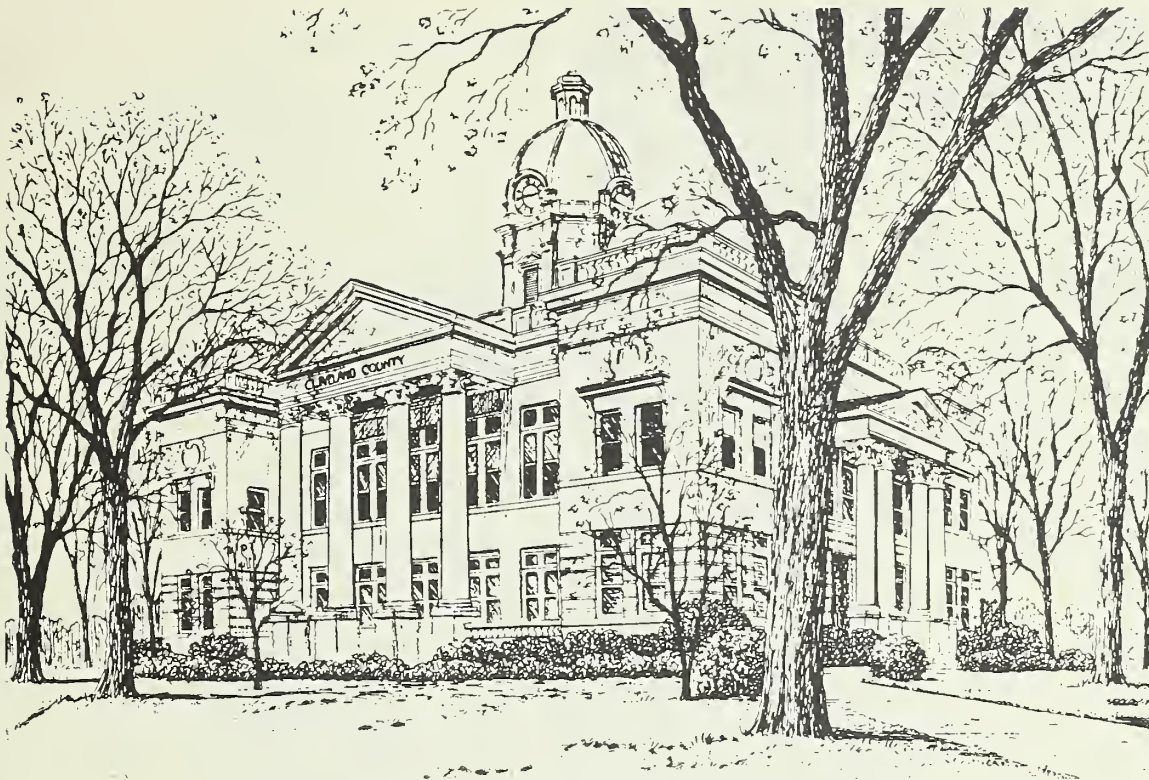
North Carolina State University awarded L.R. Harrill its highest honor, the Watauga Medal in 1978. Gardner-Webb College Alumni Citation in recognition of outstanding achievement and service for youth training through 4-H Clubs was conferred in 1959. The Youth Center at North Carolina State Fairgrounds was designated L.R. Harrill Center. The State magazine named him "North Carolina Man of the Year" in 1950 and Progressive Farmer Magazine named him "Man of the Year in North Carolina Agriculture", in 1957.

L.R. Harrill was a president of Raleigh Rotary Club, District Governor of Rotary, and a chairman of Board of Deacons, First Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina. He served on Board of Trustees for Gardner-Webb College, Boiling Springs, North Carolina.

He authored two books — *Images of 4-H* and *Memories of 4-H*, which are copyrighted by the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund.

L.R. Harrill married Laura Weatherspoon of Raleigh. Their children are Julia Ann Harrill Hooper of Atlanta, Georgia and James Weatherspoon Harrill of Westford, Massachusetts.

Mrs. L.R. Harrill established a L.R. Harrill Scholarship Fund which has provided two scholarships annually to 4-H members since 1963. This scholarship in his honor was announced at North Carolina 4-H Congress in 1963, the year of his retirement. Mr. Harrill endowed a scholarship at Gardner-Webb College.



Honoring The
Cleveland County Historical Museum
Shelby, North Carolina



Receiving
A Time Capsule
On May 8, 1976, To Be Opened In the
Year 2041. It contains a Representation
of County Interest. Receiving the Capsule
is W. Wyan Washburn, M.D., Museum
President, on the left.

*This Page Presented By
Bessie Howard Harry, 1891-
A Charter Member And Still A Member Of The
Museum Board of Directors*

Keep On ... Keeping On

1916

1982



In Memory Of Brice Holmes Harry, Jr.



Brice Holmes Harry, Jr. — "Our Number One Fan"



Marker at
Brice Harry Memorial Ball Park.
Dedicated 1957.

In Memory Of Robert Lee Hunt D.D.S., 1910

Robert Lee Hunt was born on the family farm in upper Cleveland County near Hollis, October 25, 1885, son of John Jackson and Elizabeth Ellen Peeler Hunt. (See related history). He attended Piedmont High School and Atlanta Dental College (now Emory University), graduating from the latter in 1910.

Following graduation he set up his dental office on the second floor of the Verner Oil Company building in Lattimore, reached by a long flight of iron steps and hand railing on the east side wall. It is said that many young ladies sought his attention, but he fell in love with and married Alma Harrill, daughter of Robert Lee and Julia McSwain Harrill, the postal clerk in the nearby post office. (See related article.) They were married within the year by the Reverend D.G. Washburn.

He established a successful dental practice, but soon, also, became interested in farming and trading. He bought the Asbury Jones farm (formerly owned by Hone Washburn) with a large ten room, two-story house and an enormous barn. The spacious hallway with double stairway and balcony, the long porches, and huge barn were a favorite playground for children who came to visit. Also, the self-player piano, one of the first in the neighborhood, bought a few years later, was a source of entertainment. In this house we, also, soon acquired electric lights and running water, generating our own power. He was always generous in providing his family with new conveniences and more than just necessities.

During these years Dr. Hunt would go into Tennessee and buy railroad car loads of mules and horses, to Georgia for pigs, and have them shipped to Lattimore to sell to farmers. He was very successful in this endeavor as well as with his farming and dentistry.

Two short-termed business ventures in Shelby were a cafe on East Marion Street and the Cleveland Tractor Company, selling Caterpillar tractors, on West Warren Street where Sears now stands. The latter business was shared with W.A. Crowder, a local farmer. These were the years when cotton was king in Cleveland County.

Soon he bought interest in the general merchandise store located in the building below his dental office. This was operated as Hunt and Hewitt. To this, he also added the sale of hay and fertilizer which grew into an extensive and profitable business.

About 1923 he sold his farm to W.A. Crowder and bought another from D.A.F. Hamrick. He continued to expand his farming activities buying a farm near Rehobeth Church. With the destructiveness of the cotton boll weevil in Georgia many farm families moved North and settled in Lattimore. It was not difficult finding help to tend the land. He had practically discontinued his dental practice because of these many other interests. The twenties were good years until the stock market crash of 1929.

A few years later, he bought a store building and stock from T.C. Stockton and the Hunt and Hewitt business moved



to this location (now John Bell's). Across the street he built a filling station which accommodated also Wyatt Martin's first barbershop. This building was later moved, renovated, and became his dental office. This cleared the lot which he sold to L.O. Hamrick for construction of his home on Main Street.

In 1929 the Great Depression came and farmers were unable to pay their hay, fertilizer, livestock, and grocery bills as well as general merchandise accounts. A few years later the store dissolved partnership and he undertook the tremendous tasks of settling the demands of his creditors. Of his customers (even though he carried mortgages on their land, livestock, and other possessions) he would never accept enough to deprive them of necessities. He was very compassionate, tenderhearted, and remembered by hundreds of families as a generous benefactor "crossing accounts off the books" when they could not pay. With banks failing and business firms collapsing, he was determined to meet his financial obligations and not file for bankruptcy as many friends advised. He had too much pride. Needless to say, he suffered tremendous losses at this time from which he never fully financially recovered.

In the 1940's during the war he felt he could best serve his country and fellowman by again opening his dental office since dentists were badly needed. He renewed his license, renovated a small building on the premises and began his practice anew. This was most rewarding and enjoyable until he was stricken with cancer in 1952. During the next five years, confined more to his home and nearby farm, he found satisfaction in raising beef cattle. It was in this endeavor, on the way to a livestock salebarn, that he suffered an apparent heart attack on Highway 74.

Dr. Hunt was buried in the Lattimore Baptist Church cemetery on December 20, 1957. "A Prince has fallen this day in Israel" was the text read by Rev. C.C. Crowe. And a prince he was in every way.

In Memory of Sunie Jones and John Broadus Lattimore



Mr. and Mrs. Lattimore on their sixtieth wedding anniversary
They were married January 2, 1906



The family of Mr. and Mrs. John Broadus Lattimore on their sixtieth wedding anniversary. Standing: Thomas Lattimore, Margaret, Virginia and Mary Agnes Lattimore. Seated: Mrs. Sunie Lattimore, Mr. Broadus Lattimore and daughter-in-law, and Mrs. Mary Frances Warlick (Mrs. Thomas) Lattimore.

The McDowell Family of Cleveland County, North Carolina



John Lewis McDowell



Harriette McDowell Holton



Docia Bowers McDowell



H. Mac McIntyre



Susan and John McIntyre



Eleanor Holton McIntyre



In Memory and Honor of the Charles Eugene Neisler Family

The Neisler Family:

Seated, L to R: Ida Pauline Neisler (Brewer), Ida Pauline Mauney Neisler, Hugh Neisler, Charles Eugene Neisler and Margaret Sue Neisler (Hunnicut).
 Standing, L to R: Hunter Ramseur Neisler, Paul Mauney Neisler, Laura Grace Neisler (Page), Joseph Andrew Neisler and Charles Eugene Neisler, Jr.

The J.S. Mauney Family of Kings Mountain



Seated: Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Mauney Standing, L to R: Will, Dorus, John, Vera, Lawrence and Gus.



The J.S. Mauney Home

Left: 107 N. Piedmont Avenue, Kings Mountain, N.C. Built late 1800's

The Mauney Family

Below: Seated on ground, front row: Billy, Jack, Jacob Cooper, Joe, Jacob Philow, William Lawrence, Laura. Standing behind children seated on ground: Mary Vera, Elizabeth, George, Marshall, Margaret, Martha Lue. Seated L to R: Sarah, Bessie, Vera, Mr. and Mrs. J.S. Mauney, Anna, Grace, Sadie. Standing L to R: Will, Dorothy, John, Luther, Edgar in arms of Dr. Ed Cooper, Juanita, Carl, Julia Catherine, Aubrey, Gus, Frances, Lawrence, Winnie Vera, Dorus, Margaret Louise.



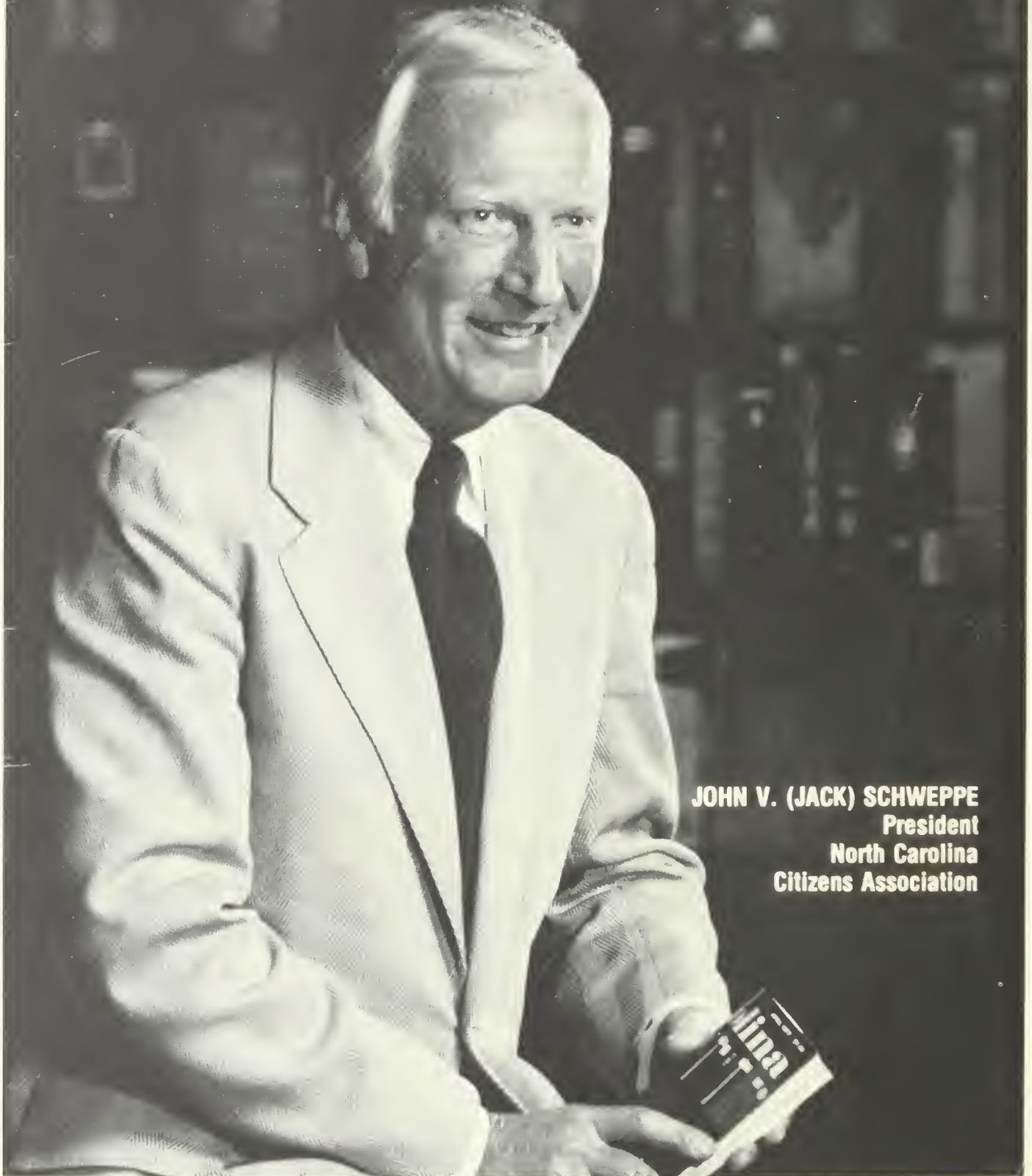


In Memory of
Guy Houston Roberts
1902 — 1964

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North Carolina



JOHN V. (JACK) SCHWEPPE
President
North Carolina
Citizens Association

In Memoriam
John V. (Jack) Schweppe
President, North Carolina Citizens Association, 1978.

In Memoriam To Our Friend: David Schweppe

On January 20, 1967, Shelby High School lost one of its most promising students when David Schweppe was killed in an automobile accident. David, with his carefree laugh, his pleasant disposition, and his optimistic outlook added much to the personality of Shelby High. Respected by the people in his school and community, and loved by his family and friends, David was an integral part of the world in which he lived.

David began taking piano while living in Shelbyville, Indiana, before moving here in 1958. In 1959, he was a student of Mrs. Velta Langins and continued as her student until 1962. Then, in the fall of 1962, he began taking lessons from Mr. Joseph E. Lammers at Queens College in Charlotte. Also while a student of Mr. Lammers he took organ from Mrs. Hubert Plaster at Gardner-Webb College.

David was proud of his ability at the piano and he enjoyed playing for his family and friends. Oftentimes one could find him sitting before a piano making it sing with chords of joy and laughter. Other times, more seriously, David would sit and play selections from his favorite noted composers. On current beat, David could play all the popular songs by ear, giving his friends fun and laughs.

David Schweppe, an outstanding and versatile athlete, was under consideration by three colleges for football and track scholarships at the time of his death.

His first year at high school he played Junior-Varsity football. He was positioned at offensive half-back and sometimes defensive half-back. Following this he entered into his most honorable and recognized years with his unforgettable contributions to the Shelby High Golden Lions. He played end and half-back and was recognized as one of the team's most valuable players. At the close of the 1966 season, he received the Coaches Athletic Award which was given for the first time this year. Also he was selected to play in the annual Lions Bowl in Forest City. In this game he scored one touchdown.

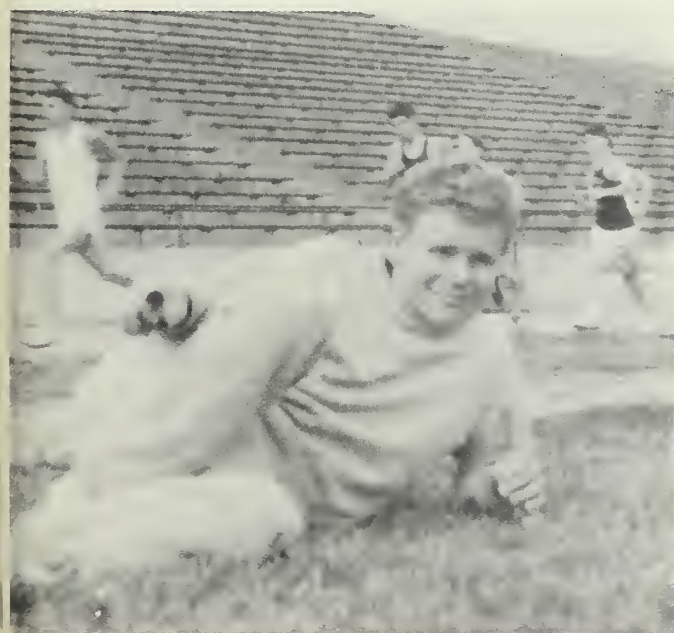
In track Dave took part in the hurdle and dash events and because of his speed was able to letter in this sport as well as in football.

David's death is not only a loss to the present — the loss of



his companionship to his loved ones and the loss of his leadership to his peers — but also a loss to the future. His ability to get along with people insured bright years ahead. David possessed the personality, the talents, and the intelligence that would have made him successful.

In fond memory of David Schweppe, we of the **Outlook** staff dedicate this issue to him. To say that we'll miss him is inadequate, for we have learned to value his friendship.



David resting on field.



Number 25 hauling in a pass on the gridiron.

By: His mother, Ruth; brothers, John and Bill; and sister, Sally.

Photographic Memories of the George Elzie Sperling Family



George and Mary Justice Sperling at their 50th Wedding Anniversary, May 28, 1949



George and Mary Sperling at their 50th Wedding Anniversary with their nine children, their spouses and grandchildren on May 28, 1949

Photographic Memories of the George Elzie Sperling Family



The children of George Elzie and Mary Justice Sperling. First row, L to R: Iva, Daddy, Madge, Mother, Corinne, second row, L to R: Lalage, Nancy, Charles, Heyward, Macie, Clara.



The George Elzie Sperling Family Homeplace.

George W. Stockton of Lattimore



George W. and
Margaret Jane Washburn Stockton
on Wedding Day, January 20, 1885

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Memorial Obituary



C.J. Stockton, Died June 26, 1980

LATTIMORE — Charles Joseph (Charlie) Stockton, 74, of Lattimore, died Thursday at 1:30 p.m. at his home, where he was born and lived his lifetime.

A native of Cleveland County, he was a retired clerk of the Shelby Post Office, a member of Lattimore Baptist Church, American Postal Workers Union, American Association of Retired Persons, W.O.W., and a former member of Lattimore Lions Club.

He was the son of the late George Washington and Margaret Washburn Stockton.

Surviving are his wife, Inez Bridges Stockton; a son, Charles Joseph "Joe" Stockton, Jr. of Lattimore, and five grandchildren.

Services will be conducted at Lattimore Baptist Church Saturday at 2:30 p.m. by the Rev. Hugh Borders and Rev. James P. Wall. The body will be



George W. Stockton family

1906 — L to R: Toy, George, Margaret (holding Charlie), Ethel, and Roy (Tac).



George W. Stockton Home

Now owned by Mrs. Charles J. Stockton. The house was built in 1893. This photograph made in August, 1981.

placed in the church at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Cleveland Memorial Park.

The body will be taken home at 4:30 where the family will receive friends.

Musical renditions will be "At The Cross", his favorite hymn, by choir, solo, "Sunrise Tomorrow" by Tommy Lattimore and "How Great Thou Art" by the choir.

Pallbearers will be Austin Jones, Riley McCord, Howard Haskell, Jap Ledbetter, Rufus Weathers and N.R. Jones. Honorary pallbearers will be Wilbur Baber, Russell Laughridge, Carlo Self, Louis McDowell, Lofton Crawley, Joe B. Howell and Forrest A. Wolfe.

Memorials may be made to Shriners Crippled Childrens Hospital in Greenville, S.C. in care of the Oasis Temple, South Tryon St., Charlotte.

Lutz-Austell Funeral Home in Shelby is in charge of the arrangements.



1883 photograph of house, L to R: Elvira Blanton Suttle and son, Charles Beattie Suttle. House, now known as "Twin Chimneys," is owned by J.L. Suttle, Jr.

The Joseph Suttle House

Known now as "Twin Chimneys" is owned by J.L. Suttle, Jr.



State of North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources Division of Archives and History

This is to certify that

JOSEPH SUTTLE HOUSE

has been entered on

THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

by the

United States Department of the Interior
upon nomination by the State Historic Preservation Officer under
provisions of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (P.L. 89-665).

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Larry E. M.

Director, Division of Archives and History
and
State Historic Preservation Officer

August 6, 1980

The Joseph Suttle house was built by Minor Smith prior to 1820. In 1854 it was purchased by Reverend Joseph Pinkney Suttle from Thomas F. Elliott. In 1883 it was sold by his widow, Elvira Elizabeth Suttle, to J.F. Ledbetter and was out of the Suttle family until 1943 when Joseph Linton Suttle, Jr., great-grandson of Joseph Suttle, bought it from Joe Wesson. The house was restored in 1952 and named "Twin Chimneys." It is located five miles southwest of Shelby in the Sharon Church Community near the Shelby Airport. In 1980 it was listed in The National Register Of Historical Places.



"Twin Chimneys" restored 1954.

Joseph Linton Suttle, Jr., Family



William Jackson Arey Family

L to R: Mildred Carole, Carole Suttle Arey, William Jackson Arey, William Jackson, Jr.



Joseph Linton, Jr. and Sara McFarland Suttle



Joseph Linton Suttle III Family

L to R: Joseph Linton IV, Tyler Combs, Minna Gaston Combs Suttle, Marjorie Greer, Joseph Linton Suttle III.



James Vance and Regina Lou Crowder Suttle

To the Memory of Charles G. and Sarah Crowder Washburn

The late Charles Gabriel Washburn of No 7 Township and his wife, Sarah Schenck Crowder Washburn, had 14 children. The 8 sons, above, are dressed for a family gathering about 80 years ago. They are, back row, left to right: Willard Winslow, Abram Chancy, Hone I., Chivous Avero, James Broadus; front row, Seaton Allen, Doctor William, and Rev. Dennis Gordon Washburn.

The daughters included: Margaret Jane (George Washington) Stockton, Phoebe Adeline (George Washington) Hamrick, Rebecca Hessentine (Cleophuls Amos) Hamrick; Patience Priscilla (Joe Turner Cabaniss; second husband, Sidney Hill Hamrick) Hamrick; Cora Schenck (Coleman A.) Doggett, and Minnie Victoria Washburn, never married.

In 1905 Winslow made the motion in the annual meeting of the Kings Mtn. Baptist Association to establish a Baptist school at Boiling Springs. Chance sawmilled in Georgia and Chivous sawmilled in Alabama; Hone was a merchant in Lattimore and Shelby. James was a farmer but died at 21 of pneumonia. Seaton established Cleveland Hardware in Shelby. D.W. was postmaster in Cape Henry, Va. Gordon was a pioneer Baptist minister for more than 50 years in Cleveland and Rutherford counties.

Many descendants of this pioneer family live in the county now.



Eight sons of Charles Gabriel Washburn and Sarah Schenck Crowder: front row L to R: Seaton Allen Washburn, Doctor William Washburn, Rev. D.G. Washburn; back row L to R: Willard Winslow Washburn, Abram Chancy Washburn, Hone I. Washburn, Chivous Avero Washburn, James Broadus Washburn.



The Joe C. Washburn Family

Above are Joe C. Washburn and wife, Estilla McSwain Washburn, Rt. 4, Shelby, N.C., and their children as they appeared in 1966. The elder Washburns were married in March, 1906, and are in the center, front row. Others are Mrs. H. Dufaye (Ruby) Bridges; D.R. Washburn, W. Wyan Washburn, M.D.; Mrs. Talmadge I. (Dorothy) Edwards; back row, Seth L. and Dietz B. Washburn; Mrs. Herschel B. (Mary Leigh) Wilson, Mrs. W.G. (Raye) Scism; Gaines B., Joe Dan and H.G. Washburn, M.D. Seth lives in Louisburg, Dan in Raleigh and D.R. in New Mexico; the others reside in Cleveland County. A feature of this photograph is that at the time of the original setting Dr. Wyan Washburn was in Vietnam on medical duty. On his return the photographer was able to take his picture at the same house on the same bench — then dub him into the family group photograph.

The Carl Ray Webb Family



Virginia Hoyle Webb



Carl Ray Webb



Peg Pearce Webb



Commodore Carl Ray Webb, Jr.



Walter Hoyle Webb



Margie Elmore Webb



Kendall, Keith, Kevin



Walter Hoyle, Jr.



Lynne Ray

The Family of Judge Edwin Yates Webb, Sr.
and Willie Simmons Webb



Judge Edwin Yates Webb, his portrait, and his three children at a Gardner-Webb College banquet in his honor on May 23, 1952, his 80th birthday anniversary. Left to right: Edwin Yates Webb, Judge Webb, Elizabeth Yates Webb, and William Yates Webb.

Dedicated to Albert Victor Wray and Margaret Lee Jones



Above: This photo taken in the 312 West Marion Street, Shelby, home of A.V. Wray's parents, George Washington and Sarah Judith Suttle. Occupying the present Shelby Junior High School site, this home was only two blocks west of the railroad track home of his grandparents, James Alexander Linton and Margaret Louise Blanton, who owned a farm on the west side of First Broad River and started the livery business operated by A.V.'s father. Beginning clockwise with George Washington's first grandchild, pictured are: the infant Cheves Linton, Jr. (b. 5-16-1900 Ridgeway, SC), grandfather George Washington, father Cheves Linton and great-grandfather James Alexander Linton.



Top Right: This photo taken approximately 1938 in the parlor of A.V. and Margaret Wray's 700 N. Morgan Street, Shelby, home after a lunch for direct family members.

Beginning left to right seated are "Margaret" Lee Jones, Albert Victor (A.V.), "Sarah" Ellen, and "Charles" William. Standing left to right are Robert "Lee", "Stough" Alexander, "Harvey" Linton, Albert Victor (Vick), Jr., and "George" Washington.



Above: Photo shows large train shipment of "Star Brand" mens, ladies and childrens shoes just received for fall selling in early 1920's. Located at No. 4 South LaFayette Street across from the Court Square of Uptown Shelby, the original 1911 store was 2,250 square feet on street level plus full selling basement. Employees left to right are Folsom Moses, "A. V." Wray and Franklin "Stough" Wray.



Left: A.V. Wray & 6 Sons, Inc. billed as Wray's, was founded 1911 by the late A.V. Wray partially occupying the center section of the present uptown Shelby store now called 102 South LaFayette Street. After opening Shelby's Eastway Branch, expansion outside the community began with the 1971 Tri-City Mall, Forest City, and 1976 Akers Center, Gastonia, locations operating as complete family clothing/footwear stores totaling 60,000 sq. ft. with 125 employees.

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The following Ruskin poem hanging under his portrait in the Uptown Shelby Store is a framed 1938 Christmas present given by A.V. Wray to each of his children.

Therefore, when we build, let us build forever and let us think as we lay stone on stone, that a time is to come when these stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say as they look upon the labor and — wrought substance of them. "See! This our fathers did for us."

Four Generations — Wray Family



L. to R. Elvira Suttle, Great G.M.; Cheves Linton Wray, F.; Cheves Linton Wray, son; Esther Judithe Suttle, Grandmother.



L. to R. George Washington Wray, G.F.; Cheves Linton Wray, F.; Cheves Linton Wray, Jr., son; James Alexander Linton Wray, Great Grandfather.



Cheves Linton Wray as a young man.



Sarah (Georgie) George Williamson as a young lady.



Standing, L. to R.: Cheves Linton Wray, Jr. and George Williamson Wray. Seated, L. to R.: Charles Williamson Wray and Alva Suttle Wray, brothers.



L. to R.: George Williamson Wray and Cheves Linton Wray Jr., at Grandfather George Washington Wray's Home, 312 W. Marion St., Shelby, North Carolina.

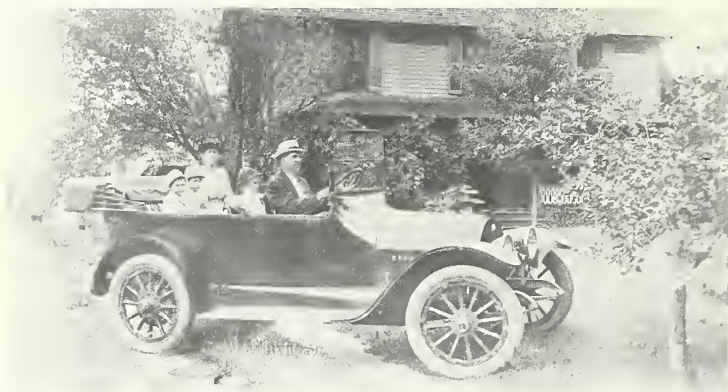


In Memory Of Mr. and Mrs. Carme Elam



Below, Left: Mr. and Mrs. Carme Elam with Forney boys in
an early 1900 Buick.

Below, Right: Elam Homeplace which burned about
1940.



John Stanhope Wray Family — 1905

Standing, L. to R: Laura, Fan, Hugh, John, Maggie, Lil. Seated, L. to R: John (daughter), Mayme, Ella, Gladys, Pearl.

Dedicated To Double Springs Baptist Church



Above is pictured Double Springs Baptist church as it was erected in 1920, the first modern, rural brick church plant in Cleveland County, designed for a wide range of church activities, including teaching, training, child care and recreation. In 1920 this was religious "pioneering."



Above are the deacons and the pastor of the Double Springs Baptist Church, three miles north of Lattimore, approximately 60 years ago. They are, L to R, front row: Raymond Jones, C.B. Greene, Rev. J.W. Suttle, John L. McSwain, D.R. Washburn, A.L. Calton, and Fred E. Greene. Middle row: Malcolm Wilson, Joe C. Washburn, Sam Greene, Lowell McSwain, H.D. Bridges, Forrest Growder. Back row: Fred R. Washburn, Lawrence Hawkins, W.B. Glascoe, O.O. Toms and B.B. Moore. Jones, D.R. Washburn, McSwain, Bridges, Hawkins and Glascoe are still living.

First Baptist Church, Grover, North Carolina

Rev. Bobby D. Gantt, Pastor

March 21, 1982



Lynn Rowland
Pianist

Ronda Gantt
Music Director

Ruth Byers
Organist

1878 — Centennial Pageant — 1978

1878 To The Present, An Overview: First Baptist Church, Grover, N.C. was constituted in 1880, growing out of a 1878 beginning. The first meeting house was located by the railroad just inside the North Carolina line. Among others responsible for the establishment of a church in this location were the people of Antioch Baptist Church.

State Line Baptist Church under the auspices of Broad River Association was organized Nov. 23, 1878. Officiating in the organization were ministers from the Kings Mountain and Broad River Associations; G.P. Hamrick, L.H. McSwain and T.H. Mullinax with 62 charter members.

The Town was then Whitaker, S.C., later named Grover, N.C.

In 1907 a more church central location was deemed advisable. A new structure was erected on the corner of Bob

Vance Street and Shelby Highway (now Cleveland Avenue and Linden Street). It was a beautiful building of creme brick. In the pretty steeple hung a vibrant bell that tolled the "Call to Worship".

Soft colored stain glass windows in Gothic style reflected from three sides. Three windows in the rear of the choir loft made a beautiful background for weddings. The glass enclosed Baptistry was just beneath the choir loft and behind the pulpit stand.

The lighting effect from a central inverted dome was a thing of beauty as well as a refuge for the birds, bees, and wasps. The seating arrangement was circular with two aisles — one from each vestibule to the rounded pulpit 1½ feet high.



T.H. Mullinax — 1898
"The Marrying Parson"



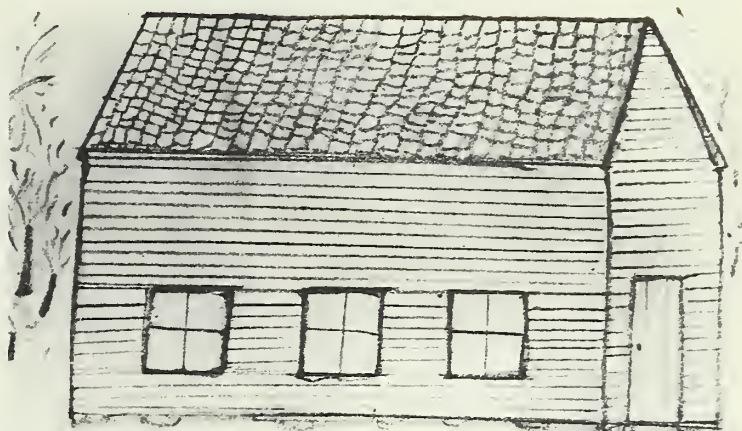
Windows of early church with members of Friendly Bible Sunday School Class before the church.

Shiloh Presbyterian Church

Grover, North Carolina



The First Church, 1780



The Second Church



Little Church in the Pines



Fourth Church in 1981



Rev. Harold Hutchinson at Camp Greir



Elder Paul Roberts Hambright, 1920-1981

A photograph made at the church's Bi-Centennial Celebration in 1980.





The Bank Building In 1895

A Brief History Of The First National Bank Of Shelby Shelby, North Carolina Founded 1874

To say that the First National Bank of Shelby, with 108 years service to Shelby and Cleveland County, has withstood every sort of problem and come out stronger every time is not to brag. Starting out of Jesse Jenkins' hip pocket in 1874, what was to become First National Bank in 1903 has come intact through frequent changes of ownership in those first years: a fire, the collapse of the building, the Depression and, in recent times, competition.

Indeed, when the present Blanton family control began, B. Blanton and Co. could tell stockholders in 1896 that it made only \$18.89 profit in its first six months of operation. The bank could brag in 1916 that it has resources of \$1.5 million, compared to approximately \$86 million it now has.

Through it all, First National's business philosophy has been expressed in virtually the same way as it was in 1903 when it changed to a National bank:

"We solicit the accounts of corporations, merchants, administrators, executors, guardians, farmers and all the people in Cleveland and adjoining counties. We especially solicit the farmers' business. Deposit your money with us. You can get it or any part of it any time you want it."

Or, as it said in a 1916 advertisement:

"Helping to build industries, institutions and communities; helping people to own their own homes; helping farmers to own their own farms . . . are but different phases of the helpfulness to customers, and the service this institution has rendered to its depositors in the past and will continue to render in the future. Our watchwords are safety and service."

Or, as a *Raleigh News and Observer* reporter wrote in 1903:

"In a word, the bank management is at once courteous and accommodating and fully capacitated to take care of all the business interests

of this section and is continually broadening out and getting in more business."

If First National began in 1874 as the hip pocket bank by Jesse Jenkins and H.D. Lee, its business soon grew too large for anyone's hip pocket: The \$100,000 capitalization of First National in 1903 was double that of the year before when it was B. Blanton and Co. It was also said in that infamous 1896 account of the \$18.89 profit that the bank had loans of \$5,706.76, but in 1903, a scant seven years later, its loans were said to be \$257,790.75, nearly quintupled.

J. Jenkins and Co., Bankers, went out of existence because his \$7,500 expenditure to build the now familiar Blanton home on North Lafayette Street, Shelby, was "said to have broken him". The home was sold at the Courthouse door for \$1,500 to H.D. Lee, who had been in business with Jenkins, and Jenkins moved to Texas. The home, incidentally, has always been the home for the president of the First National Bank, remaining so from the time it was built for Jenkins to the present, when George Blanton, Jr. occupies the Gothic structure.

Various accounts of the bank's passing from J. Jenkins and Co. confuse the exact circumstances. But it is known that the successor was H.D. Lee & Co. to which Burwell Blanton and S.J. Green were added about 1879. The lineage to the present First National, however, came through H.D. Lee & Co. to B. Blanton & Co., Bankers, on July 10, 1895. It was that new company which reported \$18.89 in net earnings and undivided profits on business of \$5,687.85 on January 10, 1896. The firm's first dividend was paid on January 9, 1897.

Burwell Blanton's two sons, Charles C., who had been a banker in Meridian, Texas, for 11 years, and George, who had been selling sewing machines in Virginia, joined him in the business.

That Shelby and Cleveland County were able to support a federally-

chartered bank, much less to quintuple its business in seven years, may be questionable today, but at the turn of the century, Shelby was the thriving center of an economically booming county.

According to one *Cleveland Star* report in 1903, there were "in the city seven general stores, three hardware stores, 12 grocery stores, three millinery stores, one wholesale grocer, one commission merchant, three stove and tinware stores, two furniture dealers, a harness manufacturer, a tailor, two jewelers, two opticians, three drug stores, one piano-organ store, a marble yard and two undertakers. And that doesn't include the four hotels in addition to the 185-person Cleveland Springs Hotel, two cotton mills, a cotton seed oil mill, three cotton gins, a grist mill, a foundry and machine works, two lumber plants, a brick plant, two sash and blind firms, a steam laundry and four blacksmiths.

Indeed, in 1903 the county itself grew 15,000 bales of cotton, worked 275,000 acres of crops and had 13 cotton factories, 44 flour mills, 60 cotton gins, 33 lumber plants and "a host of small industries." The *Cleveland Star* story suggested, however, the industrial atmosphere could be expanded and improved for the city was "an ideal place for the establishment of a furniture factory and a mill for the manufacture of hosiery yarns, hosiery, shirts."

And not so incidentally in the context of why First National Bank's business took off like a rocket, the *Raleigh News and Observer* was reporting that Thomas Dixon's father was saying as how author Tom had already cleared \$35,000 on his book, *Leopard's Spots*, and had turned down an offer of \$20,000 for his next book. It was a boom time in Shelby and Cleveland County, and, as the late Lee B. Weathers said in his book, *The Living Past of Cleveland County*, prior to the banking industry's foundation here, "... the people of Cleveland County had been greatly handicapped in their financial dealings."

So it was the First National Bank became the successor to B. Blanton & Co., Bankers, on June 4, 1903. Extolling the virtues of the bank's "triple time lock safe," the *Cleveland Star* said that Charles C. Blanton was the first president. Other officers were Maj. H.F. Schenck, vice-president; George Blanton, cashier; and Forrest Eskridge, assistant cashier. The Board of Directors was composed of Burwell Blanton, George Blanton, Charles Blanton, Maj. H.F. Schenck, O.E. Ford, A.C. Miller and John D. Lineberger.

While it might be improper to suggest that nothing happened in the next 25 years, it was on August 28, 1928, on the eve of the Depression and perhaps a harbinger of things to come, that the Central Hotel building in which First National was located caught on fire, killing three persons and forcing the bank to a new location. The hotel was located on the present site of First National, at the corner of Lafayette and

Warren streets, and First National had a corner of the building. The bank, from the time of B. Blanton & Co., Bankers, has been located in that vicinity almost without interruption.

Scarcely six months later, in its temporary location on West Warren Street, First National caved in, not to the Depression, but to the excavation of an adjacent building. Six persons, including three employees of the bank and three customers, were killed, although the two younger Blantons escaped despite being at their desks at the time.

Finally relocated once again at its familiar location, where before the turn of the century a bar room had stood, First National then faced what was probably its biggest hurdle — the bank holiday of 1933. When First National emerged from the bank moratorium of 1933, the Blantons, using personal resources, mortgages and loans, were determined to keep Clevelanders fully protected, although depositors, at best, could recover only 80 per cent of their deposits. Subsequently, Charles C. Blanton, from his personal funds, paid \$100,000 to depositors in order that none would lose any money in his bank. It is a matter of record that no depositor in First National Bank ever lost a dime as a result of this plan although banks all around were failing. Indeed, the Blanton family also risked their personal assets to keep another bank afloat in order to prevent any run on money.

Until the late 1930's, the active management of the bank was headed by Charles C. Blanton, President, who became Chairman of the Board in 1937, at which time George Blanton was named President and retained that office until 1947 when he was elected Chairman.

In 1947, George Blanton, Jr. became President at the age 32, said to be the youngest president of a national bank in the United States at that time. And upon his election to Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer in 1979, he was succeeded as President by Edgar Blanton Hamilton, the fourth Blanton generation to hold that position.

Since 1903, the following individuals have served as Cashier in the order named: George Blanton, Forrest Eskridge, Clarence S. Mull, O. Paxton Elliott, Ralph R. Roberts, William E. Pearce, and Adelaide Austell Craver.

In the forefront of those families who have contributed heavily to the development of the Shelby-Cleveland County community, its industries, and its institutions are: Alexander, Bost, Carpenter, Carter, Cornwell, Dover, Eskridge, Ford, Forney, Gardner, Gettys, Hamrick, Hoey, LeGrand, Lineberger, Miller, Mull, Pearce, Roberts, Royster, Schenck, Spangler, Vincent, Weathers, Webb, and Whisnant. From these families have also come the leaders who have guided the bank's development by service as member of First National's Board of Directors.

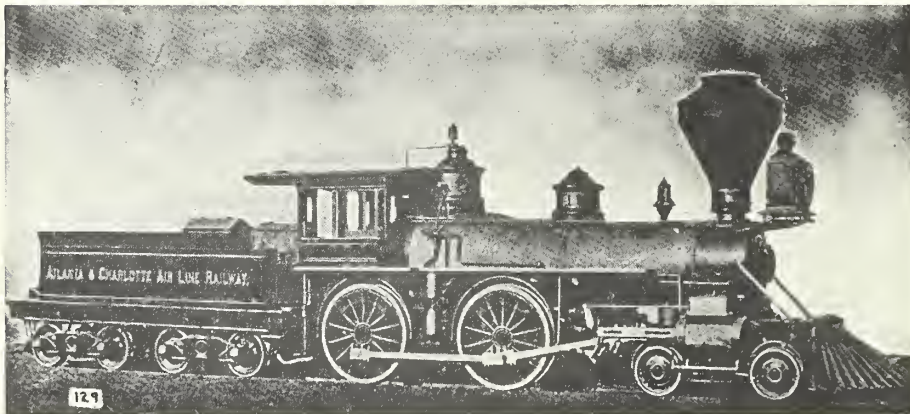


The Bank Building In 1982

The Town of Grover, North Carolina



The Mayors of Grover Over the Years



Whitaker, S.C. — 1885 — Grover, N.C.
"Where the Carolinas Begin"

In 1885 the terminal of the Atlanta-Charlotte Airline Railway, now the Southern Railway, was on State Line. A wood burning engine was turned on a turntable.

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Whitaker, South Carolina, became Grover, North Carolina. President Grover Cleveland appointed James F. Williams to be the first postmaster.



Magnolia Tree: This beautiful magnolia tree has stood as a sentinel to the exchange of Whitaker, S.C., to Grover, N.C.



Train Engine Number 740 in Grover



Main Street, Grover, in the long ago

Minette Mills, Grover, North Carolina



A view of Minette Mills



Day Operators, Weaving Department. Front row, L to R: E.O. Becknell, Roy Houser, Bertha Wilson Davis, Maggie Hensley Becknell, Vangie Norman Westmoreland, Grathel Allen Lail, Nina Roark Falls, Ester Clark Bell, Julia Bell Byers, W.E. Kiser, Ennis Dixon, Oliver Black. Back row, L to R: Lee Roark, Vance Kiser, Glenn Conner, Floyd Montgomery, Delbert Byers, Jessie Peterson, Boyd Becknell, John Adams, Ben Wells, Jonathon Byers, W.E. Davis, Charlie Turner.



Night Operators, Front row, L to R: C.F. Harry, Jr., Bruce Roark, Lizzie Mae Black, Bertha Camp, Mary Houser, Elsie Becknell, Herb Becknell, Clyde Camp, Blease Goforth and Hall Bell. Second row, L to R: Grover Bright, Frank Goforth, Rick Green, Jessie Westmoreland, Alton Bell, Palmer Westmoreland, Windy Hullender, David Harry, Sr. Third row: J.Q. Hope.

The Shelby Presbyterian Church



Original Shelby Presbyterian Church, built between 1871-1875.



The Presbyterian Church, enlarged and remodeled in 1893.



The Church as remodeled in 1916.



The new Shelby Presbyterian Church built in 1954. All church buildings were built at the same site, 226 East Graham Street, Shelby.

The North Carolina Society of Washington, D.C.
Presents Tarheels



Tarheel Leaders in Washington, D.C., 1966.
Among the Tarheels at a banquet and ball given by the North Carolina Society of Washington, D.C., in honor of the governor were, left to right, U.S. Senators B. Everett Jordan and Sam J. Ervin, Jr., North Carolina Governor Dan K. Moore, and Society president William Y. Webb, a native of Cleveland County. This gala social event was held at the Washington Sheraton Park Hotel on January 29, 1966.



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A black and white woodblock print illustration of a flowering branch, likely a plum or cherry blossom. The branch curves upwards from the bottom right towards the top left. It is densely covered with small, five-petaled flowers and dark, pointed leaves. The style is characteristic of traditional Japanese woodblock prints, with clean lines and a focus on naturalistic detail.



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